

Meeting	Full Council
Date	22 nd October 2024
Report Title	Scout Christmas Post Box
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Proposal	To host a Scout Christmas Post Box in the large meeting room at the Parish Council Offices.

Introduction

This report is to propose the temporary establishment of a Scout Post box within the large meeting room in the run up to the Christmas festivities. This initiative aims to support local Scouts and promote a sense of community during the Christmas season. By implementing this proposal, the Council can facilitate fundraising for the Scouts while simultaneously strengthening community bonds.

Purpose of Scout Post

The Scout Post initiative offers residents a convenient and cheaper (currently a first-class stamp is £1.65, scouts are aiming for 0.35p) method for sending Christmas cards within our local area. It serves as an important fundraising mechanism for local Scout groups, allowing them to finance essential activities, camping trips, and various community projects.

Community Benefit

Hosting a Scout Post box is a proactive approach to encourage community involvement. This service allows residents to easily send festive greetings while supporting local youth initiatives, fostering a sense of belonging and strengthening community spirit during the holiday season.

Ideal Location

The large Parish Council meeting room is an excellent venue for this initiative, as it hosts a varied number of events in the run up to the festive period. This high foot traffic will ensure that many residents are aware of the Scout Post, making it easier for them to participate and support our local Scouts.

Sales of Stamps

With the assistance of the Office staff we would also be able to sell stamps to residents. We will also invite local Scouts to participate in the sale of stamps and the promotion of the Scout Post. This engagement will provide valuable experience for the Scouts in community service and allow residents to interact with them directly.

Encouragement for Councillors

I encourage parish councillors to support this initiative by purchasing stamps for their personal Christmas cards and motivating their friends and family to do likewise. Further, councillors may wish to volunteer for the delivery of cards, thereby enhancing community connections and demonstrating their commitment to supporting local youth.

Charitable Aspects

Proceeds generated from the Scout Post will directly benefit our local Scout group, funding activities that contribute to the development of our youth. Additionally, these funds may be allocated to local charitable endeavours, reinforcing our parish's dedication to social responsibility.

Eco-Friendly Practices

Supporting the scout post initiative is in alignment with increasing environmental awareness and our own Eco-Friendly initiatives, as the letters will all be sorted locally and many scouts and parents are local to the areas they deliver in.