

WARD FLEXIBILTY FUNDING APPLICATION – SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NORTH REDDISH SCOUT AND GUIDE CENTRE (ST AGNES SCOUTS AND GUIDES PARENTS COMMITTEE)

Question 9 – Project Details

The Scout and Guide Centre is open every weekday for all our Sections to meet. We have approximately 150 youth members from age 6 to 16. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, the Scout and Guide Centre has been closed for most of the past 12 months. Our volunteer Leaders have kept in touch with our members and have held weekly meetings via zoom, in addition to sending programme activities via post/internet.

During the year COVID restrictions did change and allowed for us to meet face to face, but outdoors only, subject to satisfactory Risk Assessment provision, which we have. For this period some of our Sections met in our grounds which includes a large field.

After consultation with our Leaders and considering the potential to provide continuous outdoor provision as COVID regulations continue to change, we decided to allocate a specific outdoor area for use by all Sections so they can continue to meet face to face outdoors when allowed to do so. This area is sited at the side of our main hall. We have spent £2500 to provide a large outdoor area which is practical for learning, activities and games.

We now need to screen off this area which is needed for two reasons. Firstly, to protect members and other users from adverse weather conditions while outside. Secondly, to enhance our safeguarding provision by screening our members from public view. One side of the area is also open and in full view to our neighbours so we will screen this off to provide more privacy.

When current COVID regulations begin to relax we know this will be on a phased basis and there will be a period when we can only meet face to face outside. The project will help all Sections to do this. When COVID restrictions are more relaxed we intend to continue to fully utilise the area for outdoor activities.

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a) Project costs are £998 (see attached) for the supply of materials. There are no labour costs as all the work will be done by our volunteer adults.

b) We took the decision to use £2500 from our reserves to pay for the costs of the work done so far, as our fundraising activities have been severely curtailed during the past year. We have not applied for any other funding towards this project.
