

Rising costs threaten the completion of the Haddenham Development

Dear friend,

To those of you that were fortunate enough to camp this year, we hope you had a wonderful time after so many years of no camps, getting back to nature, making new friends, and creating new memories. To those that didn't, we hope you are able to join us soon.

As I'm sure you have heard by now, we are in the middle of a large scale project to rebuild our headquarters at Haddenham.

This is where we train new staff and where we keep and maintain all our equipment including the tents, axes and kitchen tools that help us build a home in the field. It is thanks to the work done every month by our volunteers at Haddenham, that we are able to send over 1200 children camping each year, and thanks to them that we were able to return to the field to begin making memories again this year.

A few years ago, despite our best efforts to maintain the buildings, we had to face the fact that they were no longer usable, with many of them being condemned. We had to decide whether to rebuild, or move location entirely. We decided to stay put, preserving our history, and after demolishing the existing main building, construction has begun!

You may have noticed that we ran a considerably reduced programme of camps this year, and this is due to us having to move all the equipment into temporary storage containers, making it impossible to run as many camps as we would have liked.

Thanks to all the generous donations we've received so far, and the volunteers who keep FSC running, we're excited to say we are making fantastic progress. Foundations have been dug, and the walls and roof were added at the beginning of the summer but we still need to add doors, floors and all fittings, before the building can become fully operational.



In 1978, we bought the land and our volunteers converted the buildings into spaces we could use to store and repair our equipment. 40 years later these buildings were no longer usable and had been condemned.



Amazing progress is being made every day to get the new building built in time.

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Our vision for the future will allow us to accommodate more people, work more efficiently and adapt better to the future needs of the organisation. Please help make this a reality.



We know we have asked before, but with building costs rising, we must raise the funds we need to complete the project. With the summer camps over, all equipment is being returned to Haddenham and we don't currently have a proper place to repair and maintain the equipment to use it next year.

Please donate £100 today, or whatever you can afford, so we can complete the building and get working to keep camp equipment camp-ready.

FSC is run entirely by volunteers, and we work hard to keep support costs to a minimum. Anything you donate today will go directly towards the redevelopment of our stores and building the future of FSC.

FSC has been saving for this project for some time, and although we have so far managed to raise in excess of £895,000 through the generosity of the lodge, as well as trust and grant applications, we are still falling short £100,000 to be able to complete this project. As I'm sure you can imagine in the current climate, building material costs have been skyrocketing, which is something we have no control over. We absolutely must find the funds in order to complete the project, so we can get back to sending as many children on camp as possible. We have excellent momentum, and with your support we can keep this going.

If you haven't yet donated we hope that you will now want to do so. If you have, thank you so much, and if possible we hope you will feel able to give a further gift now, to allow us to complete this vital project.

This building is the future of FSC, and is the key to us being able to run a full programme of camps again. We have the majority of the funds in place, but we need this final push now to get us over the line, and give us a usable building for 2023.

Please donate today: you can help sustain FSC's future.

With costs rising for everyone at the moment, if you're not in a position to donate today, we completely understand.

However, we have been left no choice but to ask you all again.

Please help by donating £100 or whatever you can afford. Whether it's £10 or £1000, every donation really does add up, and with £895,000 already raised, we are so thankful for every single contribution we've received so far.

Thank you for your support, not only of this project but all of the work that FSC does. We hope you will come to Haddenham and visit the new building, which you have played a part in making a reality.

Thank you and blue skies,

Jess McQuail
FSC Chair

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this QR code.**



P.S Please spread the word that FSC needs funds to anyone who may be able to help but whom we may not have been able to contact. Or if you've got any ideas of how we can raise more funds, please contact us at fundraising@fsc.org.uk. Together, we are confident that we can raise the money to finish rebuilding our stores base and keep camping for many years to come.

If we exceed our fundraising target for the rebuilding project, then, unless you tell us otherwise, the money will go within FSC where the need is greatest, for example, our Kit Support.

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