

Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"

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Hello every one, I'm back. As mentioned to you, I can't sit still for long and therefore as mentioned I am now ready to start work with forming my own Corps of Drums. Before I carry on, I would just like to thank every one for all the phone calls and letters I have received and I was really touched by what many of you said. The last few weeks have been quite difficult and hearing so many kind words over the last few days has really helped.

So here I go with the latest project. I must point out at this stage that this is quite a big task to undertake and will take me some time before I can fully establish if it is a viable option. As you will appreciate there are many things to arrange and I must say that it could result in not moving forward? However, as you know me by now, I will undertake to explore the possibility of forming my own Corps of Drums and will only give up once I have exhausted every avenue.

I have put much thought into what would be the best way to proceed and following are my initial thoughts on what I need to do.

Action:	Status:	To be completed by:
Concept	Provisional name will be <i>Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"</i>	Complete
Feasibility	Determine financial implications of Start up	by mid May
<u>If feasible then I will move to phase 2 below.</u>		
Finance	approach Lottery and local groups for support	on-going
Premises	find local premises to hold practice sessions	by mid June
Appoint Staff	find suitable adult staff to assist instruction (Currently 2 possible staff)	underway
Open evening	arrange open evening for potential members & their parents	by end June
Association	approach local military establishments to seek either association or affiliation	started
Parents Association	form Parent Association to fund raise	by mid July
Perform/Parade	work towards first parade for band	by Sept/Oct

This is only the basis of a project plan and already I have many ideas and possible concerns, but why not try?, if I work hard enough and long enough I will get a result.

I will need help as this develops and would be very grateful at this stage to gauge what support you may be able to help me with. Therefore please could I ask you to return the reply slip at the bottom of this news letter outlining if and what support you may be able to offer me.

I will start to contact various youth bands that I have come to know over the years to see if they can loan or sell any instruments to me and as I am also a member of the Corps of Drums Society I will also approach them for advice and help. I would suspect that I will need to inject some money myself to get things moving (I haven't told the wife this yet).

As long as I can get a few basic instruments and somewhere dry to practice we can get going.

So, a small start but one of which I hope is of interest to you? I will keep you updated on this project.

I hope every one is OK and I will try to think of some silly jokes for the next newsletter. (I don't think they are silly, it's the way I tell them)

As always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me on either 01252 877212 or 07976 540584

Best regards

Mark

Please complete the following reply slip and return in the pre-paid envelope a.s.a.p.

I/we would be interested to offer help if needed Yes No

I/we could offer help in the following areas -----

I/we would like to receive further newsletters Yes No

Name: ----- Contact Number: -----