CASE STUDY

Long Crendon Scout Building, Buckinghamshire

Client: 1st Bernwood Forest Scout Group

Project value: £120,000

Problem:
In 2007 an arson attack completely destroyed the old timber Scout Hut in the village of Long Crendon. The Scout Group had lost its meeting place; unfortunately the insurance money was insufficient to cover the cost of a replacement building which met modern standards, and so a fund-raising campaign got underway. However, in order to apply for grants and other sources of income, it was necessary to have fully developed building designs and construction plans in place.

Solution:
The Scout Group sought the advice of PCMS Design. We first took a detailed brief to develop a user requirement list for the building. There were challenges to overcome such as space limitations on the small site and the presence of adjoining residential neighbours. In addition, the plot is within a Conservation Area. We helped to canvass the support of the local Preservation Society and Parish Council, then when funds had been raised we oversaw the appointment of a suitable contractor and project managed the build.

Result:
In addition to a Scout hall the finished building includes a kitchen area, storage facility and meeting room. The interior colour scheme keeps things bright and functional. Although the budget was tight, the building has quality finishes and superior thermal performance. All in all, the Scout Building is a dramatic improvement on the old timber hut and local feedback has been very positive. The Group Scout Leader said: “We are very pleased to have this great purpose-built facility. It provides the local Scouts with a permanent ‘home’ and will enable future development of the Group.”