

# 365 DAYS OF ADVENTURE. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED...

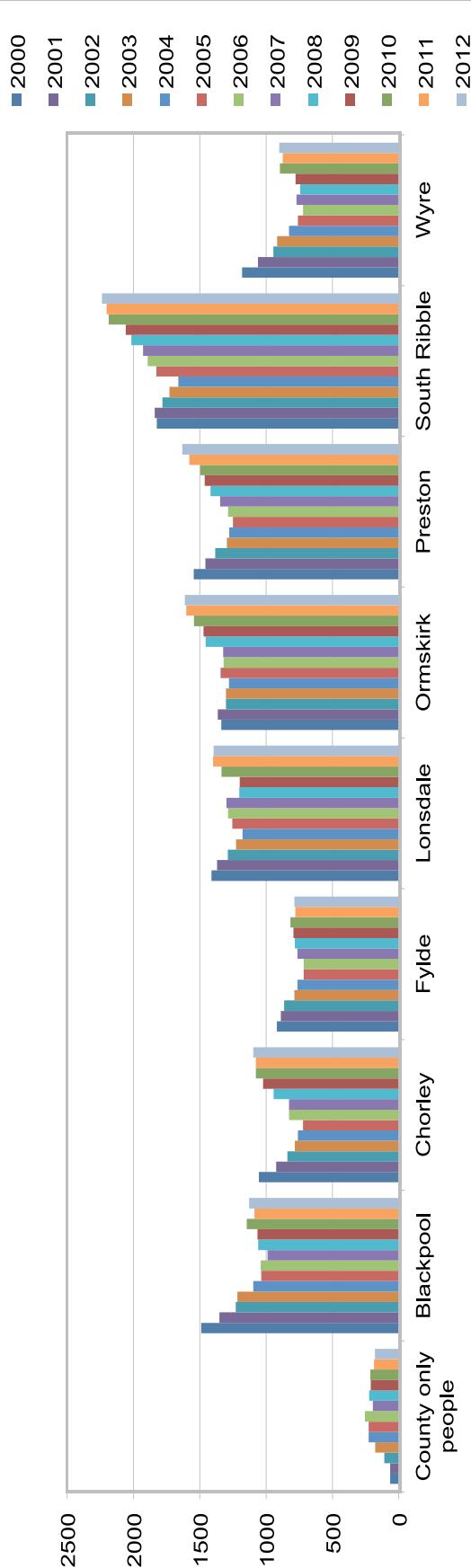
West Lancashire Scouts Annual Report  
Year Ending 31st March 2012



## Comparison by Year

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% change
<b>County only people</b>	64	64	108	178	226	255	196	223	211	214	187	180	180	-3.80%
<b>Blackpool</b>	1489	1352	1228	1217	1097	1036	1041	989	1059	1065	1146	1087	1128	3.80%
<b>Chorley</b>	924	840	783	761	721	827	944	1023	1077	1077	1097	1097	1097	1.80%
<b>Fylde</b>	918	889	865	786	764	716	716	784	793	817	780	787	787	0.80%
<b>Lonsdale</b>	1411	1369	1289	1226	1178	1255	1286	1299	1202	1199	1336	1400	1396	-0.10%
<b>Ormskirk</b>	1338	1365	1303	1303	1279	1343	1321	1324	1456	1472	1544	1601	1612	0.60%
<b>Preston</b>	1546	1458	1383	1296	1278	1249	1287	1347	1418	1462	1496	1579	1632	3.30%
<b>South Ribble</b>	1824	1840	1781	1729	1661	1828	1892	1928	2015	2058	2186	2203	2238	1.60%
<b>Wyre</b>	1181	1061	946	917	828	760	722	770	742	778	895	874	901	3.00%
<b>District Totals</b>	10762	10258	9635	9257	8846	8908	9092	9247	9620	9850	10497	10524	10791	1.00%
Number of Groups	182	185	178	163	158	156	154	148	147	145	150	148	148	No change
Beaver Scouts	2516	2364	2167	2175	2068	2061	2134	2131	2259	2246	2486	2528	2502	-1.10%
Cub Scouts	3220	3009	2730	2600	2540	2613	2540	2578	2710	2839	2810	2923	4.00%	
Scouts	3495	3220	3053	1932	1818	1840	1882	1992	2124	2207	2277	2309	2297	0.50%
Venture Scouts	2158	2133	429	407	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Explorer Scouts	412	429	407	299	459	544	510	540	638	660	690	765	844	10.30%
Scout Network				120	131	131	165	110	106	104	110	97	67	-30.90%
Network Registered Elsewhere				46	37	63	64	113	98	96	64	58	92	58.60%
Act Support (Fellowship)	206	232	297	189	226	227	205	206	209	229	216	212	218	2.80%
<b>Total Scout County</b>	<b>10826</b>	<b>10348</b>	<b>9742</b>	<b>9435</b>	<b>9072</b>	<b>9134</b>	<b>9347</b>	<b>9443</b>	<b>9843</b>	<b>10061</b>	<b>10711</b>	<b>10788</b>	<b>10971</b>	<b>1.70%</b>

## District Numbers over last 13 years



# Our President

When I accepted the invitation to become President of West Lancs Scouts, one of the main reasons was the nature of the organisation. It was not only the service it provided but the willingness to accept change and be flexible in order to meet the needs of its young members.

My first year as President has been largely one of meeting people and getting to know the organisation better. I must say that this year has only reinforced my reasons for wanting to be involved. I have been so impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of all those I have met, and in seeing how much our young people enjoy and benefit from the programme.

I felt particularly honoured to be able to share the St George's Day parade at Windsor with so many young people and Leaders being honoured by the Queen herself, in her Jubilee year, for their achievements in Scouting. Well done to all.

I know I am following in illustrious footsteps with Lord Derby and Lord Wade as my predecessors. I am particularly grateful to Lord Wade for his generous welcome and kindness in his hand over. I have much to live up to and I will do my best to help the County grow and prosper in the coming year.

**Gail Stanley**  
County President

## Chairman's Foreword

My first reaction in setting out to write this foreword was to label the past year as a year of transition as we moved into a new era without Great Tower to manage, but with decisions to make about what to invest in for the future. However when reading the report and thinking back on all that has been achieved in the year there was certainly no pause while the transition was happening. The report is a great tribute to the work of all our volunteers and staff and to the quality of our young people.

There has been transition though. In our first year without Great Tower, we had deliberately chosen to give ourselves the year to consult over where the County should be going in the future and in particular how we could make best use of the resources freed up, both financial and human. There has been some excellent work done by Dick Griffiths and his team in leading a very extensive consultation on the Strategic Plan and in compiling the results of that consultation. It was important, at this stage of the County's progress that everyone had the opportunity to have an input into the development of the plan and thanks are due to all who contributed. I said last year that we would hope to be in a position to start to implement the plan by this time this year. The team achieved their programme. When the Executive came to look at the results though, it was felt that, with such a major document, it would be helpful for people to have a little more time to reflect on the conclusions and ensure that everyone understood and owned the key messages. Consultation on the final document, the Vision for 2018, was thus extended to the end of August. So the plan will not be available for the AGM but we should still be moving to an exciting period of implementation in the coming year.



It is pleasing to note that despite the loss of income from Great Tower, the financial picture remains sound. This is a tribute to good management, improved budgeting procedures and the new accounting systems. Again thanks to all those involved in designing and implementing them.

There was also a transition from the Activity Centres Management Board to the Waddecar Management Committee. The new committee had very little time to get used to each other before they had to handle a major issue. The complete renewal of the Waddecar sewage system is the biggest single investment West Lancs Scouts have made. While the results of the works should not be apparent to the users of the site, without it the site would effectively have had to close. Getting the project right took considerable effort with the result that it proved impossible to complete the first main phase of work before the camping season began in earnest. Again it has been a tribute to good management (and the patience of our users) that the disruption has been minimised and activities have been able to continue as planned despite the work.

Another major transition was the first year in office of our new President, Gail Stanley. We were able to mark the end of Lord Wade's term of office with a lunch and presentation at Leyland Golf Club which was extremely well attended and very much appreciated by Lord Wade. Gail has proved to be a most able successor. She has impressed wherever she has gone with her enthusiasm and commitment. West Lancs has perhaps been quite inward looking in recent years. While the centre of our activities must always be the Scouting programme, there is much that can be done to help the delivery of that programme and the development of Scouting with a higher profile in the community, partnerships with local organisations and a wider membership of the Scout Council. I am sure Gail will bring a great deal to West Lancs in the coming years both in encouraging members and building wider contacts.

One transition I am pleased we did not have to undergo this year was that of a new County Commissioner. Carl Hankinson's commission was extended at the turn of the year for a further three years. Carl has achieved a great deal in West Lancs both on the Scouting activities front and in updating the administration of the County. He has been instrumental in sorting out a number of neglected areas from deeds for properties, to staff management. He has put the management of the County on a very sound footing. It is appropriate that he will remain in post to see the definition of the vision for the County in the new strategic plan and to start the process of implementation.

So I pay tribute to what has been achieved in the past year and look forward with some enthusiasm to an exciting year ahead.

**Mike Simpson**  
County Chairman

# County Commissioners Report

I've often wondered when routinely repeating something starts to be described as a 'tradition'? I'd like to think after 8 years of continued growth in our membership we could claim that it is a tradition in West Lancashire that we grow our membership every year? I hope so. We celebrated a repeated growth of 10% in our Explorer Scout section. Other organisations struggle to work with teenagers and yet our provision continues to thrive, most notably in our Young Leader provision. 510 Sections working with young people aged 6-25 meet each week across West Lancashire offering over 1,000 hours of voluntary youth provision and let's not begin to calculate the activities we offer every weekend on top of that. As ever it is our 2,300 adult volunteers who must be applauded for the opportunities and guidance they provide to 8,700 young people.

We entered the second phase of our development project this year. Carolyn Kirkham retired with our best wishes and was replaced by Andy Marsden to work alongside Barbara Hughes. They continue to support all eight of our Districts to offer our existing Groups support and assist where possible to open new Sections. This represents a significant financial investment and is support the Scout County

proudly provides. They are both excellent and we're lucky to have two such able and determined people. I do encourage you to read the centre pages of this report in which we share some of the detailed work they've undertaken.

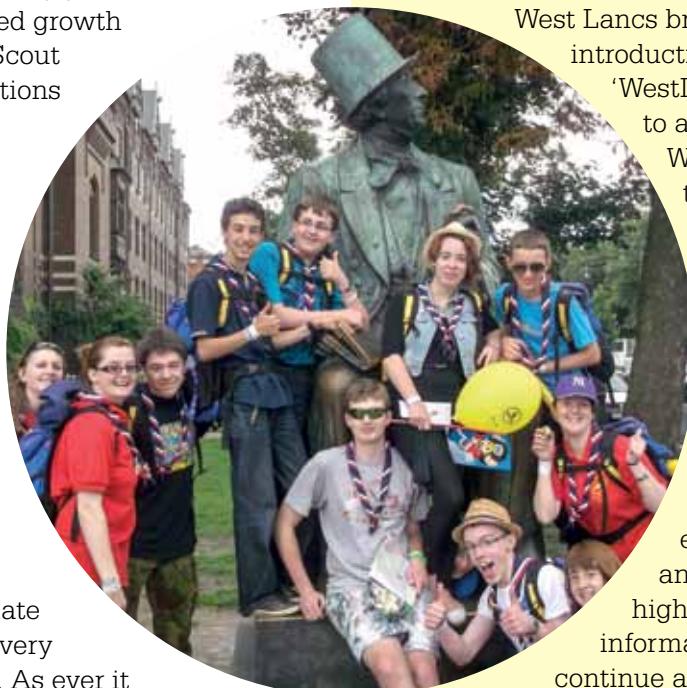
We have redoubled our efforts with our external media team to raise our profile in the wider community. Pete Sturgess has developed a team with MDM's and specialist role holders and we are already beginning to see the results of this effort. This work has proceeded in tandem with our communications work led

by Chris Lomas. Many will see an improved

West Lancs branding and the introduction of a fortnightly 'WestLancs+' email directly to all our adult members.

We have combined these emails with a heightened presence in social media outlets and a refreshed website. These are particularly exciting developments given the continued hunger we have to offer a relevant image and ensure all our members and supporters receive high quality and appropriate information. This journey will continue as we look to roll out further initiatives and strengthen the team with interested individuals to assist.

Our youth programme continues to be our main priority and we have been concentrating on two key areas. Firstly it is very encouraging to see the number of Chief Scout's and Queen's Scout awards being earned increasing. This year saw the first evening for the Explorer Scout section where Suzie Reynolds ably presented the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond awards. No doubt this will be a permanent fixture in our calendar and is a fitting addition



as we celebrate 10 years of Explorer Scouting & Scout Network. By any measure these Sections have been more successful than the previous Venture Scout Section. It's especially noteworthy to record that about third of all Explorer Scouts, some 350 teenagers, are 'Young Leaders'. In addition to their own Scouting they have undertaken to complete a series of specialist modules which assists them to develop their own leadership skills. A hallmark of many successful Sections is where young leaders work with the adult leadership team to provide the programme. When we look at our Scout Network and adult volunteer appointments we have over 470 aged 18-25 yr olds in West Lancashire. This is very encouraging news indeed and bodes well for the future stability and success of our County.

Our second key area where we place equal importance in is increasing the number of nights away for our youth members. Camping and outdoor activities are the bedrock of the experience we provide to young people. Concentrating on this, an ever increasing number of Beaver Scouts experienced this very first 'night away'. It ensures that the rest of the weekly programmes are slanted towards a variety of outdoor activities. We need to guard against merely swapping the school room for

the Scout room as young people flock to join us exactly because we can offer alternative

experiences to them. If we needed any more testaments to that claim then we need to look no further than our overseas programme. 2012 will be one of our most ambitious years with an Explorer Scout expedition to the Ardennes in Belgium, a mountaineering expedition to the Canadian

Alps, an Explorer Belt to Romania, a kayaking trip to East Greenland and community projects to both Peru in the summer and Nepal at Christmas. Now come on, you can't help but be impressed when reading this list!

Ensuring we offer safe and yet exciting Scouting

requires us to ensure our adult volunteers are supported accordingly. We are strengthening this support with the introduction of a mandatory safety module to be completed by new and existing volunteers. This is welcomed and during this transition our training team needs to build the capability to offer this in sufficient sessions to accommodate everyone. This will underpin some of the key support we offer during the induction offered to an ever increasing number of new volunteers. This is welcome news as we remain ambitious to grow our membership and need the adult volunteers to satisfy our desire to ensure all young people can join Scouting. After all, if the Duchess of Cambridge can volunteer flexibly in Anglesey I'm sure others can find the time here in West Lancashire.

In many ways this past twelve months has been a period of transition. We have slightly changed the direction of the Scout County having a reduced staff and standing down from our responsibilities at Great Tower. We've certainly built some overdue capability into our communications and branding. Our programme is stronger and our overseas offering is second to none. It's pleasing to see our development work have a renewed impetus and under the leadership of our County Executive we have started to plan for the next number of years to support 'Vision 2018'. These are exciting times for Scouting and I conclude by thanking all of our volunteers, supporters, funders and friends who help in the adventure. West Lancashire is successful and yet we are restless to do more; that ambition taps into our enthusiasm and belief in helping young people. I'm proud to be a West Lancashire Scout, and I hope you are too.

**Carl Hankinson**

County Commissioner  
West Lancashire Scouts



# Training Sections



Beavers Scouts is the section for boys and girls aged 6 to 8. In West Lancashire we have 2502 Beavers in 151 Colonies

What a busy year our Beaver Scouts have had, enthuses **Cath Hargreaves**, our Assistant County Commissioner (ACC)! It was our 25th Birthday and there was lots of fun and birthday cake to be enjoyed both in our Districts and at our County Birthday Bash.

We also had some changes within the Section around Nights Away and it was great to hear that the Beaver Scouts can now go



camping and are no longer restricted to 24 hours for a sleepover but now have a more flexible one night away.

Our first Colony had their camping sleepover in May and there have been Colonies taking their Beaver Scouts camping through the summer season. There are a number of Leaders who are looking to upgrade their Nights Away Permit to Camping so that they can camp this summer.

A massive well done to Blackpool District where every Colony in the District had a sleepover – they've laid down the challenge to the other Districts to try to match this fantastic achievement.

It's always great to be invited to see our Beaver Scouts be presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award and this year we have

had over 450 being presented which is a great accomplishment.

With our birthday year behind us our focus for the next twelve months is to have 24 Beaver Scouts in as many of our Colonies as possible, reduce our joining lists and to continue to support our Leaders with the balanced programme and Nights Away.



Cub Scouts is the section for boys and girls aged 8 to 10.5. In West Lancashire we have 2923 Cub Scouts in 161 Packs

**Paul Harris** (ACC) says that the Cub Scout Section has once again seen a busy year with a huge mixture of events and activities taking place across the County. Programmes and events run as part of County and District calendars have been important in ensuring that the Cub Scouts have opportunity for Fun, Challenge and Adventure and events this year have been bigger and better than ever.

The Cub Section has always been progressive and it was great to see so many Groups taking an opportunity to take part in residential experiences and Pack programmes away from the normal meeting place. These experiences enhance an already exciting programme but also give Cub Scouts key skills they will build and develop throughout their Scouting.

The programme and events run across our County have enabled more Chief Scout's Silver awards to be gained than ever before. Many Districts saw not just an increase in the number being presented but also a wider spread of Groups with Cubs achieving this prestigious award. Paul was especially pleased to be invited to share some special evenings organised by Districts to recognise the achievement of the Cub Scouts.

Leader training continues to change and develop under the new team. With two full courses it was great to meet new and enthusiastic Leaders who will inspire our Cub Scouts and ensure that the Section continues to grow and develop.



The numbers of Cub Scouts saw an increase again this year. With the hard work being completed within the Packs, Districts and County it is encouraging to think that more young people are benefiting from what the Section has to offer.

My thanks go to all the Pack Leaders, District teams and to Tom, Ruth & Paul from the County Cub team for their hard work, passion and enthusiasm for the Section over the past 12 months



## SCOUTS

Scouts is the section for boys and girls aged 10.5 to 14. In West Lancashire we have 2297 Scouts in 142 Troops

has been increased to four. An active, dynamic, co-ordination team continues to develop the way the award is implemented, awarded and presented.

The change to Sectional Leader Training went ahead with seamless implementation, and continues to get exceptional results and positive feedback. Karen Trafford has been welcomed to the training team.

**Dave Marsh**, (ACC), is delighted at the increased numbers of Scouts achieving their Chief Scout's Gold award. So many are now being awarded, that the annual number of presentation nights

Eighty seven enthusiastic Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders attended the County PL forum at County Rally, supported by an experienced County team, who also offer support to District and County forums and through to the Regional PL forum. The team are confident that our young people feel empowered, that they are being listened to, and have a voice.

The County Scout Team actively supports the County Development Plan, including the development and support of Assistant District Commissioners and District Scout Leaders, sharing best practices, ideas and methods.

The annual census indicates that a large number of Cubs will be joining the Section in the next few years, and various projects are underway to look at retention, and to develop the Moving-on Award, through the use of a road map into Scouts. A similar project that supports the huge growth in the Explorer Section will also be implemented.



Explorer Scouts is the section for young people aged 14 to 18. In West Lancashire we have 844 Explorer Scouts in 56 Units. Of those 327 are in the Young Leaders scheme

The Explorer Section continued its rapid expansion with a 10% increase during the year, taking membership to nearly 850 with new Units opened in Lancaster, Morecambe & Great Eccleston, reports **Hugh Miller** (ACC).

International expeditions,

adventurous activities and County Explorer camps continue to be identified as highlights by Explorers and Leaders alike and key to the continued success of the Section.

Support for awards, and particularly the operation of the Duke of Edinburgh's award within the Scout



programme, was a focus of the year with implementation of new online administration and two courses to update Leaders on changes to requirements. Achievements of members were recognised at our first County presentation evening for Platinum and Diamond Chief Scout's Awards. This event is expected to be a regular feature of future years.

The Young Leader Scheme remains a great success with some 350 Explorer Scouts supporting other Sections on a regular basis. Support and training for Young Leaders was further developed through contributions to national project work to review the Young Leaders' Scheme and through sharing of skills and ideas at the County Young Leaders' Camp.

Involvement of Explorer Scouts in planning and running the programme is critical to the success of the Section. Opportunities for Explorer Scouts to focus on developing leadership, communication and organisational skills required were provided by the return of the Getting Organised courses.

The coming year will see Explorer Scouts celebrating 10 years of the Section as well as continued growth for the Section with plans already in place for new Units in Blackpool and South Ribble.

## NETWORK

Members aged 18 to 25 can opt to join the Scout Network. In West Lancashire we have 67 Network members in addition to the 92 having adult appointments as leaders or assisting in Groups.

It has been a year of celebration for Scout Network as its members and supporters enjoyed the 10th anniversary of the National Scout Network Gathering, held over the Easter



holidays at Great Tower Activity Centre.

**Julie Paton** (Network Commissioner) was also extremely proud to have held a local Queen's Scout Award presentation, the first for ten years, after the successful completion of sixteen Queen's Scout Awards this year. We were honoured to have Lord Shuttleworth, the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire to present the awards.

Their achievement was heightened by the Queen's attendance at the Windsor Parade a few days later.

This year has seen a significant rise in the number of Leaders between 18 & 25 who are enhancing their personal Scouting enjoyment alongside their existing leadership commitments as they embrace the fun and exciting activities and opportunities available to them within the Section. To complement these numbers strong links are being forged with the Explorer Section, which is starting to pay dividends, and additional County Network Leaders are being appointed to support this vibrant Section.



# Support Sections

## Training

2011-12 was another good year for training in West Lancs, says **Fiona Jackson!**

Course Directors and their teams were kept busy with the well established courses again, attracting more than 270 participants to ensure they have the latest information, share ideas and enhance their skills to pass on to their young people through exciting programmes.

Not to be outdone the Local Training Managers have provided 45 opportunities across the County for Leaders to complete Getting Started & Safeguarding Awareness within the five month timescale as well as supporting Leaders through their validation. All this has ultimately resulted in 119 leaders being awarded their Wood Badges. Congratulations to them all for achieving their goal.

Training Advisors play a pivotal role in a Leader's learning, helping them determine what training they need to complete and guiding them through the validation process. In recognition of this, support for Training Advisors is a key focus for us as a County but also as a Region. Watch out later in the year for information detailing an event aimed specifically at Training Advisors across the County. The year ahead promises to be as busy as ever as we look to provide additional mid-week evening training sessions to enable Leaders to have more flexible opportunities to complete their training.

Particular thanks must go to Carolyn and Val for maintaining the administration and finance aspects. Fiona added that they kept me on track as well as saving me a great deal of time and stress!

## International

**Steve Morton** (ACC), will tell you that 2011/12 was yet another year building on the reputation West Lancs Scouts have earned for carrying out



many exciting international visits. As well as the County Unit taking part in the World Scout Jamboree held in Sweden, many of our adult volunteers also took part as staff. The Jamboree Unit's post Jamboree visit to Poland was another memorable addition to the Jamboree itself. Other West Lancs members took part in Jamborees in Holland and Serbia. Additionally our members visited Denmark, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Ireland.

January 2012 saw our first visit abroad by the Cub Scout Section who visited Paris. Global Awareness is integral to the programme for all Sections, and during this year we built on strong foundations with World Wide Waddecar for our Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts, and book collections for our new partnership charity, Bookbridge.

Others took part in awareness and fundraising events for existing charity partnerships, Save the Children, and the disaster relief charity Shelterbox.

The County International Team's annual International Night was another resounding success, providing an opportunity to showcase the global programme experiences during the year and the many exciting opportunities in the forthcoming year.

### Activities

West Lancs Scouts continues to offer a wider range of activities to young people and adults. Activities range from nights away experiences to significant adventures within the UK and abroad.

The ability to provide safe / quality experiences for our young people is

underpinned by our trainers and County Assessors who deliver and control the various permit schemes. The key to the success of the activities is a culture of "can do" and utilising the Scouting framework as an enabler.

**Joe Ashworth** (ACC Adventurous Activities) will tell you that a key feature of the Activity Team is the Activity Groups. These provide a



focal point for their activity with the aims of:

- Growing and maintaining skills
- Generating trained Leaders to support the Scouting programme.
- Linkage to National Governing Bodies to ensure concurrency with evolving techniques and standards.

Annual activities such as The Bowlander and The Mountain Activity Challenge continue to provide young people with the opportunity to undertake an expedition whilst being remotely supervised. The unique experiences (and navigation choices!!) provide a foundation for future expeditions further afield. Thanks must go to all the Section Leaders who provide the training to get the young people ready, and also to the event support staff, who quite often spend many hours on checkpoints in all weathers providing the safety structure that enables the events to be undertaken.

In addition to our annual events, the skills and Leaders generated by activities infrastructure have also supported numerous one-off expeditions and events across the County and worldwide.

### Scout Active Support Unit (SASU)

So if we're not just for Tea, Coffee & Car Parking, what are West Lancs Scout Active Supporters doing, asks **Ian Lonsdale** (ACC Active Support)?



Quite simply we are flexible, adaptable teams of volunteers who support the Scouting adventure in West Lancs. So if we're not brewing up and car parking, just what did we do last year and what can we offer you to help deliver your adventure?

Well how about...

Astronomers to AGM supporters, Beaver birthday parties to Bouldering, Canoeing to Catering, Dry stone walling to Dragon Boating, Event support to Equipment maintenance, Fencing to First Aid, Gorge Walking to Gang Shows, High ropes to Hill walking, Ice climbing to Insurance sorting, Job description writers to Just for fun programme ideas, Kayaking to Kit Checks, Leadership training to letter writing, Marshalling to Minibus driving, Narrow boating to Newsletter production, Outdoor activities to Outward Bound days, Parades to Pond-dipping, Queens Scout award presentations to Quad Biking, Raft building to Radio stations, Service Crew to Shooting, Tent pitching to Theatre Lighting, Underground exploration leading to Uniform ironers, Volunteer instructors to Video production, Water Sport instructors to Weekends away, Xmas parties to Xylophone lessons (OK, we probably didn't do that), Young people safety training to Yachting. Next year we're hoping to include some trips to the Zoo...

We also welcomed a brand new Active Support Unit as the West Lancs Water Sports Scout

Active Support Unit was born! Known more simply as SplASHU ('cos it's less of a mouthful!) the primary aim of the Unit is to support and promote water based activities for Scouts in and around West Lancashire.

With a wealth of experience and contacts we're certain to be able to support in some way or another so whatever you're planning, speak to your ASU co-ordinator – you might just be surprised what we can do!

**West Lancs Scout Active Support – helping deliver the adventure!**

### **Safeguarding**

It is the policy of the Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all Members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

With this in mind **Valerie Holland** our Safeguarding Co-ordinator reports that it is her responsibility to ensure that there is up to date, appropriate training available and delivered throughout West Lancashire giving additional support where necessary.





Safeguarding training continues to be delivered both to adults new to Scouting, and at appropriate times in their Scouting careers, by capable safeguarding presenters at a local level.

During this year training has also been delivered to young people based on the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) programme. CEOP is a Government law enforcement agency focused on child protection and aims to protect young people from the fear of sexual abuse both in the real world and online. Within West Lancashire there are 4 CEOP Ambassadors who are willing to arrange appropriate training for young people or adults as required.

Our adults and young people deserve to enjoy Scouting safely and we are all doing our best to achieve this.

### Major Events Group (MEG)

Chairman **Dick Griffiths**, says that the role of MEG is to try and ensure that the County's finances and reputation are not compromised, and that the County's overseas trips conform to British Standard 8848 (Specification for the provision of visits, fieldwork, expeditions, and adventurous activities, outside the United Kingdom). MEG met on 4 occasions during

the year to monitor the finalisation of the 2010 projects, the implementation of the four big 2011 overseas projects (Ardennes Adventure, County Contingent to the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, the Serbian International Jamboree, and the Mountaineering Expedition to Saas Grund, Switzerland), and reviewing progress on the seven current 2012 overseas projects (Ardennes Adventure, Explorer Belt – Romania & Bulgaria, Peru Community Project, Trans-Canadian Rockies Mountaineering Expedition, East Greenland Sea Kayaking, Himalayan Highlights Nepal, and Go Alpine 2013). Over the two year period, the aforementioned trips have provided exciting overseas opportunities for almost 300 members of the County.

As well as maintaining an overview, MEG also acts as the facilitator to encourage future Major and Overseas Events and establishing Leader Teams for those events for approval by the County Commissioner. The current big embryonic event is Red Rose 2014 that will build upon the successes of Red Rose 2010: a Chair of the planning group has been appointed (Ray Hardman) and he has drawn together a solid group of departmental heads in order to build upon the good experience of the previous event.



# WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. AND IT SHOWS!

West Lancs County Development Project...

Across the County, this year, we celebrate our eighth consecutive year of growth, with our total membership at census reaching 10, 971, an increase of 1.7% or 183 members. 71 Groups grew, with 30 Groups growing by more than 10 members each. Congratulations must go to 55th Ormskirk and 4th Poulton le Fylde after they both increased by 31 new members. These are just 2 Groups out of the many we know are looking at ways to offer Scouting to more young people.

7 of our 8 Districts grew this year and as we've progressed into 2012, the focus has definitely been on supporting existing Groups as well as continuing to increase our provision, so more young people can benefit from Scouting.

Interest from new members keen to join us remains high with 485 enquiries during the 12 month period. These can be broken down to 306 young people who were old enough to join straight away and a further 106 registering for when their child is old enough. 73 enquiries were for new adult members, with an additional 91 parents willing to help out on a rota basis. So the adult support is available, it's making sure we know how to enable adults to volunteer in a way that suits them, that is the hard part. We know sometimes these enquiries are not always handled in the best way, so we are finalising a project to ensure we have dedicated people in place to deal with these queries across the County.

With 247 young people recorded on waiting lists at census, we know we have work to do to ensure our Groups get the support they need to offer Scouting to all who want to join. We've seen tremendous progress already this year, with an additional 9 new Sections opened since February. 4 of these have been where we've had a gap in provision at a Group, the other 5 are 2nd Sections in existing Groups. With another 6 new Section projects actively being worked on, I am sure we will see census 2013 soar over 11,000 members.

## *Your Scouting Experience - Marcellus...*

"I got involved as Group Secretary in April as I have some experience doing Admin tasks and wanted to extend my skills while supporting a good cause. I have worked in many roles with young people in the past and felt the positive impact Scouting has on young people and their current and future lives.

The support and welcome I have received from my colleagues has been great! I feel like a valued member of the team. Part of me wishes I started doing my work a lot sooner and hopefully, I will be doing it for a long time to come. The way it has made me feel is like we are all one big happy family! I would truly recommend volunteering with Scouts as the support you receive in your role is great and it gives you a great sense of satisfaction knowing you have made a difference to young people and the local community."

*Marcellus, Secretary (joined April 2012)*

*1st Clayton Brook*



However, we mustn't be complacent with 24 Groups losing 10 or more members this year, it is clear there is still work to do. If you notice your Group or Unit numbers slipping and you think you need some support, please do flag it up to your DC or District Team. Sometimes, it just takes a conversation to help you identify why things are changing and support can be put in place by the District or County to help you get back on track.

Our County Development Officers, Andy Marsden and Barbara Hughes have had a busy year. Last year, we took the opportunity to define a new set of targets and they have made real progress on these in the last 12 months. This has been made possible because of the support and good working partnerships they have with the District Teams across the County. Working together they are able to give good quality support to the projects and new adults who join. You can see the difference this makes to the adults who have shared their experiences with us in this report.

So what are the new targets for this phase of the County Development Project? Well in some ways they are similar to the last project as we still want to see new growth and provision of Scouting; we also still want to make sure we support our existing Groups when they need our help. However, the targets have changed to reflect the work that has been done during the previous project and what we think it's possible to achieve this time round. We have also looked at our legacy work, to ensure we are doing what we can to share our experience and ideas.

## What we said we'd do - growth...

- Open 40 new youth Sections across the County, inc. 2 New Groups; filling gaps in the 6 - 14 provision with 6 new Beaver Colonies and 12 new Scout Troops; opening 9 new Explorer Units; and creating 9 2nd Sections at existing Groups.

## What we did..

- **Opened 16 new Sections in the first 12 months of the project.**

## How we did it...

- Opened a new Scout Group at Catforth, starting with a strong Beaver Section;
- Opened 6 new Sections where there was a gap in the 6 - 14 provision, inc. 4 Beaver Colonies, 1 Cub Pack and 1 Scout Troop;
- Opened 3 new Explorer Scout Units;
- Opened 6 2nd Sections where demand was high to join a Scout Group, inc. 2 Beaver Colonies; 3 Cub Packs; and a Scout Troop.



## What we said we'd do - support...

- Provide support to 50 Scout Groups where support is vital for the Group to grow, including ensuring there is an effective Group Management structure in place (GSL and Executive Committee); the Group has a development plan; and supporting the Group in increasing the number of young people.

## What we did..

- 16 Scout Groups received help and support from the County Development Officers to enable them to grow;
- Currently an additional 11 Groups are receiving support.

## How we did it...

- Worked with Groups to help them create a Development Plan and identify what support they needed;
- Supported Groups with creating and strengthening their Executive Committee;
- Increased the number of adult volunteers working with our youth Sections;
- Boosted youth membership numbers by running school recruitment sessions followed by activity taster sessions.

I don't think 1st Catforth would have taken off or been as successful, without the support and guidance from the Development Officer and ADC Beavers."

*Denise, Assistant Beaver Leader (joined Oct 2011)  
1st Catforth*

#### What we said we'd do - recruitment...

- Recruit 200 new adults into West Lancs Scouts.

#### What we did...

- 108 new adult volunteers are working in Groups and Units across the County as a result of the County Development Project; plus 4 new Young Leaders;
- An additional 25 new adults are in the final stages of applying for a variety of roles

#### How we did it...

- Recruited 52 Leaders and 2 Section Assistants;
- Recruited 13 members for Group Executive Committees;
- Recruited 41 Occasional Helpers.

#### What we said we'd do - legacy...

- Design and share resources; maintain a store of promotional material;
- Build relationship's with GSLs and District Development Teams;
- Revise the content of the Training development modules and share methods, resources and best practice.

#### What we did...

- Expanded how we offer our adults development support and ideas;
- Increased the practical resources available to support our adults with their recruitment and development needs.

#### How we did it...

- Provided support at GSL's meetings across all Districts, sharing knowledge, running training sessions and flagging new resources;
- Created and shared new resources;
- Raised awareness of and promoted HQ recruitment resources and events such as Scout Community Week, Big Adventure and from Abseiling to Zorbing.

#### What we said we'd do - strategy...

- Develop a number of strategic project inc. recruiting ex-members (adult and youth); recruiting parents; Scouting in Independent and Special Needs Schools; handling of Joining Enquiries referred from HQ; create a partnership with Rotary Club District 1190 that benefits local Scouting.

#### What we did...

- Researched best practice and developed an approach for a number of topics.

#### How we did it...

- Reviewed our approach to handling Joining Enquiries, created a new process and identified training needs for co-ordinators;
- Reviewed the existing provision of Scouting in Independent and Special Needs schools in the County;
- Launched a partnership with Rotary Club District 1190.

#### Your Scouting Experience - Tom...

"I am really enjoying Beavers. It's getting to the point where my life now has 2 parts to it - Beavers and then the real world, and the Beaver part is by far the most fun. Leading the section evenings is great and I love the energy the kids have and the way it infects Ben, Megan and I... The bit I wasn't expecting though is how it's helped me and my family settle in to Silverdale - becoming a Beaver Leader means that we know so many people and we're at the heart of village life. There's the other Leaders, the parents, the church, helping out with fun days. Seeing the effect on my son Roddy's confidence and friendships has been amazing. He's the reason I got into it really - he wanted to do Beavers but there weren't any Leaders - so it's good that he enjoys it too. Having said that, even if he was to leave tomorrow I would still run the Beavers.

I have a few highlights. Watching the Beavers grow is probably the main one - there's one who wouldn't leave his dad's knee the first night who is now right at the front when we go out on mini-expeditions. Or seeing the older ones helping our youngest recruit toward being invested. I also had a great time at the Adventure Activity Day at Littledale - making paper boats and sailing them down the stream was my favourite activity although the kids liked the archery. The orienteering evening at Sizergh was good too.

Ben and I are both very appreciative of the support we've received from the Development Officer and ADC Beavers - we've always known you're there when we need you, and taking the paperwork off us in the early days made it much less stressful... The ADC Beavers has been great, she gives us really nice feedback, as well as lots of tips... She described herself to me as Nanny McPhee and said she'll stay as long as we need her. I told her that she's our Mary Poppins and although I'll feel quite proud on the day very soon when the wind changes and she moves on, we'll also really miss her."

*Tom, Beaver Scout Leader (joined Feb 2012)  
1st Silverdale*

# Congratulations!

To the following Groups who all grew by at least 10 members at Census 2012...

- ✓ 55th Ormskirk - UP by 31
- ✓ 4th Poulton le Fylde - UP by 31
- ✓ 1st Catforth - UP by 30
- ✓ 1st Warton - UP by 22
- ✓ Lostock Hall - UP by 22
- ✓ Whittle & Clayton - UP by 18
- ✓ 1st Forton (Duchy) - UP by 18
- ✓ 1st Clifton - UP by 17
- ✓ 60th Ormskirk - UP by 17
- ✓ 29th Blackpool - UP by 16
- ✓ Euxton Methodist - UP by 16
- ✓ 1st Bamber Bridge - UP by 16
- ✓ 1st Norbreck - UP by 15
- ✓ 51st Blackpool - UP by 13
- ✓ 1st Hoole - UP by 13
- ✓ 2nd Cleveleys - UP by 13
- ✓ 6th Blackpool - UP by 12
- ✓ Chorley Healey - UP by 12
- ✓ 1st Kirkham & Wesham - UP by 12
- ✓ 7th Fulwood - UP by 12
- ✓ 4th Bamber Bridge - UP by 11
- ✓ Clayton Brook - UP by 11
- ✓ 4th Fulwood - UP by 11
- ✓ Leyland St Mary's - UP by 11
- ✓ Anchorholme - UP by 11
- ✓ 13th/16th Blackpool - UP by 11
- ✓ 1st Lytham St Annes - UP by 10
- ✓ 33rd Lancaster - UP by 10
- ✓ 1st Ashton - UP by 10
- ✓ 8th Penwortham - UP by 10



## Your Scouting Experience - Andy...

"I took on the role of GSL at Trinity because it was obvious that if we didn't raise our game on organisation and get a fully manned and engaged Exec the Group would 'bounce along the bottom' and not draw new members or the Leaders we needed to deliver a full Scouting experience.

Returning to Scouting after a forty year break meant I needed qualified experience to back up my management skills and enthusiasm. The Development Officer provided that together with hands on support. He supported me with the existing Leaders, he helped us develop the roles in the Exec so we have a full team today. We have worked together with parental support and engagement and recruiting Leaders.

The results are self evident, today we are almost full in all Sections more than doubling our numbers in less than 12 months. We also have 6 new Leaders in training across the Sections and several Occasional Helpers taking on roles at one of several camps we will run this year. The County Development Officer's experience, access to resources and hands on delivery was fundamental in making this happen."

*Andy, Group Scout Leader (started Sept 2011)  
Trinity Methodist*

## Looking Forward....

As we finalise the County Vision towards 2018, I am conscious there is still much to do if we are to achieve the goals we set ourselves as a County, but I am confident that we will get there with your support.

I am proud to be part of a County that is growing, and that has such dedicated adults at Group, Unit, District and County level. Adults who provide the exciting and varied activities our young people get involved in, both here and abroad. Adults who support other adults with training, management, admin, finance and in so many other ways.

Thank you for the time you all dedicate to Scouting, you make such a huge difference to all that we do.

# Waddecar Management Committee (WMC)

Following the handing back of GT last year, this has been a year of consolidation for the Waddecar team, with reduced office staff and a new Management team. The office went through considerable reorganisation during our busiest time of the year. We are lucky that our staff are resourceful and try whenever possible to meet the needs of both our Waddecar customers and those of the County. The new Waddecar Management Committee is now established and we are sure that the Activity Centre will benefit greatly from the expertise offered from this Committee.

Much of the County are looking for an investment in the infrastructure of Waddecar, given the opportunity offered by handing back the lease of GT to Headquarters. However, few would have expected the initial investment to be in the form of a new sewage handling system. Restrictions imposed by the Environment Agency on effluent discharge have made this investment inevitable. The project is being carried out in two stages,

the initial stage covering the main toilet block will have been completed early summer and the second stage covering the lower toilet block will be carried out following the end of this camping season. Every effort has been made to minimise disruption to those using the centre. Unfortunately, legal requirements prevented



the work from being carried out earlier and we were unable to totally avoid the early camping season. A big thank you to those who have been using Waddecar during this period, as you have been supportive, understanding and very helpful in reducing the disruption caused by this work.

It is interesting to note that a circa £400,000 investment, the biggest investment in Waddecar for many years, will never be noticed by our customers once the work is completed!

Thank you also to those who completed the questionnaire on the Activity Centre Development. The objective is to produce a long-term development plan for Waddecar this year. This will meet the needs of the County Development plan and ensure a structured approach to the development of the centre.

Finally, our warden Mick Lovatt has decided to leave Waddecar, as he has found travelling from West Yorkshire to be difficult. We all wish Mick well for the future and thank him for his work and efforts on behalf of Waddecar.

**Rob Woodhouse**  
Chair WMC.



# General Purposes Committee (GP)



The GP committee deals with a number of unglamorous but important administrative and technical issues on behalf of the County. This includes Safety in Scouting, Insurance, Asset Management, IT, Archives and other ad hoc work that does not readily fit elsewhere in our structure. Part of our remit is to offer advice to Groups and Districts and we publish a number of notes to help Groups and Districts with topics such as fire assessments for buildings, minibus permits and electrical safety inspections. These notes and briefings prepared by Ian Holland, are available for all via the County website and are aimed at helping local Groups and Districts with building safety matters.

This year we have appointed a new Asset Manager, David King, who has been diligent in updating our asset register. This is a significant and important activity as we have over £250,000 worth of assets spread through the County, ranging from trailers to maps. Tracking these assets is not only sensible but allows us to ensure that expensive items are both securely stored and adequately insured. Members will shortly be able to access the Asset register online and see if we already have the equipment they need and where it is.



Once again we have had a number of insurance matters to deal with including the effects of the disposal of the South Lakes sites and we were able to significantly reduce our expenditure on buildings insurance for our investment properties.

Peter Willingham, our IT adviser, works quietly and efficiently and this year has seen significant changes to our IT set up, Peter works tirelessly to make sure we get the most for the money we spend on IT and by the time you read this we will have launched a new revamped and more modern website.

Finally I must thank the members of the committee who give their time and expertise to help our movement.

**Jonathan Abbey**  
Chair



## Media

Not all that long ago, Media was not really a topic on our radar and it was only a couple of years ago that just one person in the County was trying to put out a string of good news stories to the local press. In recent times, we have made huge strides forwards initially generated by my predecessor Debbie Mather who took the team from one person to a team in double figures with a Media Development Manager (MDM) in most of our Districts.

He took over from Debbie in September of 2011 and with this great base, started to develop the team even further. We are still striving for an effective MDM in every District and will get there in 2012. Our Young Spokespeople team and their co-ordinators are doing a great job of training for interviews, learning how to handle awkward questions and concentrating on our key messages. The team has also been boosted with the addition of James, our Videographer, who is now gathering huge amounts of video content to supplement the excellent work of Arthur and Rob, our media photographers.

The new web site was launched this year at <http://media.westlancashirescouts.org.uk> and has been commended as the best example in the UK of a County showcasing its media work to its Members. All our press releases, photographs,

video footage, audio clips and press clippings can be seen there.

We launched a new media plan in January and aimed to produce one quality press release per week across the County. So far we have managed to exceed this and plans for the future are very exciting indeed.

### Pete Sturgess

Media Development Manager

## Strategic Planning

In August 2011, the County Commissioner asked **Dick Griffiths** to draw together a working group, representing a cross section of the County, to consider and produce a plan whereby West Lancs Scouts can implement the Scout Association's Vision 2018. Rather than this Plan being the views of a small group, there was a County-wide consultation in the autumn of 2011 that took the form of seeking composite views of specific interest groups such as Districts, Sections, etc., and individual views by internet software called Survey Monkey. In total, 30 responses were received from special interest groups, with 74 responses via Survey Monkey. The Working Group summarised all the responses into a manageable format.

It occurred to the group that there were very many good ideas coming through that wouldn't easily fit into a Strategic Plan, so the final Plan will take the form of a) a single page summary, b) brief detail that supports the single page, and c) a Toolbox of "top tips" and ideas of how the plan can be implemented at Local, District, Section and County level. The draft of the plan will be shared with the County during the summer of 2012, with a view to launching it in the autumn.





## Treasurers Report

We started this year with a significantly increased bank balance; this was due to the transfer that was made on the 31 March 2011 when The Scout Association purchased back the remaining lease for the South Lakes Activity Centres. We need to decide how best to use this money for the benefit of Scouting in West Lancashire and due to the amounts involved it is a decision we will carefully consider and at present we have invested the money across a number of different UK banks.

At the close of the financial year our portfolio was valued at £847,556, which is some 1.5% lower over the twelve months and close to where we started at the beginning of the year. It is also broadly in line with other market indices. Whilst there is still a lot of uncertainty in the markets, we must remember that our main objective is to preserve our investment for future generations. We are mindful that whilst our portfolio generates an income it is also there for the long term benefit of the Charity and consequently our mix of investments is quite defensive. Whilst we are not going to see the impressive growth returns that we have seen in previous years this strategy should also protect us from the accompanying dips.

Difficult trading times have had an effect on our commercial properties, with one of the properties standing empty for a year. With interest rates at an all-time historic low and dividend yields likely to remain suppressed for some time the current rental income being achieved of some £40,000 (2011: £48,000) (before agent's commission and costs of upkeep etc) gives, in the opinion of the trustees, a very useful income stream in the current economic climate.

The County Development Officers continue to be a valuable County resource. We have continued to grow as a County which is very pleasing and as always one of their targets is the recruitment and retention of new adult leaders. After a very successful initial three year term that was partly funded by a grant provided by The Scout Association, we took the decision to continue with the project for a further three years. This year we have largely financed the project ourselves as the funding from The Scout Association is no longer available. We feel confident that the money spent on the two County Development Officers can only benefit the County over the next phase of the project.

Waddecar is used by a wide range of organisations which help and encourage young people from all sorts of backgrounds. In this year alone the following have used the facilities; The Guide Association, Hothersall Lodge OE Centre, Runshaw College, Fleetwood Nautical College, Duke of Edinburgh scheme for this region and various other youth groups, schools and colleges. Consequently the "investment" made by WLCSC in young people should not simply be viewed in monetary terms nor should it be undersold.

A major development project is currently in progress at Waddecar to update the waste water collection and treatment system as the existing system is old and in need of replacement. Following a thorough and detailed review and after taking advice from specialist consultants, the Executive Committee agreed to invest a substantial sum on this new system as a necessity for the ongoing successful operation of Waddecar. Whilst the majority of the expenditure will fall into the next financial year there has been some expenditure this year.

The Trustees value the contribution made to the Charity by both its paid and volunteer staff. They consider that good communications and relationships with their people and members to be very important and makes 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



# Summary Financial Statement

## Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2012

	2012	2011
	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Donations and grants	26,708	78,858
Activity centres income	151,224	559,571
Surplus on membership subscriptions	4,344	4,281
Red Rose camp	-	228,448
Scouting activities, training & sections	79,237	96,021
Other income	4,597	1,883
Rental and investment income	62,592	74,116
Interest	43,273	1,802
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	371,975	1,044,980
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<b>Resources expended</b>		
Staff costs (inc. redundancy)	102,263	226,573
Costs of generating funds	15,134	20,931
Activity centres operating costs	72,192	315,475
Depreciation and profit on sale	8,440	43,848
Red Rose camp	-	198,518
World Scout Youth Event and other events	12,000	10,000
Scouting activities, training & sections	87,628	107,361
Management, administration and other costs	50,258	47,532
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	347,915	970,238
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	24,060	74,742
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Gain on sale of South Lakes Activity Centres	-	907,883
Gains on investment properties	-	50,000
(Losses)/gains on listed investments	(23,980)	28,224
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Net movement in funds	80	1,060,849
Total funds brought forward	3,622,359	2,561,510
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Total funds carried forward	3,622,439	3,622,359
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## Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2012

	2012	2011
	£	£
Fixed assets (inc rental properties)	1,037,884	977,689
Listed investments	847,556	875,483
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	1,885,440	1,853,172
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Current assets	1,904,122	1,973,714
Less: Current liabilities	(167,123)	(204,527)
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Net current assets	1,736,999	1,769,187
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<b>Net assets</b>	3,622,439	3,622,359
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<b>Funds</b>		
General	3,601,338	3,600,345
Designated	21,101	22,014
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	3,622,439	3,622,359
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## Statement of the Trustees

The Trustees report and financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 19 July 2012. 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 2012, may be obtained from:

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

CA Joyce FCCA  
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 2012. This report is made solely to the trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. 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 the trustees and auditor

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. Our report on the charity's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements.

### Opinion

In our opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the trustees report and annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 and complies with the applicable requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

McMillan & Co LLP  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor  
28 Eaton Avenue, Matrix Office Park, Buckshaw Village, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 7NA

# Adult Awards

1st April, 2011 to 31st March, 2012

## ST GEORGE'S DAY AWARDS - APRIL 2011

### BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN

Derek Holt Lonsdale  
Helen Plumb Lonsdale  
Alan Venn Chorley

### SILVER ACORN

Ian Biggin Ormskirk  
Terry Bond Lonsdale  
Beryl Gartside Wyre  
Pat Griffin Lonsdale  
Jim Holland Lonsdale  
Neil Roberts Wyre

## OTHER AWARDS DURING THE YEAR (1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012)

### BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT

Jacqueline Beesley	Chorley	Michael Parkinson	South Ribble
Paul Douthwaite	Preston	Andrew Taylor	South Ribble
Simon McGlen	County	Mark Woodhouse	Preston

### AWARD FOR MERIT

Bernadette Ashworth	Blackpool	Joseph Maguire	County
Alexander Drysdale	County	Carol Mudd	Lonsdale
Simon Gibson	Lonsdale	Christopher Neville	Ormskirk
Don Hartley	Lonsdale	Karen Ticehurst	Blackpool
Fiona Jackson	Preston	David Walton	County
Ronald Kellie	Ormskirk	Michael Woods	Lonsdale

### CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

Nicola Bates	Preston	Andrew Lees	Wyre
Stephen Bates	Fylde	Max Lowe	Preston
Carolyn Blythe	Lonsdale	Alan Martland	Ormskirk
Mark Buttle	Preston	Karen Mather	Preston
David Cooper	Blackpool	James Murray	Wyre
Andrew Crozier	Fylde	Julia Murray	Wyre
Janet Davies	Wyre	Susan O'Neill	Preston
Richard Fiddler	Preston	Christopher Phillips	Ormskirk
Christopher Gibson	County	Leigh Phillips	Ormskirk
Elizabeth Goldsack	Blackpool	Carole Quinn	Wyre
Kerry Harrison	Preston	Mathew Race	Preston
Lorraine Haworth	County	Christopher Sinnott	Ormskirk
Melanie Howard	Ormskirk	Mark Walker	Lonsdale
Allen Jackson	Preston	Kevin Wall	Wyre
Paul Jackson	Fylde	Mark Walmsley	Blackpool
Paul Johnston	Wyre	Peter Willingham	County
Carl Lawler	Preston	Julia Worden	Preston

# Joint Scout Counties in Lancashire

During the past 12 months Scouting in Lancashire from the Fylde Coast to the Yorkshire border has been providing purposeful activities to thousands of young people and it is pleasing to note that the membership across the County has benefited by an increase of almost 400 new Members.

The Joint Scout Counties Committee has met on a regular basis to formulate joint policies to support initiatives in Training, Activities and grant funding to benefit all ages.

In the present climate of austerity it is increasingly necessary to demonstrate to outside bodies that Scouting provides excellent value for money in order that grant making bodies can feel confident that their shrinking money pots are being well used. We are grateful to Lancashire County Council for their continued financial support to Scouting in Lancashire

Lancashire Scouting is a commodity which is envied by many and we take the lead in many of these initiatives, such as the Lancashire Youth



Partnership and young people involvement in the management of Scouting at local and national level as well as involvement in outside Agencies such as Rotary.

## Chris Creelman

Chair Lancashire Joint Scout Counties



1st April, 2011 to 31st March, 2012

## County President

The Lord Wade of Chorlton KT (until 15th September 2011)  
Mrs Gail Stanley JP, DL (from 15th September 2011)

## County Vice Presidents

Mr 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
Mrs Cath Joyce	County Treasurer
Mrs Kerry Houghton	Chair – Finance & Fund Raising Committee
Mr Rob Woodhouse	Chair – Waddecar Management Committee
Mr Jonathan Abbey	Chair – General Purposes Committee
Miss Julie Paton	County Scout Network Commissioner
Miss Jenny Johnson	Scout Network Representative (until 31st December 2011)
Mr Ben Crook	Scout Network Representative (until 31st December 2011)
Mr Derek Wright	Scout Network Representative (from 1st January 2012)
Mr Steve Williamson	County Trustee for Blackpool
Mr Chris Moss	County Trustee for Chorley
Mr Mike Smith	County Trustee for Fylde
Mr Terry Bond	County Trustee for Lonsdale
Mrs Sue Goldstraw	County Trustee for Ormskirk
Mrs Judith Jamieson	County Trustee for Preston
Mrs Susan Sullivan	County Trustee for South Ribble
Mr David Simpson	County Trustee for Wyre

## County Officials

Deputy County Commissioner

County Principal Officer (until 31st May, 2011)

## Other Officials

Mr Christopher Harris	Regional Commissioner for North West England
Ms Lynn Oldham	Regional Development Manager

# Current County Personnel – as at September 2012

## EMPLOYEES

Finance / Admin Officer	Sandra Sowerbutts	Waddecar Centre Manager	Vacant
Assistant Admin Officer	Sheila Steel	County Development Officers	Barbara Hughes Andy Marsden

## VOLUNTEERS

### COUNTY OFFICIALS & COMMISSIONERS

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

### ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & MANAGERS

ACC Beaver Scouts	Cath Hargreaves	ACC International	Steve Morton
ACC Cub Scouts	Vacant	Media Development Manager	Pete Sturgess
ACC Scouts	David Marsh	ACC Expeditions & Projects	Dick Griffiths
ACC Explorer Scouts	Hugh Miller	County Training Manager	Fiona Jackson
Scout Network Commissioner	Julie Paton	ACC Scouting Activities	Mick Harvey
Scout Active Support	Ian Lonsdale	ACC Adventurous Activities	Joe Ashworth

### COUNTY ACTIVITIES TEAM

Activity Registrar	Ash Green	Nights Away	Neil Roberts
Air Activities	Ian Grace	Orienteering	Bob Nash
Land Activities (Mountaineering)	Geoff Lyons	Paddle Sports	Stuart Dean
Archery	Phil Fairclough	Sail Sports	Kevin Day
Caving	Rachael Platt	Shooting	John Lloyd
Climbing / Abseiling	Geoff Lyons	Snow Sports	Dick Griffiths
Fencing	Phil Fairclough	Walking	Geoff Lyons

### COUNTY ADVISORS

Asset Manager	David King	Fundraising	John Lawson
Safety in Scouting	Ian Holland	Information Technology	Peter Willingham
County Safeguarding	Valerie Holland	Insurance	Colin Monks

### COUNTY SCOUTERS

Beaver Scouts	Fiona Jackson Pauline Taylor	Explorer Scouts	Chris Lomas Simon McGlen
Cub Scouts	Ruth Abbey Paul Britton	Scout Network	Cathie Metcalf Sophie Cairns
Scouts	Tom Gibson Phil Haworth Nick Kasmir Pauline Worthington		Emma Hardacre Chris Horsfall Janice Lee Jenny Macdonald Paul Sanday Claire Thompson

### COUNTY COMMITTEES – CHAIR & DEPUTY

County Executive	Mike Simpson Tony Andrews	County Team	Carl Hankinson
Finance & Fund Raising	Brendan Drury	Waddecar Management	Rob Woodhouse Phil Haworth
General Purposes	Jonathan Abbey	Appointments	Jim Hunter
Staffing	Mike Simpson	Programme & Training	Carl Hankinson
Joint Scout Counties	Chris Creelman	Major Events	Dick Griffiths
World Scout Youth Events	Richard Charnock	Awards	Roger Mason

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## 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

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.

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.

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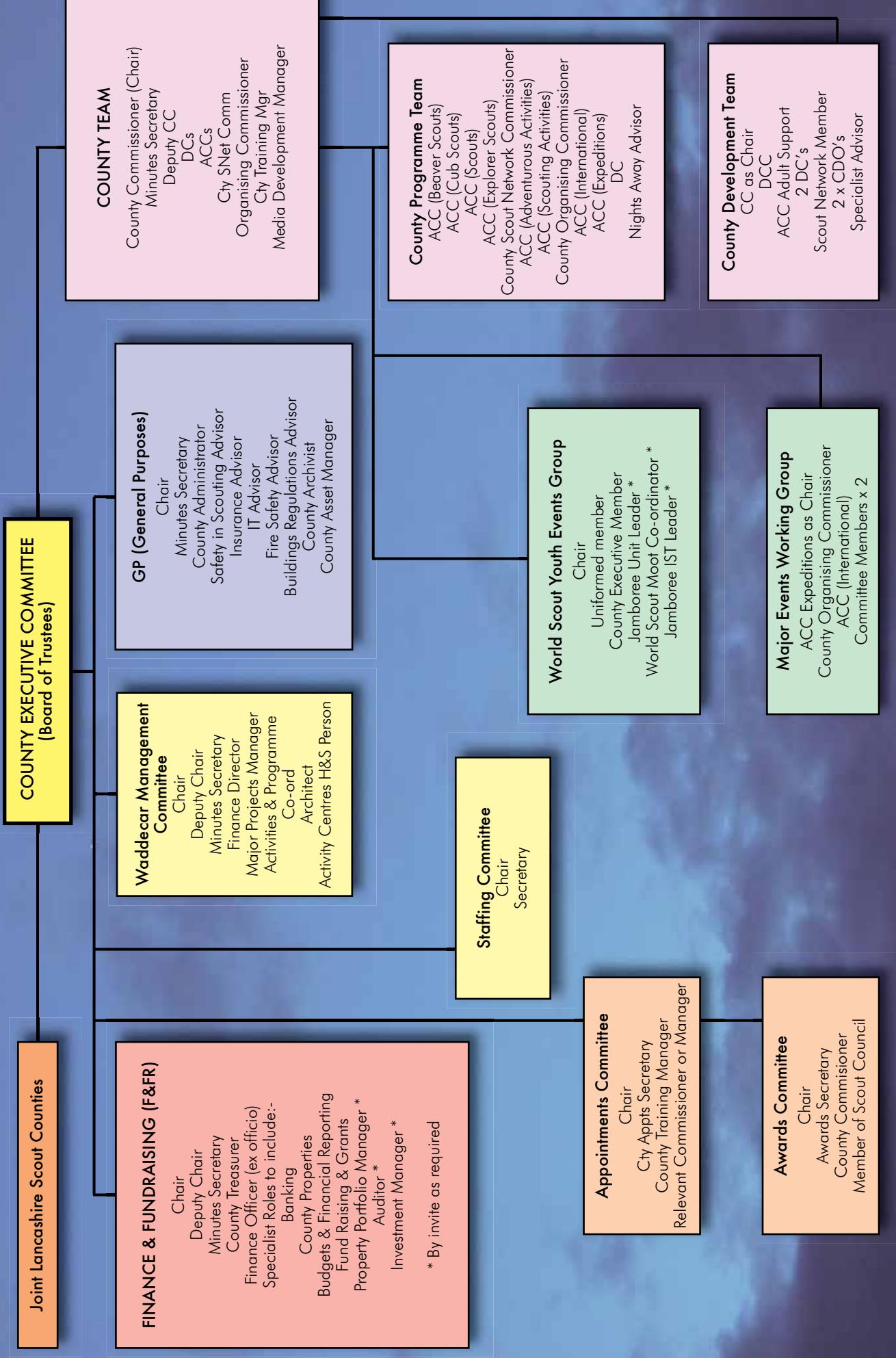
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# West Lancashire County Scout Council Committee Structure

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