



County Annual Report and Accounts 2007 - 2008

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Agenda

Welcome by the County Chairman

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

Approve the County Commissioner's nomination of the County Chairman

Election of County Secretary, County Treasurer and appointment of an Independent Examiner

Election of Members nominated by the County Commissioner and approval of Members elected by the District Scout Councils

Election of Representatives to the Council of the Scout Association

Questions and answers

Looking into the future 'A report on GLSW Scouting' by Ian Newbery and Andy Harris

Greater London South West Scout County

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th October 2007

Music Room, Whitgift School,

Hayling Park Road,

South Croydon.

7:30pm for 8:00pm start

1. Prayers

The meeting opened at 8.00 with a prayer led the District Commissioner of Croydon, Theresa Jeffrey.

2. Welcome / Introductions

The County Chairman welcomed everyone including:

Mayor of Croydon.....Cllr. Derek Millard and Mayoress

Regional Commissioner Greater London.....Dean Milton

CC GLSW GuidesMrs Christine Wicks

CC GLSE Scouts.....Diane Robertson

CC Croydon Guides.....Ann Pilkington

[Apology to Ann for not including her in the welcome]

3. Apologies for absence:

Richard Shortman (CC Surrey); Dave Johnson;
Margaret Pooley; Hallam Carter-Pegg; Lawrence Barham;
Steve Miles; Nigel Waine; Jill Fielder; Natalie Cook;
Dave Batten; Pauline Patterson and Simon Keen.

4. Minutes of the AGM of 7 June 2006 and Matters Arising

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Jean East, the accuracy of the minutes having been confirmed by Executive meeting on 20 September 2006.

5. County Annual Report

The adoption of the annual report was proposed by Chris Feltham and seconded by Bob Prescott.

6. Financial Report & Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005

The Treasurer talked through the accounts and also advising that funding for the Development Officer had now finished. The Chair thanked Peter for all his hard work.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by John Taylor and seconded by Clive & Vicky Tullet. There was a show of hands in favour.

7. Appointment of Vice Presidents & County Commissioner's Final Report

Appointments

Tony Edwards, Peter Runnaces and Nigel Steward all accepted the appointment of Vice President and were congratulated by all.

Awards

Queens' Scout.....Claire Peacock

Long Service Decoration & Medal of Merit

.....Angela Sailing

Bar to Medal of Merit.....Peter Runnaces

Silver Acorn.....Janet Drinkall

Bar to Silver Acorn.....Pat Askey

Bar to Silver Acorn & Honorary Scouter.....Nigel Steward

Silver Wolf.....Martin Whiting

Silver Wolf.....Norman James

Roger said that he had lasted longer than Tony Blair and had presented over 750 awards in Scouting. He was inaugurated in 1997 by Bill Cockroft. Many new changes and highlights occurred during the 10 years, i.e. PRI/new uniform; Millennium camps; new Training Scheme; 13 Districts reduced to 5; 3 Jamborees [Chile/Thailand/Essex], 2 Expeditions to Seychelles, Explorer – Lithuania, raised international awareness, Development Officer [resources used by other Counties] thank you very much to Jo Launchbury. Ending with 2007 being Scouting Centenary Year – what a year! 2½ contingents to Jamboree; high proportion of International Service Team from GLSW and a major contribution to HoHo.

What have we got? Strong Districts, Development and Strategy. Membership addressed – this year increased by 350 members [3.8%]. National average [1.8%]. Our youth figures up by 5.8%. Well done everybody – but do not relax. All of this is a TEAM effort.

In thanking so many people Roger presented the retiring Treasurer Peter Runnaces and retiring Secretary

Angela Sailing with gifts and flowers in appreciation of their personal support over so many years. He also thanked Tony Edwards – superb job – very proactive – pleasure to work with him, a good colleague. Tony has established a long Scouting friendship. Roger presented Tony with a gift and flowers for his wife, Shirley.

Tony thanked everybody and said that with some of his grandchildren now Beavers and Cub Scouts he would continue his support in Scouting.

Roger now asked ‘What for the future?’ He thanked everyone for the job offers and said he would be there to support, especially for the young man taking over as County Commissioner, Ian Newbery.

8. Response and presentation to Roger Hurrion

Ian Newbery said that he goes by:

- What’s good for young people
- What’s good for Scouting

Thank you for allowing him to become County Commissioner. It is overall a superb County – a pleasure to work for. Thank you to County Support Team, Executive Committee and everyone else – it can’t be done without your support.

Ian said that Roger’s farewell party, acknowledging his service to GLSW; last Sunday was a lovely afternoon. Ian presented Lin, Roger’s wife, with flowers and a small gift of Malt Whiskey to Roger. He also invited Roger to become a Vice president of GLSW, which was accepted.

Regional Commissioner for Greater London, Dean Milton, thanked Roger for the last 10 years. County Commissioner is not an easy role and sometimes not popular. Roger has much to be proud of and is leaving the County in good health and has improved Scouting. It has been a pleasure to work with him, best wishes and thank you once again.

Inauguration of Ian Newbery CC GLSW

Dean Milton then inaugurated Ian Newbery as County Commissioner for GLSW.

Ian said that although many changes had already been made such as programme/ training and uniforms there were still challenges ahead. He had assembled his team and would concentrate on delivery and the quality of Scouting.

100 years ago Baden-Powell had set out the guidelines but he always tried to make changes. Not following what had gone before but breaking new ground.

Ian introduced Andy Harris, new County Chair, who has experience in Charity Commission work. Andy said that he had exchanged words of wisdom about the ‘art of delegation’ – so would Tony please carry on running this meeting.

Lesley Bixby was appointed County Secretary – proposed by Mr Bixby and seconded by Helen Jeffrey.

9. County Commissioner’s Nominations for Executive Committee

Hallam Carter-Pegg.....Croydon District
Cliff Condon.....Wimbledon/Wandle District
Norman James.....Yr Hen Neuadd Sub Committee
Alison Eggitt.....Royal Kingston District
Derek Smith.....Sutton District

10. Election of members of Scout Council to Executive Committee

Simon Keen.....Sutton District
Terry Mitchell.....Chair Gang Show
Alan Maloney.....GSL Wimbledon
Vacancy.....Chair Scout Network - to be appointed
Graham Macaulay.....Explorer Rep-Focus Editor

11. Election of 2 members to Council of Scout Association

Term of office 3 years

Nigel Steward and Young Leader representative Rory Jones.

12. Election of Independent Examiner

The County Chairman proposed Wandle House Associates, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as Independent Examiners to audit the annual accounts. This was proposed by Bob Bushell and seconded by Derek Smith.

13. Any other business

Special announcement.

Funding support from Jack Petchey Foundation commenced last month with 14 young members receiving £200 each to be spent by them on Scouting related needs.

Chairman recorded the County's thanks and appreciation to the Foundation for their generous support and advised the meeting that at next year's AGM presentations would be made by achievement and award holders.

14. Mayor's Address

The Mayor of Croydon, Cllr Derek Millward, thanked the outgoing County Commissioner and welcomed the newly inaugurated County Commissioner, Ian Newbery.

The Mayor explained that he had a background associated with Scouting. His mother knew Olave Baden-Powell and had helped to nurse her. He had opened the Centenary Camp at Coombe Farm on May 21st and had inspected the Cubs. Great enjoyment all round.

It was the Mayor & Mayoress' 48th wedding anniversary today.

The Mayor's charities are Diabetes UK Croydon and Croydon Scouting. Between him and his deputy they attended 6 Sunrises Ceremonies for the Centenary celebrations of Scouting.

Thank you all for listening.

15. Closing address Dean Milton, Regional Commissioner, Greater London

Dean Milton said that he was proud to be Regional Commissioner. There were 50,000 members in Greater London. Lots of skills qualities needed to prepare our young people – we will have to wait and see.

Thank you

16. Presentations

After refreshments, presentations were made [Apologies for technical difficulties] by:

GLSW Jamboree contingent.

Sunrise Malawi 2007 expedition – Michelle Miles

Scout Network 5th Birthday cake.

17. Close of meeting

Tony closed the meeting before the presentations and refreshments and thanked Croydon District for the excellent organisation and Les Ling and the Fellowship for serving refreshments. Thanks to the Whitgift School for use of their premises.

Chairman's Report

Following such a tough act was never going to be easy. Tony Edwards is a member of the community everyone aspires to be...approachable, friendly, caring, knowledgeable – someone that people naturally want to follow.

2007 was an awesome year for Scouting yet our membership in Greater London South West only grew by 71 people. A core performance measure of our development success is our annual membership numbers. Regardless of our role or responsibility we all play a crucial part in providing better scouting for more young people.

Scouting is the greatest youth movement in the World. I am in absolutely no doubt that our actions over the past year will have improved the lives of thousands of young people (and adults). I have been following with great interest the London Mayoral elections and the desire for all candidates to engage with the young people of London. They talk endlessly about the need to provide leadership skills to young Londoners. Isn't that what Scouting has been doing for the past 100 years?

London is a diverse and incredibly fast changing environment. It is our job to be abreast of all these changes and manage the problems this will cause. I guess nobody welcomes change but we must continue to think differently about how we deliver Scouting.

This annual report provides an ideal mechanism to thank a number of people who have worked tirelessly 'over and above' to ensure the smooth running of Greater London South West...

Tony Edwards your handover and wisdom has been invaluable. Hallam Carter-Pegg and Peter Runacres thank you for managing the money. John Taylor thank you for undertaking the challenging role as the Child Protection Officer. Thanks to Cliff Condon and Norman James for keeping the county properties ship shape. Terry Mitchell as chair of the Gang Show management committee...what a show! Simon Keen thank you for keeping us legal and above board. Graham Macaulay for acting as chair of the communications sub committee. Lesley Bixby for acting as Secretary for the ever increasing number of meetings. Special thanks must also be directed to Ian Newbury our new County Commissioner who despite the demands of a young family and full time job consistently delivers over and above the support the county demands. And finally my wife, Alana and son Zach who allow me to do what I do!

I would estimate this year we have provided in excess of 750,000 hours of Scouting to the young people of London. That is absolutely amazing and on behalf of all the young people and adults in London a very sincere thank you.

2008 will be the year that our membership doesn't just grow it explodes...I think we've got the winning lottery ticket so please hang on, remember to laugh and enjoy the ride!

Andy Harris

County Chairman

P.S. If you agree or disagree with anything please do drop me an email on andy.harris@glswscouts.org.uk

County Commissioner's Report

The nine months since my appointment have passed in the blink of the eye, but much work has been started and the progressive nature of Scouting that GLSW has grown used to continues.

I have instigated some changes to the team that see both Martin Whiting & Chris Dean taking on the roles of Deputy County Commissioner with specific remits and you will be able to read their reports further on in this document.

I have also been very fortunate in persuading Andrew Harris to take on the role of Chair and the impact that he is having is already evident, to the great benefit of the County, by improving our structure and governance.

Post the Centenary celebrations I felt that we needed to concentrate back on every day Scouting and the development of Groups and sections. To kick start this process of re focusing our efforts the County mounted a development conference at the Hilton Hotel in Croydon entitled 'Back to the Future'. Aimed predominantly at Group Scout Leaders and Group Chairs, the weekend was spent looking at some of the key issues that are hindering the growth and successful operation of Scout Groups in GLSW today. The topics of adult recruitment, fundraising, girls & Scouting and blue sky thinking amongst others were all covered in workshops and plenary sessions.

Training was highlighted as a particular need, especially for those on Group executive committees. The final session of the conference asked each attendee to make 3 personal pledges of actions that they were going to undertake to improve the quality of their local Scouting. These pledges will form the back bone of some ongoing work between the Groups, Districts and the Counties development officer.

December 2007 saw the end of the relationship between the County Development Project and external funding. Although grateful for the financial support that we have enjoyed in the past from the Development Grants Board at HQ, it has put constraints on the project in regard to the areas of work that we have been able to engage with. The terms of the funding has meant that the last 3 years have been spent working on the growth of Scout Network, Exploring Scouting, adult recruitment and ethnic communities. By its nature, this work has not always been very visible to local Scouting, but we now have the opportunity to tailor the work of the development officer to meet the individual needs of each District. Discussions are already underway with District Commissioners to set the work plan for the coming months.

This year has also seen the retirement of two of our District Commissioners – John Perkins in Sutton & Theresa Jeffery in Croydon. My grateful thanks for all they have done in their respective patches. In their tenure they have overseen Centenary celebrations, District mergers,

the introduction of a new programme and changes to the age ranges as well dealing with all the usual issues of development.

We welcome Chris Williams as DC for Sutton and wish him well in the coming months; as I write we have not as yet identified a successor in Croydon.

Despite the tremendous publicity nationally and the superb events that we mounted locally, the census return was disappointing. Things to celebrate were the fact that we did actually grow and both the Scout section and Wimbledon & Wandle District recorded strong increases in their numbers. However total growth for the County was only 0.8% compared to 3.4% across the UK. Of most interest were the facts that our youth membership declined, adult help increased by 100 and our waiting lists also increased.

It is difficult to establish the real picture of numbers (often some Group returns are overly modest) but it is clear that we must think differently about how we deliver Scouting. We need to use the adults we have more intelligently to provide more Scouting to more young people. Where there are waiting lists we should employ creative solutions e.g. using the same adults to run a section for two groups of young people on alternate weeks. Or where there is a short fall of adult help, to use the same team to deliver Cubs one week and Scouts the next. We know this works as we have 'live' examples in this County.

We have initiated a number of reviews around the County. Bow Lane & Bethesda have both operated under an initial remit that has not been revisited for several decades therefore it is only right and proper that we should seek to ensure that they still fulfil a function in meeting the needs of modern day Scouting in GLSW. Equally we are revisiting the way that the County financially support trips and expeditions overseas as well as a review of our involvement in the Jamboree in 2007. Each of these reviews is intended to strengthen the support that the County structure provides and to maximise the effect of the resources that we have to offer.

The development of Scout Network and Fellowship are also high on the agenda and Alex and Natalie's reports bring some of the flavour of how they would like to see the sections develop and support each other.

Finally, but by no means least, I would like to thank all those who have supported me in the initial period. There has been a lot to learn and with constant help and support the gaps in my knowledge are being filled.

To those of you who are delivering Scouting in the Groups to our young people, my thanks and a thought:-

"If, when we set out on a journey, we spend all our time peering into corners, we will never leave the room..."

Lets think big and achieve.

Ian Newbery
County Commissioner

Beaver Scout Report

Notwithstanding another increase in female Beaver Scouts overall membership of the section has fallen for the third consecutive year which is quite disappointing. Indeed we have lost a further 6 Colonies in the last year.

If numbers on the waiting list are added – and that's assuming they are of age which may not be the case – we would have exceeded the peak membership of 2325 in 2005 by some way. Surely, there is a message here, and we need to ensure our Colonies are operating at full capacity. While there are some interesting differences between Districts which are worthy of further analysis, four out of our five Districts have recorded numbers in 2008 below their average membership over the past 5 years. Further food for thought !

We have not yet been able to appoint an ACC (Beaver Scouts), and this must be a priority for County in order to support the programme locally. That said Districts report plenty of activity going on in the section at District level, and for the moment there doesn't appear to be any real desire to do anything on a County-wide basis. However, the section was well represented at the County Skills Day in March with each District organising a base, and many Beaver Scout Leaders appreciating the activities and ideas on offer.

The new elements of the programme have been greeted enthusiastically by Leaders and Beavers alike. Beavers do like gaining badges !

Christopher Dean

Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)

Cub Scout Section Report

Cub Scouts in all five districts have had a very busy year celebrating 100 years of Scouting and have participated in the full range of programme zone activities including more nights away than ever before. Each district has highly motivated and hardworking Leaders who support and encourage their Cubs to participate in both district and county events. I would like to thank them and all the busy parents, instructors and young leaders in their packs for giving the children such exciting opportunities.

The County Cub Section membership fell very slightly this year, which is unfortunate. We must focus on increasing pack sizes and encouraging more girls to join us, whilst also providing support to the development of existing leaders and recruitment of new leaders.

The balanced programme review has been well received, with many leaders actively praising the new resources and power packs. The programme continues to be an agenda item at both district and county level meetings.

Virtually all packs in the county had a night's away experience during the centenary year. Well done!

A skills day in March 2008 for leaders was really well attended by the Cub section, many experienced leaders provided skills training and shared best practise. Thank you to all who supported the event helping to make it a great success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Tyler (ADC Cubs, Croydon) for all her years of hard work and commitment to the Cub section. She will be sadly missed but I wish her well in her new Young Leader support role. Jane Pringle (ADC Cubs, Royal Kingston) has also given many years of enthusiastic service as ADC and I would like to thank her and wish her well as she swaps roles with Martin Meacher to become District Cub Scout leader. This year we welcome 3 new Cub ADC's in Croydon, Royal Kingston and Sutton. I wish you all luck and hope you enjoy your new roles.

I have enjoyed the opportunities to visit Cubs in the districts as they celebrated, partied and had fun outdoors in our centenary year!

The year ahead is full of further adventure and challenge and I look forward to joining you all again!

Caroline Dyer

Assistant County Commissioner (Cub Scouts)

Scout Section Report

The year just passed has been an eventful one with the end of the centenary year there is a need to keep the momentum going. Throughout the year scout troops have maintained a high standard of scouting within the Districts. I think we will all agree that the Centenary year was a successful one yet we all do still need to keep focused and not relax our efforts.

The jamboree was a great success and benefited from, for the most part, good weather! Those scouts that had the good fortune to visit I'm sure left with a new found enthusiasm and a desire to attend the next Jamboree in Sweden in 2011 – I know I did!!

During the year the County competitions such as cooking, orienteering, and night hike ran as usual with all those taking part thoroughly enjoying the events. Particular thanks must go to those leaders who in true scout spirit, ensured a successful night hike whilst waking up to 3-4 inches of snow in the morning!! I'm sure those scouts that camped over will find it a hard experience to repeat.

This has been my first year as ACC scouts and I would like to thank all the ADCs and wider county team for all the help and support. I hope that having now "got my feet under the table" I can continue to deliver the events that the scouts all want and, hopefully, some new ones that will enhance the county scout programme.

This year's Census results are very encouraging for the County as scout section membership grew from 1,887 in 2006 to 2,048 – an increase of 8.5% - well done to all We need to ensure this momentum and growth continues into 2009.

I am as keen as ever to encourage scout troops to get outdoors more and engage the experiences that traditional scouting uniquely offers young people. I shall be exploring ideas with the ADCs to help support troops that find getting on camp difficult due to other commitments and a shortage of available help.

As part of this effort to "get out more" we will be introducing a new county award within the scout section that recognises not only the time spent away but focuses on the variety and diversity of those experiences in scouting – watch this space!! It is my intention to ensure that some of these opportunities are provided by the County team for those leaders whose commitments don't afford them the time to run extra camps.

All that remains for me to do is to thank all of the young people and leaders involved within the scout section for all their time, energy and commitment. All that effort makes for a vibrant County and one which gives great optimism for the success of scouting in GLSW over coming years!!

Nigel Waine

Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts)

Explorer Scout Section Report

As the dust started to settle from the centenary celebrations and clear up began the annual census figures were returned. As a County the number of Explorers were down, the head count of 641 last year had been reduced to a meagre 613, a loss of 28 (4.37%).

Well done to Richmond who have returned growth for the fifth successive year with an increase of 5 (3.33%) Explorer Scouts.

2007 activities and news of note:

The 2007 Len Smith Award for "Service Beyond Self" awarded to Sammy Letham an Explorer from Magellan ESU for her "selfless and rather heroic actions when a bus she was travelling on collided with, and ran over, a woman on Kingston Bridge". Sammy was able to administer precautionary first aid to the woman prior to the arrival of the emergency services. The woman suffered significant injuries and on removal to hospital was an inpatient for 10 weeks. Well done Sammy for your courageous actions. Scouting may have provided you with the training but you provided the strength and character to deliver those skills when presented with a real-life situation under significant duress

The Jamboree was a significant part of the centenary celebrations in 2007, the UK contingent included 81 Explorer Scouts (2 units) from GLSW and 9 leaders. The dedicated leadership team comprised of Leslie Button, Joe Rogerson, Sue Barden, Claire Dunne, Graham Fairclough, Andrew Hayward, Jo Launchbury, Jade Taylor and Karl Bromley. There are numerous reports and after reading the unit diaries it seems that a great time was had by all regardless of how bizarre some of the diary entries were. A huge amount of preparation was needed prior to the Jamboree as well as during the Jamboree. Well done to all involved including the participants, leadership team their understanding families and partners, parents and Alf, one of the contingent support leaders.

A special mention for those that provided the HoHo (home hospitality) after the Jamboree it is great to hear about the consolidated effort put into ensuring that none of the visiting Scouts and Scouters were forced onto the streets regardless of the very short notice.

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Ian Newbery handed me the baton at the end of last year he has asked me to thank Neil McLauchlan for his 4 years as County Explorer Scout Leader and thank him for his organisation of the County Explorer Scout Night hike and leaving a template for future use. Welcome to Derek Chaplin, ESL Belmont, who is going to take up the mantle of hike organiser.

14 Teams took part in the County Night Hike Bronze Route Winners– Drake ESU from Richmond, Silver Route Winners – Double Dragon ESU from Sutton, Gold Route Winners – Belmont ESU from Sutton.

The 44th 'Operation Red Flare' organised by Croydon District Scout Council, was won by a team from Belmont Explorer Scout Unit.

Goals for 2008:

- Encourage District Explorer Scout Leaders to review the linking of Explorer Units with their feeder troops.
- Work with ACC Network to review the linking process from Explorer units to the Scout Network.
- Encourage Districts to implement a district based Bronze and Silver expedition training sessions to ensure that the young people are adequately prepared to undertake demanding, unsupervised expeditions.

.....and finally a big thank you to all adult support, leaders, helpers, DESCs, DESAs who have made significant and continuous contributions to running the section locally week in and week out. Keep up the good work.

Paul van Putten

Assistant County Commissioner (Explorer Scouts)

Scout Network Report

I must start this report by recognising the extraordinary efforts of my predecessor, Chris Dean, firstly in establishing a County Scout Network within GLSW when the concept may have seemed alien to many, and also his perseverance in maintaining a programme to support the section's development.

Scout Network is a very small section compared to the other youth sections within the County, and more prone to experience large percentages changes (up as well as down) due to a lack of critical mass. However, and despite numbers, it is an important group of people to support for the long term.

Going forward, one of the important projects that has been set up for 2009 is the Explorer Belt Expedition to Italy. Whilst this is open to both Explorer Scouts and Scout Network, this exercise is an very good bridge using a challenging activity that does not recognise the age gap. Additionally, work is underway to set up programme specific packages that could help members of Scout Network progress towards Awards, given their limited time.

At the District level, I sincerely hope to use the next 12 months to review and discuss how best Scout Network can be delivered and supported, maximising the vital ingredient of local contact but without that historical view that the section is a 'morphed' version of Venture Scouting and, therefore, a secret resource for a service crew.

As leaders, I hope that you will join me in thanking those who have worked to ensure that we have a Scout Network provision within GLSW. As Scouts, I know that you will join me in celebrating the achievements of this section - be that with Queens Scout Awards, Explorer Belts or other achievements.

Alex Minajew

County Scout Network Commissioner

Scout Fellowship Report

As much as these reports look back at the achievements and celebrations that have occurred in the last year I also want to look forward to the next.

This year has seen a multitude of active support throughout the county. Fellowship members have continuously provided their support to events, both large and small, that have celebrated 2007 making the tag line 'One world One promise' a reality. This momentum has continued into 2008, as the programmes are increasingly active in many ways. There is an amazing range of skills offered by Fellowship members to enhance the programmes run at a group level through to county campsites, to ensure that they continue to run and provide activities for the programme sections.

At this time of year it was also a privilege to see so many individuals recognised for their service through the various certificates and awards that were presented on St George's day. Congratulations to all those that were recognised for their hard work and dedication.

This is an exciting time for Fellowship as there is a national review of how Fellowship addresses its main function as a support section. Following several meetings with other ACC's in Fellowship from different areas of the country, I have reviewed this model and have developed it in order that each district in GLSW can more easily adapt it. As such it has also been received well by head quarters and passed on to the review committee. The model puts an emphasis on the social aspects for adults in order to develop a larger skill base and to increase the opportunities for providing service.

So what can GLSW Fellowship be looking for in the future?

An on-line skill database to ensure that the correct people are contacted and to recognise the service that individuals provide.

County social events as an opportunity for Fellowship members to socialise with other adults without any responsibilities.

An increased profile through a strong and fresh identity

An increase in numbers through a stronger link with Network for better continuity and progression within scouting in GLSW.

Therefore it is with thanks to the members of Fellowship for their continued hard work that I look forward to this being a year that sees Fellowship go to a new level.

'The future's bright, the future's Fellowship'

Natalie Cooke

Assistant County Commissioner (Fellowship)

Adult Support and Development

So what does that mean? There can obviously be no Scouting across the County without the dedicated commitment of a wide variety of adult volunteers working on a weekly basis in the Groups. The role of District and County Teams is to provide support, so this is part of what my role includes. The other part acknowledges that if we are not going to stagnate and decline then we must develop.

The Adult Support is most clearly provided through the County Adult Training Programme, led by Roger Hurrion in the County Training Manager role, administered by Joan Condon and implemented by the Local Training Managers with a team of other appointed adults who have delivered the Training Modules. Thanks are due to all those involved and to the Training Advisors – if you are a Wood Badge holder and not yet supporting "younger" leaders as a Training Advisor – why not? Please speak with your Local Training Manager. Another form of support is via our newsletter (FOCUS) and the web site. Graham Macaulay has been editing the newsletter most recently but with his imminent departure to university the June edition is his last as editor. Many thanks to Graham and best wishes to him for his studies. Would you like to be a guest editor in the coming months? Let me know if you would.

To provide support and to help with development we are intending to increase our contact with the media. Together with other Counties within the London Region we are developing a plan to ensure that Scouting gets the appropriate level of media acknowledgement due across the Region. We are recruiting both Scouting Ambassadors and Young Spokespeople to represent our views – let me know if you would like to be involved.

The key development activity is led by our Local Development Officer – Jo Launchbury. The development project, under the Steering Group Chairman Tony Edwards, has moved through two phases of three years each and has just entered the third phase. The key activity that Jo managed during the year was the County development conference – Back to the Future. The topics and District Commitments identified at the conference have formed part of the work plan for the coming months. If there are any other suggestions for development projects please advise Jo and the proposal will be considered by the Development Team (which has a representative from each District).

So that is the basis together with anything else which provides support and development – if there is nothing mentioned that reflects on your Scouting then please let me now.

Martin Whiting

*Deputy County Commissioner
(Adult Support & Development)*

Training

Training in GLSW has undergone a slight re-vamp, with the way that modules are now delivered and the number of different trainers presenting courses.

During 2007-8, the County ran 28 modules, either half day, evening, full day or residential sessions.

This meant that 225 leaders attended modules run by the County, ranging from Module 5 to Module 26, and does not include those modules run as the Getting Started package run in Districts, or the First Aid courses.

As a result a steady flow of Wood badges were granted with well over 30 being gained during the year and this looks likely to increase over the next 12 months.

The British Red Cross first aid courses being run by the County continue to prove very successful, with many comments on how enjoyable they are. Every course is fully booked well before time and we have increased the number that we take due to over subscription. In the period from June 2007 to April 2008 203 people have gained their basic first aid certificate on these courses, which is more than twice the number in the previous 12 months. We have had a significant number of young Leaders and Explorers now coming on these courses as well. Next year we hope to offer evening first aid refresher courses for those needing to renew their certificates.

In addition a very successful campfire leaders course was held following the County Skills Day with 33 leaders attending, and Nights Away courses held at Bears Wood.

Many thanks to Margaret Pooley and Jenny Ririe and their teams for organising these.

With the organisation and administration, Joan Condon as our County Training Administrator has done an excellent job throughout the year, as well as Brian Whalebone our County Quartermaster, who makes sure that our equipment is in order and available. Many thanks to them both.

My thanks also go to all the LTMs and Training Advisors who work so hard at District level. Sadly we said goodbye to Brian Beckley (Wimbledon and Wandle) and Sue Barden (Royal Kingston), during the year and thank them for all their past hard work. Alison Edwards was appointed to replace Brian, and Janet Drinkall, with Jenny Turner took over the responsibility for Sutton. Unfortunately as yet it has not been possible to find a replacement for Royal Kingston. During the coming year it is hoped that the number of LTMs in Districts can be increased to spread the workload and also gain more TAs, with added support for the work that they do.

Roger Hurrion

County Training Manager

Special Needs

It's not very often one can celebrate a Centenary in ones life time but that's what happened in 2007 when Scouting celebrated 100 years. Who would have thought all those years ago that some elderly gentleman would write a book called "Scouting for Boys" and a 100 years later the Scouting Movement would be the largest Youth Movement around the World.

2007 turned out to be such a wonderful year to celebrate our Centenary. The highlights for me during that year were to camp at least 4 times. The Centenary Camp at Walton Firs although dismal weather wise brought such a special moment in my life seeing the Scout Leader tube feeding one of her Scouts in the pouring rain and still having time to smile a most memorable day for me.

The Annual Agoonoree Scout Camp held at Trelour's School, Alton, Hants incidentally 2007 the Agoonoree Celebrated their 60 years Anniversary. The special moments at this Camp were the Sunrise Ceremony taking place on the 1st August, I got up nice and early to watch the sunrise and looking across the field I saw a lone Scout saluting the Flagpole and the rays of the sun arced around him and made a wonderful photograph. On the Friday we went to RAF Odiham where they keep the Chinook helicopters its not only Princes that get the chance to go on a Chinook most of the campers got to go on one is this a Guinness Book of Records. One morning we had surprise visitors when a Hot Air Balloon with approximately 15-20 occupants overshot their landing site and landed in our field. Extra for breakfast that day, could they eat!

I would like to mention how hard the Leaders and Helpers of the Agoonoree Scout Camp work throughout the week's camp, it is a very long day, they are all to be applauded some of these helpers are in their 70's.

Special Need Scouts from Sutton District recently took part in the GLSW Night Hike and what a surprise with the score to come 20th out of the 31 teams that entered and from the 5 teams from Sutton District they came 3rd 15th Wallington Scouts are to be congratulated on their terrific achievement we are extremely proud of them.

In the Special Needs Groups I am pleased to inform that numbers are up both in the Scouts Section, Explorer Scout Section and Network.

The County Leaders Skill Day held on the 15th March 2008 at Walton Firs both Claire Devine Scout Leader and Catherine Keen Cub Scout Leader were very busy giving their information on Special Needs. Those of you who got to talk to them must have found it most interesting.

Lastly, I should like to pass on my grateful thanks to all those Section Leaders around the County who have Special Needs Young People in their Sections for their dedication and kindness.

Derek Smith

Assistant County Commissioner (Special Needs)

Activities report

Last year was a very heavy one from an Activity perspective although it is true to say that with the host of Centenary celebrations that took place some suffered a little. The new Permit system has been introduced and we are still trying to iron out a few difficulties, particularly with finding National Governing Body qualified assessors for the host of activities that require them. One of our successes was the very onerous job of registering every known boat and getting these formally inspected in accordance with the Associations rules. We continue to have both RN recognised Sea Scout Groups and RAF recognised Air Scout Groups, making them part of the elite 100 recognised groups in each from the Country.

These are some of the high lights:

Water Activities

World Scout Jamboree, a number of leaders gave up their time to help man the SPASH water event with one member of the Jamboree delivery team (JDT) responsible for the management of 100 IST members delivering the kayak part of the Splash water activities.

In Richmond upon Thames District their boating base really took off with over 700 members from the District, County and further away participating in water activities. Already over a thousand bookings have been logged for this current year and if you would like to try some boating in very unique boats then this is not to be missed

Bands

Once again all our 5 bands continued to put on very impressive performances.

The highlights were the massed band comprising all the bands in the Lord Mayors Show and the four bands that took part in the Jamboree closing ceremony.

County Flying Programme

Last year 5 flying days were offered to the County plus one special spectacular event of a flying experience over the World Scout jamboree organised by Cliff Beck.

Sadly three of the flying days were cancelled due to a lack of participants but on the remaining two days 24 people participated. On the special event a total of 35 people took part.

Paragliding Club

During the past year the Club took possession of their replacement Land Rover and a total of 20 flying days were offered, 16 for over 14s and 4 for under 14s. Unfortunately due to unfavourable weather conditions and an accident at another Flying Club, that we share an airfield with, 5 of these days were lost. However the total number of flights

taken was 108. This year we will be offering another 20 days.

Climbing and Hill Walking

Once again we have been very active in the hills with both courses put on from our base in Bethesda, north Wales which ranged from basics to more advance. Both the Network and Explorer Units have participated and in addition several work weekends have successfully taken place to keep what is a very good asset in good condition.

Gang Shows

Both the County and 2nd Whitton once again put on very creditable performances last year, giving their audiences very pleasurable evenings entertainment and helping their young people develop their personal skills in this area

Duke of Edinburgh Award

This year has seen the re-launch of the D of E Award and a number of leaders have participated in HQ run Workshops throughout the Country.

The Future

We are now well on the way to starting up Scuba Diving experiences with John Tweedly as County Advisor designate and are also looking to reintroduce Caving as a County run activity. Proposals are also being discussed to have an activity Advisors and Assessor's workshop to discuss the further promotion of all activities.

Robin Corti

Assistant County Commissioner (Activities)

County Bands

Last year was one of the busiest we have had for many years; all of our bands took part in many celebrations, Jamboree Lord Mayors Show and O2 Arena.

We have five very good bands in the county, two of these Kingston & Malden and 1st Hook are A Class bands the others 2nd Hook – 1st Wallington - Wimbledon and Wandle are B & C Class. So banding in the county is thriving.

As many of you know last year four of our bands took part in the closing ceremony at the World Jamboree. During the course of the year many other activities took place including district camps where our bands played.

In October the Kingston & Malden and Hook bands got together to celebrate 100 years of scouting with Bands United which was a very good evening.

During the end of October all the bands came together for the Lord Mayors Show practices, I was a bit worried at the beginning but the band members all pulled together and made one of the largest massed bands to take part in this event.

To round off the year Kingston & Malden played at the O2 arena for the last scouting event of the year, I have been told this was a very cold day. This is not the end because around Christmas time I saw two of the bands playing Christmas Carols raising money for different charities around the county.

To start 2008 off 1st Hook held an excellent concert at the Epsom Playhouse, what a wonderful evening of music, not to be missed. And finally, I would like to thank all bandleaders and their members for all of the help they gave me last year.

David Gould

County Band Adviser

Gang Show

Last year, as we were all aware, we celebrated 100 years of Scouting, but did you know there were two other celebrations taking place. Gang Shows celebrated their 75th birthday. Yes it was in 1932 that the first show took place at the Scala Theatre in London. The second celebration was of our own 25th Anniversary. We did not let any of them pass us by.

We always promise the cast, especially the young ones, that we would give them the best week of their lives... and we didn't disappoint them again this year. We, again, put on a very varied show, full of fun and laughter, song and dance... and did it very professionally.

I, as Chairman, would like to record my grateful thanks Andrew Hayward who produced the show. Andrew had been our Producer for the past six years and had decided to stand down at the end of show week. Thanks also to his wife and family for allowing him to spend his summer Sundays at rehearsals.

Thanks are also due to Jo Davey (Choreographer and Producer Designate), Richard Golding (Business Manager) and to every member of the Gang not just those seen on stage but all those out of sight of the public for their dedication and continued support for 'Souwest Gang Show'. We also owe a big vote of thanks to our families for allowing us to be members of the Gang.

This year's production will take place from Tuesday 28th October to Saturday 1st November at the Secombe Theatre, Sutton I promise you a great show and look forward to seeing you there.

Terry Mitchell

Chairman, Gang Show Management Committee

Development Project

It's been another busy twelve months for the County Development Project and the highlight of this last year has to be the recent development conference 'Back to the Future'.

120 Group Scout Leaders, Executive members, District Commissioners and District team members from across GLSW came together over the weekend of 9th and 10th February at The Hilton Hotel in Croydon for a weekend of workshops and briefing sessions focused on development and our ultimate goal of providing better scouting for more young people.

The hard work started at lunch time on the Saturday, the participants went from the opening session with a welcome from both County Commissioner Ian Newbery and Chief Commissioner Wayne Bulpit straight into the workshops. The work continued until late afternoon, interrupted only slightly by the arrival of the fire brigade and having to evacuate the hotel briefly due to the fire alarm going off but fortunately we were able to return and continue with the workshops after only a short break. After the workshops finished there was time to swim or relax in the bar before the evening meal.

After an excellent evening meal Tony Edwards our outgoing County Chairman spoke briefly on the development work across the county in the last six years that lead us to the conference and thanked all those who had given their time to be there that weekend.

After Tony our guest speaker took the floor. Richard Butler (County Commissioner for Norfolk) and kept us laughing with great stories and jokes but the main theme of developing Scouting and being proud of what we do was never far away and Richard gave us lots to think about as well as laugh about.

On Sunday we carried on with workshops and in the final session the participants joined together with their own Districts and DC's and decided on three 'commitments' each to work on over the next six months to further develop Scouting within their own Districts, Groups and sections.

The final session in the main hall reminded us of some of the highlights from 2007 in GLSW with a short film with funky music and pictures and finished with BP's seal of approval in the shape of a cheeky wink at the audience. Feedback from the participants showed the workshops and briefings were well received, and participants enjoyed the opportunity to network with other adults from around the county (some of which was done in the bar...). Overall, participants felt the conference was well organised and "well worth attending".

It would not have been possible to run the conference without the support of participants from across the County so a big thank you to all those who took part. I would also like to thank Ian and all the other members of the county team, new County Chairman Andy Harris, Steve Carter from Croydon Development Team, Richard Butler and Mike Clemo from Norfolk Scouts, and Martyn Milner, Simon Aulton and Bruce Murdoch from Head quarters, all of whom presented and facilitated sessions for us during the weekend. On behalf of the County I would also like to thank the Development Grants Board at HQ who provided significant financial support for the conference.

So, we now look forward to 2008 and beyond, and hope that the work we started at the conference will begin to bear fruit. We're making good progress in the County and are slowly but surely continuing to grow, but there is still much work to be done before we call all sit back and put our feet up, one day maybe!

Jo Launchbury

Assistant County Commissioner (Development)

Health & Safety

This year we welcomed Chris Williams who has joined us to be Health and Safety Coordinator for Sutton District. We now have Health and Safety Coordinators in all Districts.

During the year the Coordinators have produced a Fire Risk Assessment pack in accordance with the 2006 Fire regulations. All Groups have received these packs. So far only a few Groups have completed the packs. When completed your District Coordinator will review your pack and advise if necessary, or help if required in completing the pack. Then your Coordinator will do the annual inspection of your Headquarters. We hope that most Groups will have complied during 2008.

It takes a long time to get round to all the Groups in a District. Once a Health and Safety assessment has been done on a Group headquarters then it is only approximately an hour for the annual visit.

Our job is not to pick holes in your headquarters but to advise where things could be improved in a safe manner. Familiarity breeds contempt and sometimes that can be dangerous. These are sorts of things that we look for.

So far we have seen 30% of the headquarters in GLSW, we will hope to be able to increase this percentage in the coming year.

Alan Lane

County Health and Safety Advisor

Bow Lane Scout Centre

During the year we have continued the work on the Section Room Ceilings / Loft Floor and the work on the main timbers is nearing completion, the next task will be the rewiring and then the actual floor.

The financial position remains healthy especially when one considers that during the past year we have used the services of outside contractors to carry out various work.

Unfortunately the Centre is not used as much as it could be, the facilities are very good and we are pleased to report that there has been an increase of camping during the year – it is possible to get a camp of three patrols in the grounds apart from the indoor accommodation. If you would like to know more about the Centre and the local area and attractions contact me.

Our Tuesday work force is getting smaller and older hence the use of contractors, the 1st Lower Morden have put in some time and Leaders from the Wimbledon & Wandle District have also done some useful work. It is hoped that the 1st Lower Morden Troop will clear up the fallen trees and other rubbish in Bow Lane.

We are always looking for work parties at the Centre and welcome teams, large or small who are prepared to help improve the Centre with either routine tasks or special projects – more details from me on 020 8540 5115. Teams of all ages welcome with tasks to suit individual skills.

For bookings contact Janet Cain on 020 8330 4770.

For offers of work contact Cliff Condon – Centre Management Committee

Cliff Condon

Centre Management Committee

Communications

2007 has been an interesting year for Scouting, and the Communications Sub-Committee, has used this as a year to review communications, and to assess our strengths and weaknesses.

The GLSW yahoo egroup has remained a useful email system, which is an excellent way to send information round to members of the County. To join this email group, you need to visit the county website, and scroll to the bottom, where there is a box for you to enter your email address and click submit. Simple as!!! Once signed up, you are automatically emailed news and information. A huge thank you must go to Helen Jeffrey, for her constant “behind the scenes” work on this.

The County website is regularly updated by Chris Sowden, and is a good place to see what is going on in and around the County. This is particularly the case for the Bethesda section, which Bob Lewis looks after for us. My thanks go to Chris and Bob for this.

Feedback is always appreciated on any aspect of communications, particularly if you have suggestions as to how we can improve. If you have any feedback, I'd happily receive it on my email which is graham.macaulay@glswscouts.org.uk.

As always, my thanks go to Trammat Printing, for the printing and distribution of FOCUS. I would also like to thank all the contributors, who make it so much easier to produce FOCUS.

Graham Macaulay

Chairman Communications Sub-committee

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Our activity base in North Wales yr has continued to give an opportunity for members of the County to enjoy outdoor pursuits not available locally.

The number of recorded bed-nights exceeded 1,150.

Our website has proved an asset in bringing information about our base in a wider field and so enabling us to keep our fees to a minimum.

Help!! Our work parties are becoming smaller and older. Offers of help would be much appreciated. For more information phone Norman James on 020 8643 9140.

Norman James

Chairman of Bethesda Sub Committee

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Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2007

Charity Number 303884

Executive Committees that served during the Period

Serving committee from 1 January to 10 October 2007

Chairman.....A. G. Edwards MBE
Secretary.....A. Sailing
Treasurer.....P. Runacres
County Commissioner.....Roger Hurrion
Deputy County Commissioner.....N. Steward
County Administrator.....J. F. Taylor

Elected Member.....A. Eggitt
Elected Member.....A. Maloney
Elected Member.....D. Smith
Elected Member.....T. Mitchell

Nominated Member.....H. Carter-Pegg
Nominated Member.....C. Condon
Nominated Member.....N. James
Nominated Member.....C. Budhan

Invited Member.....C. Dean
Invited Member.....J. Launchbury

Youth Representative.....G. Macaulay
Youth Representative.....E. Wilson

Serving committee from 10 October to 31 December 2007

Chairman.....Andrew Harris
Secretary.....Lesley Bixby
Treasurer.....Peter Runacres
County Commissioner.....Ian Newbery
Deputy County Commissioner.....Martin Whiting
Deputy County Commissioner.....Chris Dean
Network Commissioner.....Alex Minajew

Co-opted Member.....John Taylor

Elected Member.....Graham Macaulay
Elected Member.....Alan Maloney
Elected Member.....Terry Mitchell
Elected Member.....Simon Keen

Nominated Member.....Hallam Carter-Pegg
Nominated Member.....Cliff Condon
Nominated Member.....Norman James
Nominated Member.....Alison Eggitt
Nominated Member.....Derek Smith

Object of the Charity

The Charity is governed by the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association which is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2007

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Executive Committees certificate

The attached accounts were approved by the Finance Committee on 27th May 2008 and the Chairman & Treasurer were authorised to sign them on the Committee's behalf.

A. Harris - County Chairman
P.G.Runacres - Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Members of the County Scout Council of Greater London South West

We report on the accounts for the year to 31st December 2007 which are set out on pages 18 to 23

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The County's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993) (the 1993 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43 (3) (a) of the 1993 Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in

an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Wandle House Associates - Chartered Accountants

47 Wandle Road, Croydon

Trustee's & Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the financial report for the year ended 31st December 2007 on behalf of the Trustees.

The County had a deficit this year, of £11,532

The Development Officer, has now been employed for just over five years and the Trustees are pleased with the progress made to date and would like to thank the two major sponsors of this cost, the Bridge House Trust and the Scout Association.

Subscription Income increased just over £3,000 this year.

Investment income increased slightly during the year.

Again no Grants have been received from the Smith's Charity, and we do not believe that County is likely to receive any in the future, we are sorry that this source of funding is no longer available.

The various activities during the year made surpluses or deficits as reported in note 3 to the accounts.

At the end of the year the County's income reserves amounted to £64,026, the County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient sums to enable it to meet its ongoing expenditures. The sum available to County excluding its Fixed assets is considered adequate but not excessive and will be used as its working capital. County will however monitor its reserves when setting its annual subscription to ensure that they do not increase unnecessarily.

The Executive Committee continues to be mindful of its responsibilities and continues to use its best endeavours in ensuring that subscriptions are used wisely for the overall benefit of Scouting within the County and that Scouting continues to teach useful skills within an interesting and challenging environment, at an economic cost.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Trustees

Peter Runacres

Honorary Treasurer & Trustee

County Scout Council of Greater London South West

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2007

Incoming Resources	Note No.	31/12/2007	31/12/2006
		£	£
Subscription Income	1	38,107	34,949
Investment Income		2,543	2,180
Tax refunds		-	-
Grants received for Restricted Funds	8	2,000	18,000
Donations from individuals		182	185
Donations from other Charities			1,917
			Unrestricted
			Restricted
Donations passed to Other Charities (Diamond Riding Centre etc)			
Income generated by Various Section Activities		45,528	69,198
Income generated by Administration		3,617	-
Total Income		£ 91,977	£ 126,429

Resources Expended

Monies passed to Other Charities (Diamond Riding Centre etc)	2		
Monies expended from Restricted Fund	8	36,790	35,676
Resources expended by Various Section Activities	3	55,005	83,033
Resources expended on Administration	4	11,714	14,060
Total Expenditure		£ 103,509	£ 132,769

Net Deficit for the year to 31/12/07 (2006 = Deficit) (11,532) (6,340)

Movement in Funds	Unrestricted Funds	23,258		11,637	
	Restricted Funds	<u>(34,790)</u>	(11,532)	<u>(17,976)</u>	(6,340)
Fund Balance Brought forward	Unrestricted Funds	74,358		85,111	
	Restricted Funds	<u>1,200</u>	75,558	<u>(3,213)</u>	81,898
Transfer between funds	Unrestricted Funds	<u>(34,490)</u>		<u>(22,389)</u>	
	Restricted Funds	<u>34,490</u>		<u>22,389</u>	
	Unrestricted Funds	63,126		74,358	
	Restricted Funds	900		1,200	
Fund balances carried forward to 2008		£ 64,026		£ 75,558	

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2007

	notes	31/12/2007 £	31/12/2006 £
Fixed Assets at cost prices:-			
Bethesda Base (2002 Value £52,000)	9	9,315	9,315
Fixtures & Fittings (County)		8,159	8,159
Less Depreciation at 25% on the Written Down Value		(6,707)	(6,223)
Equipment (County)		12,760	12,760
Less Depreciation at 25% on the Written Down Value		(11,768)	(11,438)
Total Fixed Assets		11,759	12,573
Current Assets:-			
Stock of Consumable's (e.g. Gang Show scarves etc.)		56	2,179
Debtors & prepayments		1,850	667
Deposit at HQ (repayable on 7 days notice)		15,230	15,230
Floats and cash held by Officers		3,644	8,344
Balances at Banks & Building Society			
- Interest Bearing Accounts		34,481	27,928
- Current Accounts		21,629	27,914
Total current assets		76,890	82,262
Less Current Liabilities:-			
Accruals & other liabilities		24,623	19,277
Total current liabilities		24,623	19,277
Net Current Assets		52,267	62,985
Total Assets		£ 64,026	£ 75,558
Represented by:-			
Unrestricted Funds		£ 63,126	£ 74,358
Restricted Funds	2	900	1,200
		£ 64,026	£ 75,558

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Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2007

1) Accounting Policies

General

The Accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates designed to write the assets off over their expected lives the rates used are shown on the face of the Balance Sheet

Joint Activities

Where this County joins with other Scout or Guide Counties to organise activities the proportion of Income applicable to this county is shown by way of a note (see Note 11) The Assets that could be realised in the event that the activity ceases is also shown in the same note.

(Paragliding Club 50%, Mountaineering Club 16.66% Aquameet 16.66%)

There was no Aquameet in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 or 2007

Subscription Income

In keeping with the other Scout Counties this Scout County collects the subscriptions due from individual members, via their Group and District, for the Scout Association. These subscriptions are collected as agents for the Association and are not recorded as either income or expenditure of the County. The sum collected is paid on the 23rd April annually but is collected during March annually. For information only, the sum paid to the Association on 23rd April 2007 was just over £185,000.

Three months income covering the period 1st January to 31st March is shown annually as a creditor as the subscription income covers the year to 31st March annually.

2) Fund Balances.

The Fund Balances as reported are divided between Restricted and Unrestricted Funds within the meaning of the Charities Act 1993 The Unrestricted funds are available for any approved County Scout Association activity. The Restricted Funds are only available to assist in the costs associated with the Development Officer of the County.

The details of the Restricted Funds are shown below:

	Income	Expenses	Balance	2006
Balance from previous year			(22,389)	(4,713)
Grants received	2,000			18,000
Salary including NHI		(30,499)		(25,612)
Expenses & Training		(3,034)		(4,329)
Consultancy		(1,841)		(2,329)
Equipment				136
Payroll expenses		(525)		(325)
Promotional & Advertising		(590)		(3,217)
This years totals	2,000	(36,490)	(34,490)	(17,676)
Balance to next year			(56,879)	(22,389)
Grants received were:-				
Scout Association				8,000
Districts			2,000	10,000
Gang Show restricted fund				
Balance from previous year			1,200	1,200
Expended this year		(300)		
This years totals			(300)	
Balance to next year			900	1,200
Transfer from General fund				
Total Restricted Fund			900	(21,189)

Any shortfall on Restricted Funds has to be refunded from General Funds.

Gang Show have a new Restricted fund as a result of a donation from another Charity which can only be used against future Gang Show Performances.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2007 (continued)

3) Section Activities Income & Expenditure.	Income	Expenses	Net	31/12/2006
Beavers			0	0
Cub Scouts	145		145	843
Scouts	3,048	(83)	2,965	(4,920)
Explorers		(1,724)	(1,724)	1,577
Venture Scouts		(2,314)	(2,314)	0
Activities			0	39
Mountaineering & Hillwalking (this County)	3,651	(3,265)	386	(761)
Night Hike	116		116	206
International		(1,285)	(1,285)	(675)
Special Needs			0	0
Leader Training	8,035	(11,394)	(3,359)	(2,928)
Air Rifle			0	(83)
Scout network	7,162	(12,129)	(4,967)	(509)
Duke of Edinburgh Award			0	0
Equipment Depreciation		(815)	(815)	(745)
Bethesda Base	3,892	(2,996)	896	(193)
Training Base	10	6,814	(2)	923
Jamboree	13		0	(3,000)
Gang Show	10,879	(10,378)	501	336
Paragliding	11		0	0
Air Activities	1,786	(1,806)	(20)	176
Aquameet	11		0	0
Mountaineering	11		0	0
Seychelles Project	12		0	(4,121)
	45,528	(55,005)	(9,477)	(13,835)

4) Administration Expenses	Income	Expenses	Net	31/12/2006
Directory			0	(200)
Newsletter & Focus on GLSW		(1,830)	(1,830)	(1,321)
Printing, postage, telephone etc.		(384)	(384)	(382)
Travelling expenses		(561)	(561)	(781)
Meetings conferences etc.		(1,790)	(1,790)	(322)
Insurance's - personal accident & other insurance's		(1,253)	(1,253)	(3,569)
London regional expenses		(650)	(650)	(300)
Grants made		(500)	(500)	(3,500)
County badges		(17)	(17)	(2,306)
Sundry receipts & expenses	3,617	(3,329)	288	(79)
Secretary's Honorarium		(700)	(700)	(600)
Independent Examiners fee		(700)	(700)	(700)
	3,617	(11,714)	(8,097)	(14,060)

5) Independent Examiner's fee. £ 700 700

6) Secretary's Honorarium. £ 700 600

7) Members of the Executive.

Members of the Executive reclaim expenses incurred on the county's behalf. Except for the Secretary shown above, no member of the executive is entitled to any remuneration.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2007 (continued)

8) Diamond Riding Centre

County has in the past reported on the total income from Districts passed on to the Diamond Riding Centre, only those monies that pass through County's records are now recorded.

9) Bethesda Base

The Base is shown at cost price, a new valuation was undertaken in 2002 when the base was been valued at £52,000.

10) Bow Lane Scout Centre

As previously reported the expenditure on the Centre is written off as expended, this is because County is not the freeholder of 1st Lower Morden Scout Group's headquarters which is where the Bow Lane Scout Centre is situated. For information only, the total expended on the fabric of the base to 31st December 2007 was over £141,000 in addition to which numerous donations have been made of materials and services.

11) Paragliding & Mountaineering Clubs and Aquameet

The accounts for these clubs are produced to the 31st December and 31st March annually, respectively and as the County is jointly responsible for them with other Scout Districts and Guide Regions their accounting dates will continue as is. The results are not incorporated into these accounts but are shown here by way of this note.

		2007	2006
Paragliding	Share of Profit / (Loss) 50%		306
	Share of Assets 50%		3,943
Mountaineering	Share of Profit / (Loss) 16.67%		(28)
	Share of Assets 16.67%		242

12) Seychelles Project

There has been no change in this account in 2007

13) Jamboree

County has a policy of setting aside funds for the various Jamboree's so that every 4th year the accounts are not distorted by a large loss. The Jamboree held in 2007 utilised these funds and the remaining balance of £8,578 has been carried forward to be utilised for the next Jamboree to be held, or as the executive committee may decide.

14) Accruals

The accruals are:-

Officers & Activities Expenses owing at 31/12/2007		1,464
Independent Examiner's fee including VAT		700
Annual general meeting estimated		350
Jamboree accrual		8,578
Receipts in advance &/or Expenses not paid:-		
Training		
Subscriptions	9,759	
Development officer	2,769	
Gang Show	300	12,828
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		24,620

