

**Community Project of the Year, sponsored by Southern Vectis - Robert Scott and 1st Northwood Scouts.**

Since 2009, 1st Northwood Scout Group leaders and a small group of volunteers have relentlessly been fundraising to replace an old and dilapidated storage shed on their grounds with an exciting new pioneering hut. From September last year, they have been working during weekends, holidays and any spare time they could find to erect this hut on their site on Wyatts Lane, Northwood. The group and their facilities are an enormously valued community resource. Not only have they now managed to attract 100 local children to their troop, making them the biggest colony of scouts on the Island, their hut and grounds are increasingly used by others in the local community and visitors from the mainland. Their selfless hard work has paid off with the pioneering hut officially opening earlier in the month. Robert Scott and Derek and Eileen Finch, along with many others, have set an inspirational example to the children and their families about community spirit.

