



Re-building Birk Crag Centre

November 2023



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Birk Crag Centre

Girlguiding North Yorkshire West are re-building Birk Crag Centre, a new multi-functional, fit for purpose, meeting, training and residential centre for local and national Girlguiding units to replace our previous building which was over 60 years old, together with providing a venue for the local community.

The Centre will offer: a hall for 120, separate meeting rooms, kitchen, dining room, accessible WCs, lift to all floors, 12 bedrooms /bathrooms to sleep 40 people including 2 accessible bedrooms, outside area, small woodland and car parking.

We are very grateful and thank all the Trusts, Foundations and supporters who have donated funds and materials enabling us to build the Centre so far.



There are over 2,500 members across the Girlguiding North Yorkshire West County. Girlguiding is more relevant now than ever – delivering a varied and inspiring programme of skills relevant to girls and young women today, with adventure and giving opportunities to learn new skills, trying new activities in a safe environment, along with social action seeing girls making a difference in the local community.

The new Centre will enable us to build on our success and continue the great work our 650 volunteers do now and for future generations.



4 – 7 years



7 – 10 years



10 – 14 years



14 – 18 years





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The story so far

1956

Buildings & land gifted by Leeds & Harrogate Rotary Clubs to local Guiding

1963

Building burnt down by major fire & no longer useable

1967

New wooden centre rebuilt & opened



2016

Building failing & Planning Permission granted to re-build Centre

2019

Re-building work starts – steel frame in place



2020

Building watertight, work halted due to Covid



2022/23

Internal fitting out on-going throughout



August 2023

GF looking towards hall



September 2023

GF sealing coat started



October 2023

Main Hall plaster boarded



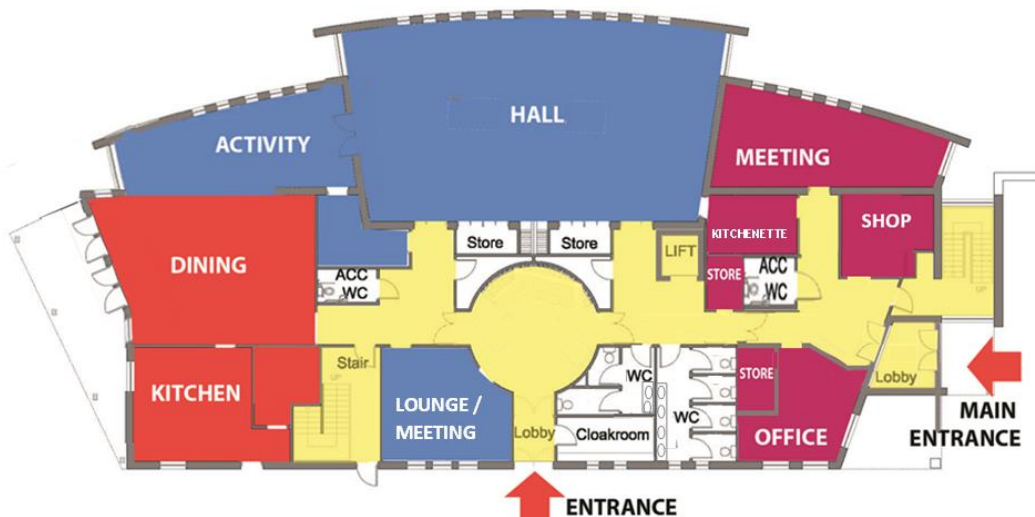
October 2023 - the main hall is plaster boarded ready for plastering; the Treatment Plant and Lift have been installed, Ground Floor underfloor heating pipes are in place, much of the insulation/plastering is completed; 1st fix electrics installed throughout, 2nd fix is on-going. Ceilings will be fitted along with the plumbing/heating, services, flooring and equipment as funds allow and 1st floor bedrooms have stud walls. Applications for funding are ongoing as we desperately need funds and materials to complete and return the building to use for everyone.

The Ground floor offers:

- Hall for 120 seated
- Separate meeting rooms
- Kitchen, dining room
- Accessible WCs
- Lift to all floors



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The 1st floor provides:

- 12 bedrooms/bathrooms to sleep 40 people including 2 accessible bedrooms



The Outside area provides play area, small woodland and car parking

Please ... We need your help to finish the building ...

We have a wonderful building and we need help to turn it into our new home please

Fundraising – we continue to hold fundraising events, make and sell things, apply to Trusts and Funds, however we need help to raise the funds to make the building useable as soon as possible – any help is much appreciated please.

Please support us by talking about it! Follow us on Facebook. Share and let people know we're looking for extra help and fundraising please.

Make a donation or run a fund-raising event – any donations are greatly appreciated. Account Name: The Guide Association North Yorkshire West Birk Crag Sort Code: 20-37-13 Account Number: 50695475 or visit our JustGiving page: 'Birk Crag Centre Redevelopment'

Partner with us – we're looking for partners to support & sponsor us.

Become a Friend of Birk Crag Centre – As a Friend you will be kept up to date with the latest news as we move towards completion.

Take part in the Birk Crag Centre Challenge – we hope you enjoy the revised Challenge. It doesn't matter if you are part of a unit or group, taking part as an individual or with family or friend, in or out of County. The Challenge is free to access and can be downloaded by visiting:

[Resources | Birk Crag Centre, Girlguiding North Yorkshire West](#)

Contacts – do you, or do you know anyone who may be able to help provide materials, skills, funding or help in anyway – please contact us.

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For information about guiding in North Yorkshire West County please visit:

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