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## Scouts cash in with lamps

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By Stephen Stray

Wednesday, 3:30pm - BOSTON Scouts have double reason for celebration.

The 5th Boston (St Botolph's) Scout Troop has been given two gas lamps and almost £500 to improve security.

A total of £463 was presented to the group by social housing provider Boston Mayflower under its Community Champions award scheme – for work done in the local community.

The money was used to build a new fence at the scouts' Castle Street headquarters.

Beaver Scout leader Karen McGarry said: "We would like to thank Boston Mayflower for making our headquarters a safer place for everyone who uses it.

"It means the cubs and scouts can now camp in the grounds, the beavers can go outside, and we have to worry less about our overall privacy.

"It has already stopped a lot of rubbish from blowing onto the site, and has made the building much more secure."

The scouts' Castle Street base is also used by a dance group on Saturdays.

There was further light at the end of the tunnel for the scouts ... quite literally.

Norwich and Peterborough Building Society has donated two gas lamps for members to take on their trips.

Scout leader Simon Mitcham said: "We are extremely grateful for the support that N&P has given us. As a registered charity we have to work hard to raise the funds for all of our equipment, so when we receive a donation it means a great deal. The lamps are absolutely vital when we are camping, and the more we have the better."

For more information about Boston Mayflower's Community Champions awards scheme contact Paul Kenny on 01205 318553.

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