

GENERAL NEWS

Local scouts can Make it Happen

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THE Scout Hall of a 76-year-old city scouts unit is in bad need of refurbishment.

The Scout Hall on Reeves' Path has been home to St Joseph's Unit for 44 years.

St Joseph's Scout Unit has been nominated for the Limerick Leader/Combined Insurance €20,000 Make it Happen Community Giveaway by Mayes Newsagent. Tony Mayes of the shop was a member of the unit for many years.

"St Joseph's Scout Unit offers scouting in four sections - beavers from six years old, cubs from 10 years old, scouts from 11 years and ventures from 16 years. The unit is planning refurbishing the Scout Den, which they have been in since 1960, and would welcome a share of Make it Happen," he said.

Lillian Buckley of the scout unit said that any capital injection would go towards the renovation of the scout hall. "Some of the work needed most is roof repairs and new toi-



Leaders Lillian Buckley and Angela O'Sullivan with two of their Beaver Scouts outside the Scout Hall at Reeves Path

lets. A quantity surveyor has estimated a cost of somewhere between €25,000 to €30,000 for doing this work. We have presently a sub-committee formed to try and come up with way to raise this

finance," she explained.

She added that the everyday lighting, heating and insurance expenses are approximately €4,000 annually, which they meet with subscriptions and collections.

St Joseph's Scout group caters for children from their own parish, but also for children from the parishes of St Michael's, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St Saviours.

The scouts take part in a

range of activities, including awards schemes, games sessions, Halloween and Christmas parties, investiture ceremonies, various tours in the Limerick area, treasure hunts, cooking, orienteering, camping and first aid.

The closing date for receipt of applications for the Make it Happen Giveaway is December 6.