



## Sea Scouts submit exciting building plans



Photo credit: Trinity Construction Consultancy

Sea Scouts in Woodbridge gave a glimpse into the future earlier this month when they submitted plans to renovate and extend their premises near the historic Tide Mill and new Whisstocks development.

If it's given the green light, the 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts want to keep the historic building and boat shed the same externally and add a new modern extension where the existing flat roof drill hall is.

Leaders say steps have been taken to protect the view from the Tide Mill and historic area of the Riverside and say the new building will fit in well with the local area.

Barrie Hayter, group scout leader, said: "We have now reached our limit for taking on new members as the hall is just too small. Once you add the adult leaders and supporters into the hall, it is too noisy and cramped."

The group are looking at how they can reduce their waiting list of over 60 young people. Options are being investigated to open another Scout section at 5th Woodbridge.

Trinity Construction Consultancy Limited have produced the initial plans free of charge.

Ben Shove, director at Trinity, said: "As a parent of a 5th Woodbridge Scout and seeing all the group does for the young people involved, I was more than happy to offer support so they can continue the great work into the future."

The group plans to let other charity and voluntary groups use the building as it sits empty most of the day.

The group has been raising funds for the project, which is expected to cost more than £500,000.

## Trees protected for the future after mishap

Measures have been put in place to protect trees at an orchard in Woodbridge after a contractor hired to cut shrubs mistakenly cut down two fruit

trees and the chokeberries and gooseberries near them.

The trees at the scattered orchard in Morley Avenue were planted by Transition Woodbridge for people and animals.

The group were alerted to damage to the trees by one of their Facebook followers.

A spokesman for Transition Woodbridge praised the contractor's response.

She said: "The contractor quickly responded to our call with an apology and has been extremely helpful in rectifying the situation by putting in place measures to guard against any future damage. We have also discussed potential new orchard sites with them. In the meantime, the trees have been pruned and we are hoping that they will grow away in the spring."

## Woodpeckers are knocked out of FA Vase

Woodbridge Town FC's run in the FA Vase came to an end recently after losing 1-0 to Plymouth Parkway.

The fourth-round tie on January 11 was the furthest the club has reached in the competition since the 1999/2000 season.

See next month's edition for a full match report. In the Thurlow Nunn Premier League, The Woodpeckers were placed seventh at the time of writing.

Recently, they have had wins at home against Ely City (1-0) and Swaffham Town (3-1) and losses against Whitton United (0-2) and Wroxham (0-1).

Upcoming home fixtures include:  
> February 22 vs Mildenhall Town  
Keep an eye on the club website and social media pages for up-to-date fixture news.



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