

The Annual



Report

For the year ending 31st March

2010



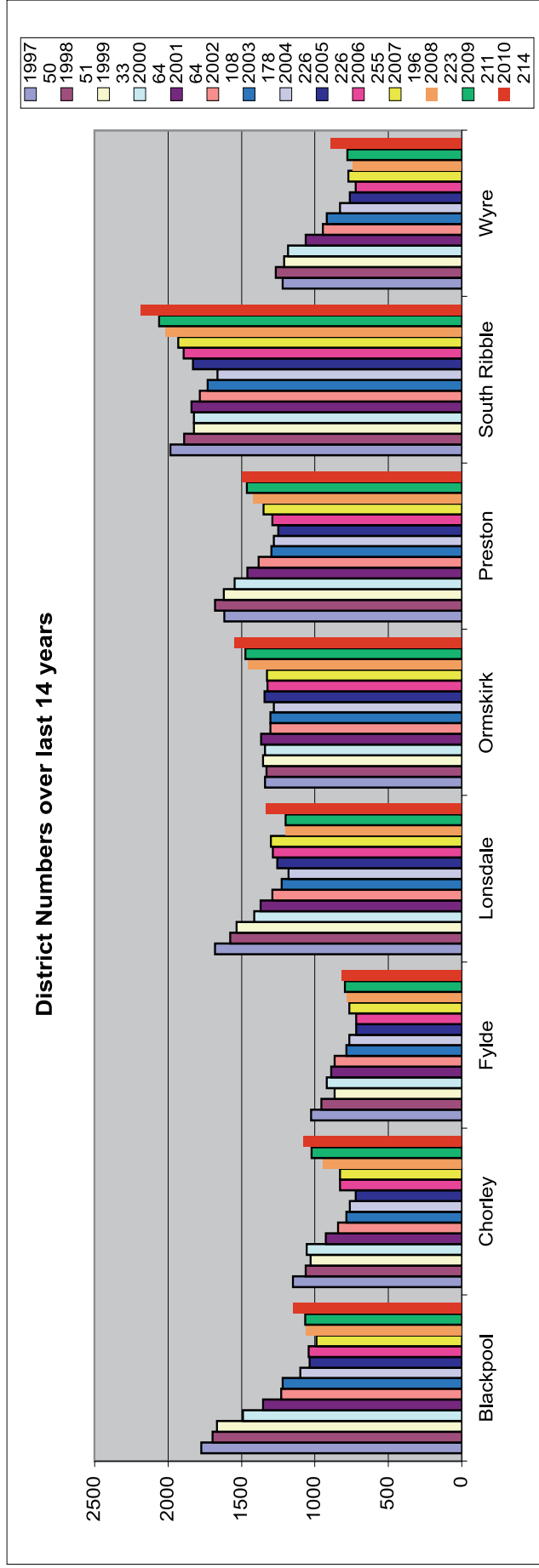
The best days of our lives!

West Lancashire County Scout Council



Comparison by Year

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Diff 09-10	Increase
County only people	50	51	33	64	64	108	178	226	226	255	196	223	211	214	3	1.40%
Blackpool	1772	1694	1667	1489	1352	1228	1217	1097	1036	1041	989	1059	1065	1146	81	7.6%
Chorley	1147	1063	1027	1055	924	840	783	761	721	827	827	944	1023	1077	54	5.3%
Fylde	1026	956	863	918	889	865	786	764	716	716	763	784	793	817	24	3.0%
Lonsdale	1680	1576	1532	1411	1369	1289	1226	1178	1255	1286	1299	1202	1199	1336	137	11.4%
Ormskirk	1337	1330	1352	1338	1365	1303	1303	1279	1343	1321	1324	1456	1472	1544	72	4.9%
Preston	1615	1680	1618	1546	1458	1383	1296	1278	1249	1287	1347	1418	1462	1496	34	2.3%
South Ribble	1981	1889	1824	1824	1840	1781	1729	1661	1828	1892	1928	2015	2058	2186	128	6.2%
Wyre	1219	1265	1209	1181	1061	946	917	828	760	722	770	742	778	895	117	15.0%
District Totals	11777	11453	11092	10762	10258	9635	9257	8846	8908	9092	9247	9620	9850	10497	647	6.6%
Number of Groups	189	185	186	182	185	178	163	158	156	154	148	147	145	150	5	3.4%
Beaver Scouts	2780	2748	2630	2516	2364	2167	2175	2068	2061	2134	2131	2259	2246	2486	240	10.7%
Cub Scouts	3887	3633	3458	3495	3220	3009	2730	2600	2540	2613	2540	2578	2710	2839	129	4.8%
Scouts	2445	2388	2343	2158	2133	2053	1932	1818	1840	1882	1992	2124	2207	2277	70	3.2%
Venture Scouts	491		402	412	429	407	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Explorer Scouts							299	459	544	510	540	638	660	690	30	4.5%
Scout Network							120	131	131	165	110	106	104	110	6	5.8%
Network Registered Elsewhere							46	37	63	64	113	98	96	64	-32	-33.3%
Fellowship	203	231	186	206	232	297	189	226	227	205	206	209	229	216	-13	-5.7%
Total Scout County	11827	11504	11125	10826	10348	9742	9435	9072	9134	9347	9443	9843	10061	10711	650	6.50%



Annual Report 2010

Foreword

An annual report is by definition a document which is looking back and reporting on what has happened. In the case of Scouting in the County of West Lancashire, it is well worth looking back as there were great achievements during 2009/10. The impressive growth in membership, the strong programme, the continued improvements in management and administration and the report compiled by the County Commissioner, make impressive reading.

However, I would like to use this foreword to prompt a look forward.

We have achieved good momentum with the growth in membership. The old sporting adage however is that to stay at number one, you have to train as if you were number two. We have to work even harder to deliver a programme that will firstly improve retention of these new members as they move through the Sections and secondly so that their enjoyment attracts even more members. That of course will mean attracting more adults so that we do not overload the valuable volunteers we already have.

Enormous strides have also been made in sorting out historical, legal and administrative issues. The simplification of the historical legacy of the Alice Waddecar Trust with the buying out of the Cumbria interests is one example. The registration of land and property titles, the improvement of boundary and access issues at Waddecar and Moor Crag are other examples. With less distraction from these historical issues, it is perhaps the time to devote efforts to looking at how we, in the future, use our assets and resources to the best advantage of Scouting in the County.

External events are also prompting us to look forward. The change of government brings both a challenge and an opportunity. We have suffered from uncertainty over the past couple of years over the implementation of the Every Child Matters initiative. The measures of the new government to reduce the deficit and the constraints on budgets, cast a further cloud on availability of grants and other support. However the "Big Society" initiative looks to sit very well with what we offer to Scouts. If we are imaginative and active in this area, it could well offer an enhanced role and lead to more support for Scouting.

We are also aware that the Scout Association is reviewing its long term or strategic plan. A good number of people were involved some 5 or 6 years ago in addressing a Strategic Plan for the Scout County. Since then the Activity Centres Management Board (ACMB) has looked at the future of our campsites and the County Team has produced a very useful one page plan setting out our main strategic aims (see page 11). It will be timely to reflect on these in the light of the Scout Association's strategic review.

We are very fortunate, compared with many Scout Counties, that we have such resources, but that brings a responsibility to ensure that we are making best use of them - that includes physical assets, cash and, most importantly, people. There are important questions to be addressed. Are we investing enough in our assets to ensure that we have the facilities and equipment needed for the young people of the future?

We have invested financial resources in the past couple of years on development. Do we need more investment? Are there other things we should be investing more in, such as training, marketing, support for projects and programmes, to make best use of our financial reserves?

Are we making the best use of the people we have? The work of our volunteers is amazing, but so are the demands. Are we sure we are really focussed on what is essential to achieve our aims to ensure we get the best out of this most valuable resource?

The Scout County is facing difficult times. There is increasing competition for jobs and university places. Our President, Lord Wade, made an eloquent case at a recent Chief Scout's Gold Award (CSGA) presentation in Preston on how Scouting can provide that extra bit of confidence to the added background and record of achievement, which may make all the difference to someone getting a good start on their career. Other presenters at CSGA ceremonies have repeated that theme, namely that Scouting is more valuable than ever. With all that has been achieved in the Scout County, I think it is a good time to be addressing the future to ensure that we do the very best we can to give our young people the best start we can. I would urge everyone to start thinking about what is needed and to be prepared to contribute to the process.

Sadly two people who will not be around to help are Dave Ridout and Stan Hockney. Dave was ACC Activities from 2001 to 2007 as well as his involvement as a Leader and ultimately GSL at 4th Fulwood. Many people spoke very warmly of him and particularly of their experiences together on expeditions. Stan was a stalwart of Fylde District, but also served on the County Executive during his time as District Commissioner. He had spent some 80 years in Scouting and was awarded the Silver Wolf shortly before his passing away. The Scout County will miss them both and we offer our condolences to their families.

On a happier note, I think it worth mentioning that our County Commissioner, Carl Hankinson, was awarded the Silver Acorn at this year's St George's Day Awards. Carl has done outstanding work since being appointed County Commissioner and this award is well deserved. Congratulations and thanks from us all.

We appointed Arthur Garlick to take high quality pictures of scouting activities and we thank him for the photographs in this report. We also wish to thank Gary Mitchell of Newbury Printers for designing the report.

Finally a big thank you to our paid staff for their work during the year, and especially for the way they have worked to implement and adapt to the improvements in business processes. In particular, I would make mention of Maggie King who retired from her role in the office at Waddecar where she has provided invaluable service over a number of years. Fortunately, she has not retired. She will still be involved at Great Tower and has increased her voluntary commitments, but it is appropriate at this time, to record our thanks for her time as the paid Senior Administrative Officer at Waddecar.

Mike Simpson
County Chairman

County Commissioners Report

They say time flies when you're enjoying yourself. I think we all know the same could be said when you are busy as well. The cycle of meetings, activities and weekend events roll on and in a blink, my contribution to the annual report is due and I am running out of time. Never having enough time is a curse none of us beat in Scouting, we just learn to accommodate.

In its widest sense and by any measure our County is getting stronger. West Lancashire recorded its strongest growth in membership for over 17 years. Increasing by 650 people in one year is impressive in itself (see page 2), but this was recognized nationally as we were one of the "Top 10" growth areas in the UK – even more commendable when you appreciate we were the only one of the "big" Counties to do so. It is true that Scouting is enjoying growth right across the UK, but we need to celebrate locally that we are leading this trend and not just following it. Considerable energy, investment and plain hard work have resulted in supporting Scout Groups in a very deliberate way, and opening new Sections and Groups. Our centre pages highlight this work and I would encourage you not only to read about it, but shout about it to everyone you meet in Scouting and the wider community.

I have commented in previous years that we had for some time become an insular organization. Working in the wider voluntary youth sector,

councils and with other key contacts has been a foundation building area of work. Scouting cannot fulfil its purpose or make a lead contribution to offering a better future for young people on its own. To secure funding, services, expertise and goodwill it is crucial we are seen as relevant to today's young people and valued as a constituent element of any "Youth Offer". Work is now in hand not only to participate in this youth offer, but to help shape it. We are confident that by being at the centre of this work, and with the ensuing challenges in budgets, Scouting will be seen as a high quality value for money organization that is at the vanguard of what the current government is now calling the "Big Society".

Part of our approach when working with other organizations, is to explain what Scouting does. This is made easier by the fact we continue to offer a superb programme of activities, often with recognized outcomes but always with good humour and a sense of pride. The breadth of what can be achieved by a young person in West Lancashire Scouts is unparalleled. I commend to you to read through the following pages where each of our Sections and specialist areas outline some of the highlights in their own year.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our legions of adult volunteers. Tireless work is undertaken by our Leaders who weekly offer a tremendous programme. If only it would stop with the weekly meeting but the cycle of meetings, weekend events and training often mean that Scouting is a second job. You don't have to be paid to be professional and it is noticeable that our Leaders



approach their Scouting role with the dedication and the same professionalism they would in their own job. The same approach is taken by the ever increasing number of adults who commit to a non-uniformed role. Advisors, committee members and supporters with specialist skills are key to the safe and competent operation of our County. It is noticeable where we have an effective Group committee the Scout Group tends to flourish also. In an ever more demanding operating environment it is important to secure the right blend of expertise and knowledge. Scouting in West Lancashire is lucky to benefit from the time and experience of these people. We thank you all.

It would be remiss of me not to offer some personal thanks. Liz McDermott has been one of our Deputy County Commissioners for over 5 years and stood down from this role in March 2010. Along with George Lowe she has supported me and my predecessor in this role. We are all appreciative of Liz's continued good humour, passion for Scouting and encouragement. She will be missed and we hope to see her back in Scouting in one form or another after a well earned break. I know you will join me in wishing her well for the future.



March also saw the end of term for our Regional Commissioner, Chris Creelman. Throughout this term and indeed previously as County Commissioner for East Lancashire, Chris has been a good friend to West Lancs. We wish him well for his retirement although we note he is not resting as he's kindly agreed to be the inaugural chair of the Lancashire Uniformed Youth Organization and succeed Colin Ovenden as chair of the Joint Scout Counties Committee. I would like to record this County's appreciation to Colin for his 26 year term as chair of that committee. It has brought numerous benefits to Scouting in Lancashire. We are pleased to retain Colin's experience and advice as one of our Vice Presidents.

Make no mistake; Scouting is flourishing in West Lancashire. We are growing, delivering a better programme and offering better support. We are forming strong working relationships with other voluntary organizations and continue to seek out contacts for mutual benefit. We've had an excellent year and it provides a strong platform for the future.

Carl Hankinson
County Commissioner



Our Programme

One of our success stories this year has been our Beaver Scout section. **Cath Hargreaves**, our Assistant County Commissioner (ACC) was thrilled to hear in January that the section had grown by 10% in one year – a testament to the hard work



Beavers Scouts is the section for boys and girls aged 6 to 8. In West Lancashire we have 2486 Beavers in 151 Colonies

of the entire team. But it doesn't end there. Over 500 of the top award in the Section, the Chief Scouts Bronze Award have been achieved by young people in this twelve month period. Over 70 Colonies completed a Beaver "sleepover" and we have ambitions

that this number will increase as time progresses. Cath and the team are working closely with the Cub Scout Section to ensure more Beaver Scouts join Cubs and hope to report the successes of this work next year.

Paul Harris

and the Cub Scout team have been concentrating on Outdoor Adventure for this year. Young people as they get older require a more outdoor programme and this can be offered by



Cub Scouts is the section for boys and girls aged 8 to 10.5. In West Lancashire we have 2839 Cub Scouts in 160 Packs

the Cub Scout section. The GT Outdoor Adventure day continues to be well supported with over 700 Cub Scouts taking part in everything from canoeing to climbing. Many Districts are now encouraging all Cub Scout Packs to work towards the Chief Scouts Silver Award and many of the activity badges. We are keen to see more

Cub Packs camping in tents in the next year and also keen to see an increase in the Scoutcraft activities offered which young people continue to enjoy.

This is the first year that **Dave Marsh**, our ACC Scouts has completed in this role. The Scout section has had a very busy twelve months. A revitalized County Rally was a tremendous success with new activities and infrastructure to accommodate the increasing



Scouts is the section for boys and girls aged 10.5 to 14. In West Lancashire we have 2277 Scouts in 140 Troops

number of Scouts taking part. It is a similar story with the Bowlander which recorded its highest number of teams undertaking the 48 hour backpack. The full County Scout Team has been very

industrious and has now completed a full set of Troop reviews. The information gleaned will provide the basis for the sectional plan over the next few years. A requirement for a "Chief Scouts" Award camp has already been identified and this will be implemented over the next 12 months. The number of Chief Scouts Awards earned continued to increase with three very busy award evenings throughout the year. Each recipient will now also be presented with the newly designed Chief Scouts Woggle. The team has also invested effort into the development of the Troop & District Forums. These are worthwhile and develop skills in young people that are necessary for their future. Many young people have a real passion for their Scouting and this is one excellent method of hearing those views and channelling the enthusiasm into changing Scouting for the better. All of this work bodes well for the future and the Scout section is keen to accelerate its membership towards and beyond the 3,000 mark.





Malaysian Community Project. The annual County Explorer Scout Camp continues to grow and is a highlight of the calendar. Over a third of the Section are now registered as Young Leaders. We can applaud over 260 Explorer Scouts who choose to help out on a regular basis in supporting other Sections. This ever increasing number of young people requires support and training, and Hugh has appointed Cathie Metcalf as a County Explorer Scout Leader responsible for leading this work. Explorer Scouting is not immune to the growth seen across Scouting and new Units have this year opened at Silverhelme and in Stalmine. Lonsdale recorded the highest growth across the North West with 79%, well done Craig! Priorities for the Section centre on Explorer Scouts earning the Chief Scouts Platinum and Diamond Awards, and the Queens Scout Award. Hugh is keen to see the first County-wide presentation evening for these awards next year.



Explorer Scouts is the section for young people aged 14 to 18. In West Lancashire we have 690 Explorer Scouts in 46 Units. Of those 261 are in the Young Leaders scheme

Many organizations find working with the adolescent age range very challenging. **Hugh Miller** and the Explorer Scout Team are doing a first rate job in this area. Hugh and Dave Marsh are keen to see the Sections work more closely together and have invested some effort into this work.

This will result in more Scouts becoming Explorer Scouts and benefiting from what the Section has to offer. Its overseas programme continues to flourish, with the usual diet of the annual Ardennes Trip, a summer Explorer Belt to the Baltics and many Explorer Scouts taking part in the



Ian Lonsdale, our Scout Network Commissioner and his team are also concentrating on the Queens' Scout Award. 5 have been awarded in this past year and the section undertook a QSA Expedition to Scotland in the summer. This is one of the ways the newly formed County Scout Network Support Team is supporting the Section. The Scout Network Gathering at Easter was the biggest ever. Many Scout Network members took leading roles in the Community Project in Malaysia and earned their Explorer Belt by participating in the Baltics expedition. The vibrant annual activity programme rolls on, with a successful Connected, Local Scout Network activities and the 10th anniversary of the Scout Network Ball. Ian and his team are also working closely with the Explorer Scout section to increase the flow of membership joining Scout Network.

NETWORK

Members aged 18 to 25 can opt to join the Scout Network. In West Lancashire we have 110 Network members in addition to the 64 having adult appointments as leaders or assisting in Groups.



Support

Scout Fellowship is part way through its transition phase to Active Support. **Cyril Crossley** as our County Chairman inherited the lead for the Section as David Wilkinson stood down when his term came to an end. Thankfully David has not been lost to Scouting as he continues to be Deputy District Commissioner in Lonsdale District. This transition presents a real opportunity to build on the strength of Scout Fellowship. The Association is keen to see support offered to every aspect of Scouting. Within the current Scout Fellowship there is so much talent that is still needed in West Lancashire.

Districts are in the process of identifying an Active Support Manager and Cyril, along with a small support group are responsible for the transition.

By December 2010 all areas of the Scout County will now be within the new Active Support Section. Scout Fellowship has been part of Scouting for nearly 30 years and leaves a worthwhile

inheritance for the new Active Support Section. We hope the usual rolling programme of social activities will continue so the membership can maintain friendships and enjoy their own Scouting, as well helping others.

Scout Fellowship is only one of the ways we support Scouting. One of the key areas of work for us is the training and development of our Leaders. **Fiona Jackson** has now completed her first full year as our County Training Manager (CTM). It's pleasing to note we have a full team of Local Training Managers including one for Safeguarding training. Our next natural step is to ensure we have a full complement of Training Administrators so the Training Managers are freed up to deliver training and directly support new adults. A number of the course training teams have been strengthened and this provides an ever increasing number of experienced adults involved in training and giving freely of their time. In October 2010 Fiona and her immediate team will host a training event for the training team and hopefully this will be seen as an investment in them. No doubt it will also contribute to the continued improvement of the training we offer our newer Leaders. Our managers and supporters have not been excluded

from these developments. The course specifically for them (MSS) has been overhauled and is now offered across two weekends. One of the key benefits is it allows subjects to be delved into more deeply and ensure each aspect of the course is more relevant. With much of the above work now completed it frees up time to concentrate on a further key area; we need more Training Advisors. This role is very underused in some areas of the Scout County which is a shame because where it works well, new Leaders really benefit from the support of an experienced Leader. In turn this work will lead to the more timely validation of training which will progress Leaders through our training system. There are further challenges over the next 12 months mainly brought on by the rolling out of new training modules. We have improved modules now for the vital area of Nights Away and Safeguarding. The latter will be useful to us since there is now an obligatory requirement for all adults in Scouting to renew their Safeguarding Training upon renewal of appointment.

Whilst Fiona concentrates on our Adult Training, **Ray Hardman** develops the wider area of Adult Support. This is a vast subject but Ray has prioritized the support of Group Scout Leaders. We are continually grateful to our GSLs for the work they do supporting our front line Leaders where young people benefit from Scouting. A series of Masterclasses have been offered every month. These have covered a variety of subjects requested by GSLs. Some of these have been sourced from the revised MSS training that Ray joint-leads and others have been requested from the quarterly GSL forums. This area of work will continue throughout this following year and no doubt be developed given the importance we place on it.

Mention has been made in various places of our vibrant and successful overseas



programme. **Steve Morton**, our ACC International always believes our work on this aspect of the programme is more than these County Trips. Groups have visited Kandersteg, Serbia, Austria, Holland and Hungary. An independent Explorer Belt was undertaken in Belgium to visit graves of Scouts who did not return from the 1st World War. Matt Crozier also represented the UK Scout Association at the Arab Region Gathering in Sharjah, UAE. All of these opportunities were showcased at the successful International Night held every September. This is avidly supported by the Explorer Scout & Scout Network Sections but it is encouraging to see young people and Leaders from our other Sections at this event. The Malaysian Community Project team held a well attended presentation evening in November to inform us of the work undertaken in the Orphanage and at the Sun Bear project. This was an excellent evening and enjoyed by all. Literally a few days before Christmas, to coincide with university holidays, also saw the Presentation Evening for the 27 Explorer Belts achieved during the year. A real sense of achievement flowed through the evening and every single holder trumpeted the Explore Belt; no doubt we will have more of these expeditions in the future.

The rollercoaster continued with a new offer of trips for young people to contribute to and benefit from. Next year we will receive updates from our young people who attended the World Scout Moot in Kenya and of course, the legions of West Lancashire Scouts and Scouters who had such a wonderful 7 days at Red Rose 2010 held at Great Tower. The Scout Section is in Copenhagen in October and the Explorer Scout Section will be in Munich. The Explorer Scout Section will of course undertake its annual Ardennes Trip in May and all of this takes place before our contingent and Service Team members attend the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in July. Work is currently in hand to recruit Leader teams for forthcoming trips to Peru, Serbia, Belgium and Bulgaria.

Many other Scout Counties admire the mix of overseas trips offered by our Scout County. **Dick Griffiths** chairs a small group, the Major Events Group who are responsible to the County Executive for these. They originate, recruit Leaders, monitor the project, and support where they can. This work comforts the County Exec that our reputation, young people and adults and money are well managed and they work on behalf of the County Team to ensure we offer a programme that suits what our objectives are. We would like to record our thanks to them for the continued diligent work done on our behalf.



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Lancashire has been at the leading edge of the Scout Associations work to provide "Outdoor Adventure" to young people. **Joe Ashworth**, our ACC Activities will tell you that achieving this requires significant work to be undertaken to build our capability to offer these activities. Joe holds termly activities meetings with the Activity Advisors and ADC Activities. Match funding has been made available to secure qualifications for people to act as our County Assessors. Ensuring more adults hold the relevant National Governing Body qualification is a priority for us and through our specialist advisors, more opportunities are being made available. Work is in hand and continues throughout next year to offer adults the chance to gain experience in these activities and of course in turn provide opportunities for young people to develop their own experience and gain some activity badges along the way!

This entire great work creates a story that is worth telling others. This is an area in West Lancashire we have not been great at in the past and it is pleasing to see that we are most definitely improving. **Debbie Mather**, our County Media Development Manager is making great strides forwards with an ever growing team. Most Districts now have an appointed and active MDM and they are succeeding in getting local press coverage. Termly meetings are held although we know Debbie is keen to use teleconferencing as a vehicle for an occasional meeting as well. A new approach has been adopted to Young Spokespeople. Craig Dewar & Chris Midgely have been appointed by Debbie as County Coordinators in this area. In July they held a successful weekend course and are a great advert for Scouting. We have high hopes in coming months and wish them well. It is another example of giving young people a chance to participate in and shape the future of Scouting.

Supporters of Scouting

As identified in our Development plan we are working industriously to forge better relationships with many organizations for mutual benefit. Since there is a chance of administration and subsequent central government budget cuts, we have held various meetings with different members of the administration. The Head of Integrated Youth Strategies (new Head of Service) is an avid supporter of the voluntary sector and we continue to enjoy funding from LCC. We are of course extremely grateful for this support. The Chairman of the Council has offered to host an event so we can showcase Scouting to council members. This is a direct result of his invitation to and enjoyment at Red Rose 2010. West Lancashire Scout County has been a founding member of the Lancashire Uniformed Youth Organization. This is designed to be a vehicle to share good practice, resources and skills between voluntary youth organizations that have similar objectives and are branches of national uniformed youth organizations. This infrastructure organization is led by our first chairman, Chris Creelman who found he had some time on his hands since stepping down as NW Regional Commissioner for Scouting. This group is still finding its feet and the next 12 months will see good progress. It is also a useful way for the Scout County to interact with the wider voluntary youth sector.

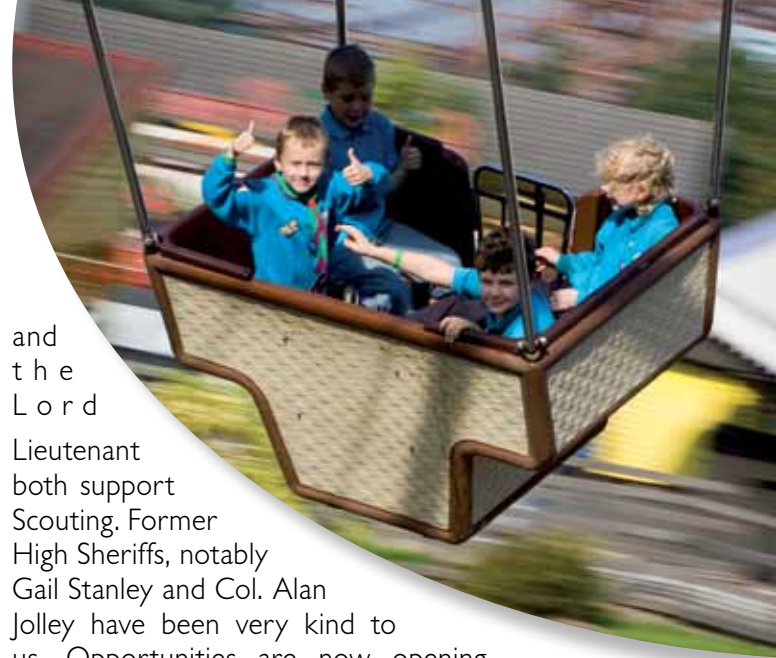
Enterprise Ventures continue to support Scouting. The County Chairman and County Commissioner spent half a day with their marketing director who gave refreshing advice and freely of her expertise. The Chairman Richard Bamford continues to offer support. We are ambitious to grow the number of business and educational establishments we have a working relationship with.

Throughout this year we have gained good support from many places. The High Sheriff of Lancashire

and
the
Lord

Lieutenant both support Scouting. Former High Sheriffs, notably Gail Stanley and Col. Alan Jolley have been very kind to us. Opportunities are now opening up for Scouting to be represented at notable functions and to develop closer relationships with partner organizations. These are exciting times for Scouting, but we cannot do all our work with our current resources. Key to our permanent success is to recruit talented people who will give us a little of their time to act as our ambassadors and to gain access to funding and facilities. Without these the speed of progress will be slower than our ambitions demand.

Finally we would like to mention our elected members. Wherever in the County Scouting is it receives warm support from our elected Mayors. With unfailing politeness they encourage us and offer their congratulations for a job well done. We are also lucky that an increasing number of elected members recognize the virtues of Scouting. We now need to build relationships with some of our new MPs and yet we continue to be appreciative of the support of MPs such as Lindsay Hoyle, Rosie Cooper and the former MP Michael Jack who was a good friend to Scouting. We should also note that Gordon Marsden was very supportive to the Scout Association in its "Stop the Rain Tax" campaign and thank him for it.



Aim: To Increase our Youth Membership

Youth Membership	Programme	Adults in Scouting	Supporters
Fill our vacancies	Developing Resources	Valuing our Adults	Effective Trustees
Retain our membership on transfer between sections	Unique Experiences	Developing our Adults	Developing Community Support
Provision for 6-14 in every group	Effective Leadership teams	Attract more adults	Valuing supporters

Development: Our numbers continue to rise!

It's been another exciting year of growth in West Lancashire, with every District taking on the challenge to grow our numbers and offer Scouting to more young people in our communities. The results are fantastic with 650 new members growing our membership to 10,711 across the County, an increase of 6.5%.

We are now the 8th biggest Scout County in the UK; and while we are recognised nationally as being the 10th biggest growing Scout County (in terms of percentage growth), when you look at the actual increase in membership numbers we are the 4th fastest growing Scout County in the UK. This is no small achievement when you consider that there are 88 Scout Counties / Areas overall.

In addition, one of our project Groups, 1st Forton (Duchy) in Lonsdale was recognised nationally as being the 4th fastest growing Group in the country (in terms of percentage growth). This is an amazing reflection of the work that we are doing across the county to support Groups and enable them to grow once more.

The growth we have seen this year demonstrates how well our adults have worked together, not only



to recruit new members (both adult and young people), but also to provide quality opportunities and experiences for our members. You should be very proud of the difference you are making to the lives of young people in West Lancashire and I thank each and every one of

you for the dedication and commitment you give to Scouting.

Once again, congratulations must go to 5th Penwortham in South Ribble, who have maintained their position as the largest Group in the UK. The Group have continued to grow with the addition of a 4th Beaver Colony and a 4th Scout Troop. It takes a lot of hard work to maintain a Group of any size, never mind one as big as this. Well done to Mike and his team for another fantastic year.

Yet there is still a long way to go if we are to offer Scouting to every young person who would like to join. 423 young people were registered on our joining lists this census and are waiting to get involved with Scouting. Demand continues to increase with 238 enquiries received in the first 5 months of the year alone through the HQ website.

Of these, only 23 were adults interested in volunteering with us and so it is important that we continue to focus not only on recruiting new adult members, but supporting our existing adults and making sure they are in the right role for them.

Our County Development Officers, Barbara Hughes and Carolyn Kirkham are entering the final year of their contract and we are now at a point where we must consider whether we want to extend the project.

The energy and drive they have brought to the individual projects is clear to see and you can read about some of our success stories over the next few pages. However, we must consider the benefits of the work they do and whether the project in its current format is right for the County or if a change is needed. Work has begun to identify thoughts and opinions from across the County and in the next few months, we will review how this fits with our County Development Plan.

The work Barbara and Carolyn do, continues to be complemented by our District Teams who do a fantastic job supporting our newly recruited adults and helping them gain confidence in their role. In addition, our Districts continue to develop and work on their own projects, which enables us to grow at a faster rate each year. So just where do we stand on our journey to growth?





Welcoming more young people to our adventure

Every District has grown this year, with the largest growth in Lonsdale who had 137 new members. Youth membership across the County increased by 475 young people to 8,402 members. Girls in Scouting grew by 152 members, which means girls now account for 16.7% of our membership.

What we said we'd do - growth

- Open 74 new youth sections across the County

What we did

- Opened 43 new sections in the last 2 years

How we did it

- Opened 8 new Scout Groups, total of 13 new sections
- Opened 6 new Beaver Colonies and 4 new Scout Troops where there were section gaps in a Group
- Opened 9 new Explorer Scout Units
- Opened 2nd, 3rd and even 4th sections at Groups where demand was high, including 5 Beaver Colonies, 4 Cub Packs and 2 Scout Troops

3rd Anchorsholme (Wyre)

Last summer, the Minister at a local Methodist Church enquired about opening a new Group in Anchorsholme. Carolyn met with her and created a 6 month action plan aiming to open a Beaver Colony and Cub Pack in October 2009.

A series of promotional events in local schools were a great success with 78 children and their parents attending a fun filled taster evening.

The HQ 'Want 2 Join' website identified an experienced Cub Leader who had just moved into the area. She jumped at the chance of opening the new Cub Pack, which opened in November with the support of her husband and nephew. The Pack started a parent rota and after a few weeks one Mum decided she would really like to take a bigger role in the running of the Pack and is now an ACSL.



The Group have 2 Leaders for the Scout section and plan to open a Scout Troop in the autumn if a venue can be found. Beavers are on hold until Leaders can be found.

Local Councillor, Tony Williams gave the new Group a boost when he gave them a £700 donation from his community fund - to help pay the setting up costs.

Welcome to West Lancashire...

Blackpool

29th Blackpool - NEW Group - Cub Pack

Chorley

All Saints - NEW Group - Beaver Colony and Cub Pack

Lonsdale

Caton Church - NEW Beaver Colony and Scout Troop

Centurion with Westgate - NEW Scout Troop

1st Forton - NEW Beaver Colony and Scout Troop

Lonsdale District Explorers

- 2 NEW Explorer Scout Units - Slyne with Hest and Silverhelme

Ormskirk

55th Ormskirk - NEW 2nd Cub Pack

56th Ormskirk - NEW Beaver Colony

Preston

7th Fulwood - NEW 2nd Beaver Colony

Preston District Explorers - NEW Explorer Scout Unit - West Preston

South Ribble

5th Penwortham - NEW 4th Beaver Colony and 4th Scout Troop

Wyre

3rd Anchorsholme - NEW Group - Cub Pack

1st Pilling - NEW Scout Troop

What we said we'd do - support

- Provide support to 30 Scout Groups where support is vital for the Group to grow

What we did

- So far, 31 Scout Groups have had help and support from the County Development Officers to enable them to grow.

How we did it

- Boosted youth membership numbers by running school recruitment sessions followed by activity taster sessions.
- Increased the number of adult volunteers working with our youth sections. Parent's rotas, family fun days, college and university volunteer fayres, building links with local volunteer organisations and placing clear recruitment adverts have all helped reach new adults for our Groups.
- Identified supporters and administrators to help form or strengthen Group Executive Committee's, freeing up Leaders to concentrate on the young people. Parent's nights, meetings with local church teams and locally targeted flyers helped explain roles and how people could help.



Silverhelme Explorer Scout Unit (Lonsdale)

This year, Craig Dewar (DESC) has made it his mission to make Explorer Scouting more accessible in Lonsdale District. Geographically, Lonsdale is the largest and most widespread District in the County, but at the start of 2009 it only had 3 Explorer Scout Units. Although the Units were thriving, young people from the outlying villages in the district found them hard to get to.

Work began in summer 2009 to consult with the GSLs and Leaders in the local villages of Silverdale and Warton about potential young people for the new Unit. The support of both Groups has been vital to the success of the Unit, with Leaders helping out on the open night in July. Despite having a good turnout of young people, no-one stepped forward to lead the Unit. 9 months of spreading the word and the Unit now has an ESL, who decided it was time for a change from being CSL, and a team of other volunteers that attend flexibly to give support.



Silverhelme Unit opened in April 2010 and is the 3rd new Unit in the District. Since opening they've gained a strong membership of 20 young people and have had a varied programme with a Ready, Steady Cook Night, Photo Treasure Hunt, Geo-caching, and an evening spent fire training with the local Fire Station.

They have started planning what they need to do for their D of E Awards and even had three of their members selected to attend the Jamboree in Sweden in 2012.

Lonsdale Explorers have seen fantastic growth this year, with numbers rising faster than any other District in the North West Region. The success of Silverhelme Unit will certainly see Lonsdale Explorers grow again at the next census.

What we said we'd do - recruitment

- Recruit 200 new adults into West Lancashire

What we did

- So far, 148 new adult volunteers are working in Groups across the County as a result of the County Development Project; plus 8 new Young Leaders.

How we did it

- Recruited 86 Leaders and 16 Section Assistants
- Recruited 28 members for Group Executive Committees
- Recruited 18 Occasional Helpers



What we said we'd do – legacy

- Create a lasting legacy of development in the County

What we did

- Expanded the ways our adults could access development support and ideas through the introduction of local development forums, workshops and the County Development website.
- Increased the practical resources available to support our adults with their recruitment and development needs.
- Invested in resources to help our adults portray a better brand image when on public display.

How we did it

- The Adult Support Team, County Development Team, Regional and County Development Officers have all joined forces to support the GSLs workshops and Development Forums. These have focussed on sharing best practice for growth and recruitment.
- The County Team developed the Scout Recruiter badge to encourage our adults and young people to recruit new members and earn a badge.
- Continued to build the resources available to our adults, with templates, ideas and posters available through the website. Created new loan resources such as banners, sails and parachutes.



What we said we'd do - strategy

- Develop 3 strategic projects that support adult recruitment in the County – recruiting parents, major employers and former Leaders.

What we did

- Tried and tested various methods of engaging potential adult volunteers

How we did it

- Set up displays and ran recruitment sessions at DWP in Blackpool and Wyre and at Aegon in Lytham.
- Put together a Leader's guide to recruiting parents, containing practical advice which will be launched later in the year.
- Tried different methods of approaching former Leaders to see how effective they are.

Looking forward

There is much still to do if we are to achieve the goals we set ourselves as a County; but I am confident that with the continued drive and passion for Scouting that our Leaders and supporters demonstrate, we will take another big leap in 2011. We offer the most amazing opportunities to our members, whether that is a Beaver Scout spending a night away from home attending a sleepover; an Explorer Scout building an igloo at Snow & Ice; or giving our adults the chance to lead international expeditions. We continue to grow because of the life changing experiences available to every one of our members. We couldn't do it without you and I thank all our adults for getting involved and making such a difference.

Case Study

29th Blackpool Scout Group (Blackpool)

The Boathouse Project is made up of 3 churches in the South Shore area of Blackpool. Its aim is to support young people in the area and encourage them to gain skills for future employment. In addition, they run a number of activity groups for children aged between 8 and 14 years of age.

The youth worker (Laurance) decided a Scout Group would meet the aims of the project and in May 2009 met with Carolyn to talk through the idea. Previously, he had been a GSL in Merseyside before moving to Blackpool. Adults were recruited from within the church to form the Group Executive Committee and the Group was promoted at the local school.

After a fun filled Open Evening in October, Cubs started in early November. Laurance is the GSL and CSL and has an Assistant Leader. They have 19 regular Cubs and 3 Occasional Helpers who support the Leaders.

Funding is always a challenge for new Groups; start-up grants are available from County and HQ totalling £350.00, but they don't stretch far. The Group meet in one of the more deprived areas of Blackpool, so the cost of subs, uniform and equipment was a concern.

The Group were very fortunate and jumped at the chance of a couple of opportunities for funding that came their way. The GSL was talking to a member of the Blackpool South Rotary Club about the new Group and they agreed to fund £181.00 for the Group scarves and the Blackpool Area Forum donated £500.00 towards uniforms.

Carolyn attended a presentation on grants at Gilwell Park, during one of the Development Officer meetings. One grant is for Groups in socially and economically deprived areas – she quickly realised that the 29th fitted all the criteria. She contacted the DGB Funding Manager (Bruce Murdoch) on her return; a form was emailed; a form was filled in; signed off by Carl and funding was granted in under a week - giving the Group a healthy boost of £1563.00.

Finally, the GSL found some information on 'Awards for All' and after some research and a chat with the DC completed the form and submitted it. He successfully gained a grant of £10,000.00 for camping equipment. So all in all - the Group are in a great place financially.

Plans are now in place to start a Scout Troop during the autumn term - so work has begun to recruit some adults for the new section.

Adult Awards

(1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010)

ST GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS - APRIL 2009

SILVER WOLF

George Glover County

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN

Roger Mason County
Steve Williamson Blackpool
Tony Barker Lonsdale
Valerie Vose Lonsdale

SILVER ACORN

Liz McDermott County
Ann Clayton Blackpool
Carol Hornby Blackpool
Margaret Williamson Blackpool
Bill Johnson Fylde
Dave Ridout Preston
Helen Campbell Preston
Bill Greene Lonsdale
Ian Holt South Ribble
Ros Illingworth South Ribble

OTHER AWARDS DURING THE YEAR (1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010)

BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT

Cath Hargreaves	County	Helen MacFaddin	Ormskirk
Richard Cavaghan	Ormskirk	Philip Rowett	Preston
Margaret Iddon	Ormskirk		

AWARD FOR MERIT

Paul Harris	County/ Blackpool	Warren Frost	Preston
Jim Hunter	County	Sue Gornall	Preston
Cath Joyce	County/ Preston	David Griggs	Preston
Bill Roberts	County/ Chorley	David Worden	Preston
Paul Andrew	Fylde	Brian Bissett	South Ribble
Christopher Roberts	Fylde	Christopher Mussell	South Ribble
Carole Wilkinson	Lonsdale	Philip Read	South Ribble
Paul Britton	Ormskirk	Kevin Ripley	South Ribble
Lesley Cavaghan	Ormskirk	Tanya Rollins	South Ribble
Kevin Day	Ormskirk	Andrew Angus	Wyre
Ray Fitzsimmons	Ormskirk	Tony Banks	Wyre
Marian Flavell	Ormskirk	Allan Cookson	Wyre
Alma Lea	Ormskirk	Sharon Campbell	Wyre

Activity Centres Management Board (ACMB)

The past 12 months have been very challenging as, in common with many other campsites, camping numbers have been well down on previous years. This downturn appears to be purely down to the recession. With family income being squeezed, Scout camps have either been cancelled or where once a week-long camp would have been the norm, this has been reduced to a weekend camp.

With fewer camp nights there has also been a reduction in the number of on site activities taken up and obviously this has had an effect on income.

Being aware of this situation the team has worked hard at reducing our utilities costs and we have successfully seen a reduction in gas costs and waste removal costs. The Carbon Footprint team have also arranged for a number of energy saving measures which will quickly give us a payback and cut wastage in the future.

In view of the financial constraints few development projects have been started in the past year. We have however continued with on-going projects and any essential maintenance projects.

The planned development of Moor Crag has been delayed due to legal issues with United Utilities.

These have now been overcome, but regrettably this development could not be completed before the summer season. The project had to be put on hold with the intention of completing it in the Autumn. We have however completed the installation of a new sewage pipe and pumping system at GT, which will address the problems occurring over a number of years.

At Waddecar the new dining shelter for "Bills Meadow" has commenced as part of the Kinleside bequest.

Much of the work for these projects has been carried out by the service crew and voluntary support. I would like to thank all those volunteers, who regularly give up their time and make the development of campsites possible. Their support is essential, not only to develop and improve our campsites, but also to carry out the regular routine maintenance that they do every weekend.





Our thanks should also go to three people who have decided to stand down this year. For many years Alan Salter has been a Water Warden and the County's Senior Sailing Advisor. For the last 10 years Alan has been our RYA Principal Advisor. Alan's unstinting work in developing Moor Crag and representing the centre both inside and outside the movement, has won the Scout County many friends. Bob Singleton who has been our treasurer since 1982, has overseen many changes and been heavily involved in all the Red Rose camps from 1979 until 2004. Much of the detailed financial work building up to and integrating GT into the County was undertaken by Bob. He also established the County Office and ran a parallel system when computers were introduced into our business processes. Bob is still available to the County for help and advice. Maggie King has been our campsites secretary since 1999. She was Senior County Administrative Officer as well as Campsites Co-ordinator. Maggie is now working as our Admin Assistant at GT and also as our voluntary Shops advisor.

Following negotiations with our neighbour Bleasdale Estates, a small parcel of land has been purchased at

Waddecar and resulting from these negotiations a revised land registry registration has been made for the Waddecar site showing West Lancashire's ownership of the land up to the river Brock. Thanks should be given to Carl who led these negotiations.

Finally at the time of writing this report Red Rose 2010 is in the final planning stages. In excess of 1,500 campers are expected at what promises to be an action packed event and I am sure this camp will be a very enjoyable highlight of the GT camping season.

Rob Woodhouse
Chair ACMB.

General Purposes (GP)

Over the year I.T. work has continued in maintaining the County's web site and with upgrading equipment and systems both at Waddecarr / County Office and Great Tower. Monitoring the performance of the satellite based broadband system has demonstrated that the reliability problems associated with our original (B.T.) system have been overcome. However, with significant increased computer usage (accountancy, development work etc), we are seeing limits on access speeds which at busy times can slow down work in the County Office. This system would be unlikely to be able to cope with any proposed on-line booking system. A promising local venture is currently being evaluated to ease this situation.

The asset management system has provided a useful tool in insurance negotiations and financial evaluation of our assets. We should look to widen its use to identify and publicise our equipment to facilitate increased access to and usage of this.

Over the year a start has been made on a study as to how we could recover and/or prevent incidents (e.g. a major fire in the County Office) which could reduce the County's effective commercial and administrative operations. Already as a result of early work, action has been taken to provide a computer back up facility remote from the County Office building and to provide fire proof storage for important paper working documents.

Other support work in the areas of administration / archives, fire safety, advising, monitoring and defining our response to any new initiatives in environmental legislation has continued as required.

Again insurance cost increases have been minimised and an alternative to the Headquarters casual insurance scheme developed.

Once again many thanks are extended to all those who have contributed to the work of this committee for their extensive and effective work.

Roger Mason

Chair of General Purposes Committee.

August 2009 we had recovered all of our investment, plus interest and would like to thank all the people who were involved in the recovery of these monies. The money recovered has now been re invested in several different financial institutions.

The Charity's investment portfolio closed the financial year at a value of some £879,000. This represents an increase of some 30% after adjusting for the income payments and is in line with the benchmark index. The past twelve months have seen a recovery in financial markets which were staring into the abyss in March 2009. As the collapse of the financial system was avoided by public sector intervention and the prospect of another Depression faded, asset prices recovered. The portfolio was well positioned to benefit from this recovery as both equities and corporate bonds enjoyed resurgence. Over the second half of the financial year our investment managers took a more cautious approach and have positioned the portfolio more defensively. Although it has lagged the benchmark over the past two quarters they do still have some concerns that some valuations may have begun to move ahead of themselves and have avoided chasing some of the more spectacular performers. Although they do not expect to revisit last years lows, the obvious mis-pricing has long since disappeared and they do not anticipate progress to continue at this rate.

With interest rates at an all time historic low and dividend yields likely to remain suppressed for some time the rental income being achieved is a far greater return than the return currently being generated from either the County's listed investments or bank deposits. Based on anticipated rents for the coming year of some £45,000 (before agent's fees and other costs) and using the existing carrying value of £795,000 then the forecast return is some 5.7% which in the opinion of the trustees is, at the moment, very attractive and would be hard to beat.

The Charity has again received significant grants from various sources including Lancashire County Council, The Scout Association and The Forestry Commission. The Trustees would like to express their appreciation and thanks to these and all the other grant donors as they are providing the necessary funding to maintain the current activity levels.

The Trustees value the contribution made to the Charity by both its paid and volunteer staff and consider that good communications and relationships with its people and its members to be very important and make relevant information available to all. The success of the Charity can only be put down to its people, uniformed and non-uniformed leaders, supporters and of course its young people. THANK YOU ALL.

Cath Joyce

County Treasurer.

Treasurers Report

You may recall that last year we reported that we had £144,356 held on deposit with Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander Limited, a UK subsidiary of an Icelandic banking group, which went into Administration in October 2008. We are pleased to report that by

Summary Financial Statements

Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2010

	2010 £	2009 £
Incoming resources		
Donations and grants	51,708	71,561
Activity centres income	441,809	502,289
Surplus on membership subscriptions	3,885	3,550
Expeditions & Adventurous Activities	-	87,535
Scouting activities, training & sections	87,653	89,451
Other income	3,818	3,356
Rental and investment income	71,674	76,835
Interest	2,130	12,220
	<u>662,677</u>	<u>846,797</u>
Resources expended		
Staff costs	197,012	181,397
Costs of generating funds	24,858	11,110
Activity centres operating costs	293,783	280,302
Depreciation and profit on sale	29,871	28,427
Expeditions & Adventurous Activities	31	87,300
World Scout Youth Event and other events	8,000	8,000
Scouting activities, training & sections	96,562	102,659
Management, administration and other costs	51,799	59,356
	<u>701,916</u>	<u>758,551</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year	(39,239)	88,246
<i>Revaluation of investment assets:</i>		
Gains on investment properties	-	-
Gain/(losses) on listed investments	206,393	(259,153)
	<u>167,154</u>	<u>(170,907)</u>
Net movement in funds	167,154	(170,907)
Total funds brought forward	2,394,356	2,565,263
	<u>2,561,510</u>	<u>2,394,356</u>
Total funds carried forward	2,561,510	2,394,356

Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2010

	2010 £	2009 £
Fixed assets (inc rental properties)	1,319,533	1,296,213
Listed investments	879,124	721,788
	<u>2,198,657</u>	<u>2,018,001</u>
Current assets	567,601	591,079
Less: Current liabilities	(204,748)	(214,724)
	<u>362,853</u>	<u>376,355</u>
Net current assets	362,853	376,355
	<u>2,561,510</u>	<u>2,394,356</u>
Net assets	2,561,510	2,394,356
Funds		
General	53,258	70,715
Designated	2,490,910	2,306,411
Restricted	17,342	17,230
	<u>2,561,510</u>	<u>2,394,356</u>

Statement of the Trustees

The Trustees report and financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 1 July 2010. They will be submitted to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting.

The full Trustees' report, audit report and financial statements, which contain the full details of the financial affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2009, may be obtained from:

The County Secretary
West Lancashire County Scout Council
Waddecarr Scout Activity Centre
Snape Rake Lane, Goosnargh
Preston, Lancashire, PR3 2EU

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



CA Joyce ACCA
County Treasurer



MA Simpson
County Chair

Independent Auditor's Report

We have examined the charity's summary financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2010. This report is made solely to the trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act and SORP 2005. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report or the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

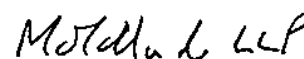
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and annual financial statements. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement with the annual financial statements.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with bulletin 2008/03 "The auditors' statement on Summary Financial Statements" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the UK.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the trustees report and annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010 and complies with the applicable requirements of the Charities Act and SORP 2005.



McMillan & Co LLP
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1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010

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The Lord Wade of Chorlton KT

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Baroness Josie Farrington of Ribbleton

Roy Fisher MBE, JP, DL

Mrs Jean Frew

Mr Tom Frew

Mr Bill Hargreaves

Mr Colin Ovenden MBE

Mr Eric Thompson Dip Arch, RIBA

Mr Brian Woodburn

Mr Rex Wolstenholme

COUNTY TRUSTEES

Mr Carl Hankinson	County Commissioner & Chair of the County Team
Mr Mike Simpson	County Chairman
Dr Tony Andrews	Deputy County Chairman
Mr David Thornton	County Secretary & Chair of the Appointment Committee
Mrs Cath Joyce	County Treasurer
Mrs Kerry Houghton	Chair – Finance & Fund Raising Committee
Mr Bernard Pendlebury (to 17th September 2009)	Chair – Activity Centres Management Board
Mr Rob Woodhouse (from 17th September 2009)	Chair – Activity Centres Management Board
Mr Roger Mason	Chair – General Purposes Committee
Mr Ian Lonsdale	County Scout Network Commissioner
Miss Charlotte Watkinson (to 17th September 2009)	Scout Network Representative
Mr Sam Booth (to 17th September 2009)	Scout Network Representative
Mr Steve Williamson	County Trustee for Blackpool
Mr Chris Moss	County Trustee for Chorley
Mr George Long (to 17th September 2009)	County Trustee for Lonsdale
Mr Terry Bond (from 17th September 2009)	County Trustee for Lonsdale
Mr Peter Smith (to 17th September 2009)	County Trustee for Ormskirk
Mrs Sue Goldstraw (from 17th September 2009)	County Trustee for Ormskirk
Mrs Judith Jamieson	County Trustee for Preston
Mrs Susan Sullivan	County Trustee for South Ribble
Mr David Baker (to 17th September 2009)	County Trustee for Wyre
Mr David Simpson (from 17th September 2009)	County Trustee for Wyre

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Mrs Liz McDermott (retired 31st March 2010)	Deputy County Commissioner
Mr George Lowe	Deputy County Commissioner
Mr Pete Sturgess	County Principal Officer

OTHER OFFICIALS

Mr Chris Creelman (to 28th February 2010)	Regional Commissioner for North West England
Mr Chris Harris (from 1st March 2010)	Regional Commissioner for North West England
Ms Lynn Oldham	Regional Development Manager

West Lancashire County Scout Council

Legal and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number	521712
Tax Exemption Number	X89058
Governing Instrument	The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association by authority of a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.
Aims	<p>The Aim of the Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.</p> <p>The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.</p>

Principal Bankers

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
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7 Grimshaw Street, BURNLEY, Lancashire BB11 2AS

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17/18 Cannon Street, PRESTON, Lancashire PR1 3NR

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Current County Personnel - as at August 2010

VOLUNTEERS

COUNTY OFFICIALS & COMMISSIONERS

County Commissioner	Carl Hankinson	County Archivist	Michael Loomes
Deputy County Commissioner	George Lowe	Organising Commissioner	Pete Sturgess
County Chairman	Mike Simpson	County Badge & Awards Sec	Bob Taylor
Deputy County Chairman	Tony Andrews	County Appointments Sec	Valerie Holland
County Secretary	David Thornton	County Administrator	Anne Clark
County Treasurer	Cath Joyce	County Administrator	Maggie King
Scout Network Commissioner	Ian Lonsdale	Training Course Administrator	Carolyn Kirkham

ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ACC Beaver Scouts	Cath Hargreaves	ACC International	Steve Morton
ACC Cub Scouts	Paul Harris	ACC Development	Jim Hunter
ACC Scouts	David Marsh	Media Development Manager	Debbie Mather
ACC Explorer Scouts	Hugh Miller	ACC Adult Support	Ray Hardman
ACC Activities	Joe Ashworth	ACC Expeditions	Dick Griffiths
Scout Active Support	Cyril Crossley	County Training Manager	Fiona Jackson

COUNTY ACTIVITIES TEAM

Activity Registrar	Ash Green	Scouting Skills	Mick Harvey
Air Activities	Ian Grace	Shooting	John Lloyd
Archery	Ron Chattington	Snow Sports	Dick Griffiths
Caving	Rachael Platt	Swimming	VACANT
Climbing / Abseiling	Geoff Lyons	Walking	Geoff Lyons
Fencing	Phil Fairclough	Powerboat	VACANT
Lancashire Heritage	Roy Smith	Riding / Trekking	Katharine Edwards
Land Activities	Geoff Lyons	Paddle sports	Stuart Dean
Orienteering	Bob Nash	Sail Sports	Kevin Day
Nights Away	Neil Roberts		

COUNTY ADVISORS

Asset Manager	Roy Chadwick	Human Resources	Janet Ambler
Building Regulations	Ian Holland	Fundraising	John Lawson
Faiths & Beliefs	Vacant	Information Technology	Peter Willingham
Safety in Scouting	Richard Craig	Insurance	Colin Monks
Diversity & Inclusion	Jim Hunter	Safeguarding	Val Holland

COUNTY SCOUTERS

Beaver Scouts	Pauline Taylor	Explorer Scouts	Chris Lomas
	Fiona Jackson		Simon McGlen
Cub Scouts	Tom Gibson		Cathie Metcalf
	Paul Britton	Scout Network	Jenny Macdonald
	Ruth Abbey		Chris Horsfall
Scouts	Nick Kasmir		Julie Paton
	Phil Haworth		
	Pauline Worthington		
	Matt Spencer		

COUNTY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Finance & Fund Raising	Kerry Houghton	Activity Centre Management	Rob Woodhouse
	Brendon Drury (Deputy)		Bernard Pendlebury (Deputy)
General Purposes	Roger Mason	Appointments	David Thornton
	Jonathan Abbey (Deputy)		

EMPLOYEES

Principal Officer	Pete Sturgess	Activity Centre Warden	Bill Davison (South Lakes)
Senior Admin Officer	Ian Holt	Activity Centre Warden	Mick Lovatt (Waddecarr)
Assistant Admin Officer	Sheila Steel	County Development Officers	Barbara Hughes
Finance Officer	Sandra Sowerbutts		Carolyn Kirkham



Great Tower Scout Activity Centre

In the Lake District National Park



Waddecar Scout Activity Centre

In North Lancashire's Forest of Bowland

Both Waddecar and Great Tower look forward to seeing you back in 2011

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