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SOS call is answered

The team at the Cherry Tree Centre are celebrating the news that the BBC DIY SOS crew will be on site at Mudhills Park during May, making their dream of a youth hub become a reality.

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Cherry Tree's SOS call is answered

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The manager of the Beverley Cherry Tree Community Centre has said she is still in shock after DIY SOS proposed to build a new home for the charity's youth club.

The Cherry Tree Centre has been searching for a building to base its youth club since the COVID-19 pandemic when the room it previously used was converted into a well-used community pantry.

Since then, the youth club has lived a nomadic life, using buildings for short periods, before eventually relocating to Mudhills Park on the Swinemoor Estate.

With no roof over their heads, this meant the youngsters, sometimes numbering 100 and aged between 10 and 17, plus their support workers, are out in the elements 12 months a year.

The only indoor space the youth club currently has is a garage behind one of the houses on Burden Road and the Cherry Tree Centre has been appealing for funding and donations to find a new home on the Swinemoor Estate for almost a year.

presenter Nick Knowles already paying a visit to Beverley.

She said that had it not been for the recent good news, the future of the youth club was severely under threat after another difficult winter outside.

"It was a volunteer who applied for DIY SOS on our behalf," said Jo, who helped to set up the youth club in 2016.

"She wanted to volunteer for the youth club and was horrified to learn that we didn't have a building and were out on the streets.

"We only found out that the application was successful a few weeks ago, but background checks on everything we do, even our social media posts, has been taking place for six months.

"Filming for the programme has started and we're expecting that to continue until the crew arrive in May.

"Nick Knowles has already been to see us, and he was really nice and understood the situation we are in.

"He said that 50 years ago, he would have been in the same position as our children if the youth club had closed where he was brought up.

"Up until the pandemic, the youth club met in a room at the Cherry Tree Centre. However, during lockdown, we decided to turn that into what we thought would be a temporary community pantry.

"But six months after we opened the

is so needed, and they want to help make it work.

"I'd said to my staff that running the youth club outside at the park was not sustainable and after this winter, we wouldn't be doing it again.

"I couldn't put everyone through it again. So, the news about DIY SOS has been a lifeline."

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A briefing day for tradespeople will take place on Wednesday 16th April.

Jo said that she has already received lots of interest from those who would like to lend a hand.

She added that she can't wait to see what the DIY SOS team produce and the impact it will have on the youngsters.

"We have been inundated with tradespeople coming forward to offer their time or equipment and that just

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