

Race against time

THE 53rd Newbigging (South Angus Area) Scouts are facing a race against time to find a new home. The lease on their current premises expires next August, following the transfer of the ownership of the building to a property developer. The scouts were given a three-year period of notice and have been working hard to find an alternative base.

They decided the best way to go would be to build their own facility and they have found the perfect location, near Monikie Memorial Hall.

As well as being used by the scouts, the new premises, like their current home, would be

MANY groups, schools, organisations and individuals have already made bids for their share of the £10,000 we have up for grabs to benefit communities in Dundee, Angus, Perthshire and Fife.

But it's still not too late to get your application to us.

For example, it might be £40 to take children on an outing; or £2000 to decorate a pensioners' club. The money might cover the whole of the project cost or just part of it.

We want to know about your plans and projects to see if we can help **Make It Happen**. To enter, tell us how much you would need and on what you would spend it.



The 53rd Newbigging Scouts

used by other community groups and for staging local events. The project will cost in the region of around £130,000 and fund-raising committee chairman Gordon Miller explained the search for the money was well underway.

"We are currently going through the Lottery grant route, however this is a fairly complicated and time-consuming process.

"We are still in the early stages of this but time is passing and

having a new hall is really vital to the future of the scouts in this area.

"We thought about using other premises, but the thing is, we would be using the building four or five nights a week and it really would be better to have a place of our own.

"Even if we don't meet the Lottery criteria we will not give up and we have all been fund-raising as best we can. We will get our new premises one way or another.

"We have applied to the Make It Happen fund to help cover the costs of kitting out the building with things like tables and chairs and kitchen facilities. It is amazing how all the costs add up.

"We have plenty of support from local residents. Other groups will use the new building too. I see it as being something that can be a community facility. It is just the usual story of getting the money together to be able to do it."



All entries must include a name, address and a daytime telephone number. The closing date is September 30 and a panel of judges will choose the deserving causes.

The organisers will then be invited to a special award ceremony later this year. All entrants must agree to take part in any publicity.

Suggestions should be submitted by post to: Make It Happen, Evening Telegraph, 80 Kingsway East, Dundee DD4 8SL; or by email to: makeithappen@eveningtelegraph.co.uk

You can also visit our website at: www.eveningtelegraph.co.uk and click on the Make It Happen logo.

If you have any queries, or want to know if you could qualify for a share of the cash, you should phone 01382 575231 between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday; or email makeithappen@eveningtelegraph.co.uk.

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