

**COUNTY OF GREATER LONDON SOUTH WEST
ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 3rd JULY 2002 AT 20:00 HRS
WALLINGTON, CARSHALTON & DISTRICT HQ
WOODCOTE ROAD, WALLINGTON**

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

- 1 Welcome and prayers by the County Chairman
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 5 County Annual Report
- 6 Financial Report and Accounts
- 7 Elections and Nominations
 - 7a County Commissioners Nomination for County Chairman
 - 7b Election of County Secretary
 - 7c Election of County treasurer
 - 7d County Commissioner's Nomination for the Executive Committee
 - 7e Election of Members of Scout Council to Executive Committee
 - 7f Election of Two Members to Council of the Scout Association
 - 7g Election of Independent Examiner
 - 7h Appointment of New Vice Presidents
- 8 County Commissioners Report and Presentations
- 9 Keynote Speaker
John May. Chairman Programme and Development Directorate. HQ
- 10 Close of Meeting

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th JUNE 2001
CROYDON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
KATHERINE STREET, CROYDON
AT 19:30 FOR 20:00 START

1	<p>PRAYERS</p> <p>The Meeting commenced at 20:00 hrs with prayers said by David Wall, Croydon Borough Commissioner</p>																																						
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4	<p>PRESENTATION OF ANIMAL TROPHY.</p> <p>Roger Hurron the County Commissioner, presented the Animal Trophy for 2001 to the 1st and 4th Purley Beaver Colony. This nature award was presented to the Beavers for showing an interest in their environment and actively taking part in nature walks, recycling projects and many other issues.</p>
5	<p>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 21st JUNE 2000 AND MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>The adoption of the Minutes were proposed by Alex Minajew, the Deputy County Commissioner and seconded by Jennie Blake. There were no matters arising.</p>
6	<p>COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>Alex Minajew proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and was seconded by Terence Mitchell.</p>
7	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2000.</p> <p>The County Chairman advised that the funding for a Development Officer was progressing with 50% of funding coming from the Scout Foundation Trust and 50% from the Bridge House Trust, subject to a meeting to be held on 12th July. The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts and was seconded by David Wall.</p>
	<p>ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS</p>
8	<p>COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S NOMINATION FOR COUNTY CHAIRMAN</p> <p>The County Commissioner, Roger Hurron, proposed that Tony Edwards be elected County Chairman for another year and this was accepted by Tony Edwards.</p>
9	<p>ELECTION OF COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY SECRETARY</p> <p>The Chairman proposed that Peter Runacres (County Treasurer) and Angela Sailing (County Secretary) be elected for a further year, to which they both agreed. Jennie Blake seconded this proposal.</p>

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13	<p>ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</p> <p>The County Chairman proposed Messrs Pegg Robinson, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as Independent Examiners to audit the Annual Accounts. This proposal was accepted by the Meeting.</p>										
14	<p>APPOINTMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENTS</p> <p>The following members all accepted their appointments as Vice-Presidents.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Clifford Condon</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Emily Richardson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joan Condon</td> <td>Jean Taylor</td> </tr> </table>	Clifford Condon	Emily Richardson	Joan Condon	Jean Taylor						
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PRESENTATIONS [Cont...]

Thank You Badge to Anne Hedgeland, received on her behalf by Christopher Feltham

Honorary Scoutership Joan Condon
Silver Wolf Tony Edwards

The County Commissioner asked 'Is Scouting alive and well in Greater London South West'? and answered the question '**Yes it is!**' Listed below are some of the activities and items to which he referred: -

- Lord Mayor's Show, two bands from GLSW took part
- Cooking Competition a very high standard achieved
- Two thousand Cubs at the Cubaree
- Fifty Groups increased membership some have waiting lists
- South West Croydon & Selsdon and Addington merged.
- Twickenham and Richmond & Barnes Districts due to amalgamate
- Car Sticker promoting Scouts, please display it on your cars
- County Support Team very supportive
- Grant Lottery award of £187812 – Morden

Many thanks to the following for their support: -

- Tony Edwards
- John Taylor now County Administrator
- Alex Minajew, recently appointed National Commissioner for Activities, well done
- Everyone else who has supported and helped

The future looks good, a new programme, it will improve. We must not forget that Mr Gates lost £43 billion this year.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER – RICHARD BUTLER, NATIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR SCOUTS AND CHAIRMAN OF PRI PROGRAMME DESIGN

The Chairman introduced Richard Butler to the Meeting and said that as well as being National Commissioner for Scouts and Chairman of the PRI Programme Design he had also been involved in the following

- Change to a co-ed organisation
- Led the Millennium Camp celebrations
- A leading role in the PRI review
- A leading role in the Queen's Golden Jubilee

Richard Butler said he had once been described as a 'lighthouse in a desert', brilliant but absolutely useless.

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	<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER [Cont...]</p> <p>He said that an Annual General Meeting was a time for looking back and reflection. Without Leaders support young people would not get the help and assistance they need to learn more of the world about them. Thank you to everyone for their support, without you these young people would not get the funding and development that they need. We must not forget that we are supported by loved ones, who let us come out to play!! We do not go to Scouts we are Scouts. The Deputy Mayor was asked if he had been a Cub or Scout and he replied that he had not.</p> <p>Census figures show that numbers are down but also shows that we have waiting lists.</p> <p>PRI secrets, new programme, new uniform, implementation next year. Consultation has taken place over the last five years, asking you what you want. The Design Group has processed all this information and a new programme is shortly to be implemented. There will be a lot of changes for all Sections that will make it easier and simpler to deliver.</p> <p>Thank you all and remember – “Young people are the only resource for the future” (John Fitzgerald Kennedy)</p>
17	<p>ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF CROYDON, COUNCILLOR ROD MATLOCK</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor said that he would make his speech very brief, as the previous speaker had already told five or six of the jokes that he had written down. He also said that he had told a lie, he had been a Cub Scout for a while, but then he is a politician.</p> <p>Councillor Matlock welcomed everyone to Croydon town. It had been a very good-humoured meeting tonight. Much better than some Council meetings.</p> <p>Scouts provide a positive role model and he thanked everyone here tonight for providing that example. He also wished everyone to carry on enjoying their Scouting.</p>
18	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Croydon Council for providing facilities and refreshments and especially David Morgan and David Wall for the organisation of the occasion</p> <p>The displays on show this evening were the Scout Trust Home, Seychelles, and Edge Hill Venture Unit of their expeditions to Romania, Ghana and Nepal.</p>

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As I write this, my fifth Annual Report, I am reminded of three main elements namely; development, preparation for the new programme and recognising Scouting as a business.

DEVELOPMENT

This is not simply a well-prepared five-year action plan but is an all-embracing concept to match the needs of our young people in an ever-changing society. I know from speaking with some District and Group Chairmen and their Executives that "Development" is on their agenda. At County level we have, after two years, achieved our aim by employing our very own paid County Development Officer (CDO). Jo Launchbury. Jo commenced work on December 4th 2001 and we warmly welcomed her to a very 'different' and challenging job! Jo is supported by the part time Project Manager, Roger Cooke (Chairman of Greater London South). We are fortunate to secure Roger in this role since he has experience, having undertaken a similar position for the Greater London Inner and East Counties. Please read their items elsewhere in this report. To hear the Scout Association's concept on Development I am delighted that John May, Chairman of the Programme and Development Directorate at Headquarters, has accepted my invitation to be the Keynote speaker at this year's Annual General Meeting. His theme will be, "Better Scouting for More Young People".

NEW PROGRAMME

The launch of the Programme Review Implementation (PRI) next year cannot come fast enough. Naturally there has been frustration in awaiting the details, but if the end result meets expectations then the waiting will have been worthwhile. (Obviously as I write this Report the launches have been completed with great enthusiasm – more details next year). I am mindful of the enormous extra workload, which has been placed on the shoulders of the County Commissioner, his County Support Team and all the Leaders. Executive Committee's have a key role in this too with giving administrative and financial support to the District Commissioner's and Group Scout Leaders. I thank you all for your anticipated acceptance of the additional work.

THE 'BUSINESS' SIDE OF SCOUTING

During the past year we have been faced with legislation on Health & Safety and the Charities Act to name but two areas promoting the need to put Scouting on a business footing. However when trying to incorporate more business know how we tread a precarious path for we must never overlook the value of our volunteer Leaders, Instructors and Helpers. One area which has taken tremendous strides since having a more professional approach has been in Communications. I applaud the success of the Communications Committee, ably led by Christopher Feltham, in updating our website www.glsWSCouts.org.uk. Have you joined as a subscriber where you can get up to date information on activities, jamboree and Focus Newsletter etc? With a total of over 10,000 members and helpers we will continue to endeavour to communicate with them all regularly. Another significant success in the year was the National campaign to prevent the Government introducing a fee for security clearance applications via the Criminal Records Bureau. Thanks go to all of you who wrote to your Members of Parliament and other people who had influence culminating in the charging proposal being withdrawn. (Note: there are now new guidance notes, 'Dealing with disclosure application forms' issued by the Criminal Records Bureau). Please take time to read the separate Sub- Committee Reports enclosed within the Annual Report. They give a very clear picture of just how much is going on in the County and the variety of activities, which are on offer.

Finally I would pay tribute to all the Leaders and Adult Supporters in Greater London South West for their commitment and sheer hard work. In thanking them all I must make special mention of Roger Hurron who, by our Annual General Meeting on July 3rd 2002, will have completed five years as County Commissioner. It has been a privilege to work with him over this period and to see first hand his ability to juggle family, work and Scouting and still retain a sense of humour!

On a personal note I look forward to writing this report in a year's time because it's going to be a great year. Optimism reigns.

Tony Edwards
County Chairman

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Looking back over last year it is hard to imagine how much has been packed in and achieved. Certainly in my time as County Commissioner there has never been a year quite like it. Many things that have been prepared for over quite some time have now come into being.

The County Expedition to the Seychelles has taken place successfully under Stephen Clark and Jean East, building friendships and experiences for all those who took part and strengthened our County links with the Seychelles. Indeed we had a visit from the International Commissioner John Marie and some of the Scouts who took part in the Windsor Queen's Scout Parade.

Our County Development Officer Jo Launchbury was appointed in December. She is now firmly part of the Greater London South West Team with plenty of projects to help develop Scouting in the County. Jo's hands are full with plans of help to recruit new Leaders and Members. She is there to help and advise, make use of her, as her time is precious and needs to be well spent if we are to see true development in our County.

Again this year our numbers dropped, but not so much in the areas of Leaders but more in our younger Membership. This is a worrying trend, which we need to urgently address. Hopefully with PRI now firmly in place, with new programmes, new Sections and Section Logos plus the uniform change, we have the tools and resources to shout for Scouting and maximise this effect by turning in an increase of numbers in the future. There is no going back, Scouting has launched itself into the future and we need to capitalise on everything the new image gives, to bring it to as many young people as possible – the benefits of Scouting.

Census figures, thank goodness are not the only criteria to judge what is good in Greater London South West. There remains a tremendous amount of good

work being done, and I thank you all on behalf of the young people who benefit.

We have increased the County Support Team with appointments of Christopher Dean (Scout Network), Caroline O'Hagan (Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts), and Richard Holmes (County Scout Leader).

Christopher, Caroline and Richard came on board with the PRI launches and have stayed ever since.

Launching the new Programme was an enlightening experience; it brought teamwork out into the open and strengthened the County with so many individuals having so much to offer. We are indebted to all those who worked under Nigel Steward's guidance for so long over so many weekends.

PRI was not the only change brought to the County. Richmond & Barnes District combined with Twickenham to become the new District of Richmond upon Thames under Robin Corti's leadership. Alex Minajew was appointed National Commissioner for Activities. John Seaton and John Perkins have taken up the posts of District Commissioner in North Croydon and Sutton & Cheam respectively.

During the year Districts along with the County have taken and will continue to take a look at how Scouting in Greater London South West is organised to give the maximum benefit to our Membership. There has been a reduction in the number of Scout Groups, and this may continue as everyone strives to develop Scouting from a position of strength, able to give a balanced programme to the Membership. But to counter this 'Satellite Sections' are being opened, supported by already established strong Scout Groups, providing Scouting in areas where it is needed. In the future I believe that this will become an established pattern with a 'Parent' Group nurturing an offspring

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Section or Sections, to help them reach maturity.

Internationally as a County we have blossomed. During last year we had more International Expeditions and visits than ever before. We were one of the highest in the Country. Apart from our Jamboree contingent we are also providing a large number of members for Contingent Support Teams and International Support Teams in Thailand, long may this continue. My Report can only be a snapshot of my view of the past year and the general issues. As always I urge you to read the Sectional reports for further details.

What does the future hold for us in Scouting? There is the Jamboree to look forward to, where we can all take part in some aspect and we wish Mark Patrick and his contingent of fellow Leaders and Members good luck and enjoyable times.

The new Programme and the beginning of Explorer Scout and the Scout Network will provide interesting and exciting times for us all. There will be a reorganisation of

Leader Training and details of this will be coming soon in the autumn. No doubt it will mean more hard work at first to those involved in delivering training, but it will be an improved package, so let us embrace the changes and make them work effectively just as we have done with PRI.

Finally, none of what has happened in Greater London South West in the last year has been without tremendous effort, commitment and support at all levels. Thank you to all of you for your efforts. Thank you also to the County Support Team, Tony Edwards and the County Executive Committee, who without their support I could not do my job as County Commissioner. Also let us not forget all those who help in the background providing the many unseen areas of support that helps to keep Scouting going in the County.

Scouting has a strong, bright and exciting future, let us do it and enjoy it together.

Good Luck and Best Wishes.

Roger Hurrion
County Commissioner

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BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

In case some of you do not know me let me give you a little bit of my history. I used to be a Guide Leader and when I married we had two sons, then I discovered Scouting. In 1989 I became a Beaver Leader in Eastern Croydon District. I was asked to become District Beaver Scout Leader and later on Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts. My sons became Beavers in due course and the youngest one who is now sixteen is a Venture Scout and soon to be an Explorer Scout, my eldest left Ventures when he was twenty one, but I hope that he will now join the Scout Network. My husband Les is the Eastern Croydon District Safety Co-ordinator and also helps to run Cubs and Scouts. So you can see we are a busy Scouting family.

I took over from Joan Condon in April 2001, and I am slowly becoming acquainted with the County. I have not been able to get to all the District Leaders Meetings as they tend to be held on evenings when I have other commitments. If I can ask all Assistant District Commissioners to inform me of any important events or meetings that they would like me to attend, well in advance, then I might be able to attend meetings etc. I really am looking forward to meeting you all in due course.

What an exciting time to take over as Assistant County Commissioner Beaver

Scouts. The last year has seen many changes in the Scout Movement. The Beaver uniform has changed and all the Beavers seem to really like the new uniform, even if it is a little too big for some of them. Then we had the launches for the new Scout programme and discovered that the Beavers are now an important part of Scouting and our programme reflects this. We have all sorts of new Awards and in particular a Chief Scouts Bronze Award which is the highest award a Beaver can obtain. I was very pleased to have met so many of you at the launches.

From the minutes that I receive it seems that the Beaver Scouts in the County undertake all sorts of activities and go on many outings to various places in the country. I have managed to attend a few District Beaver Fun Days to discover that Beavers and Leaders in our County really do know how to enjoy themselves. I hope to be able to visit a few more events during the coming year.

My thanks must go to all Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Helpers for the work they do each week within their Colonies, without them I would have no visits to make or anything to write about. I must also thank the County Commissioner and the County Team for all their support during the last year, as I am new to this they have all been of great assistance.

Jennie Blake
Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

Since the last County Annual General Meeting we have had many changes within our Section. Last year saw us mark yet another milestone in Cub Scouting when we were eighty-five years young. We had to mark this occasion appropriately, so it was decided that we would hold a Cubaree Fun Day towards the start of the summer at Frylands Wood Campsite.

All the plans were in full swing and I was impressed by the offers of help and the planning that everyone was putting into practice. Two days before the event I was aware that we would have 2200 people on site and they were arriving by coach, minibus, tram and on foot. Panic started to set in. We had yet another Team Meeting with the Warden and his staff and I was satisfied that we could still get everyone on and off the site safely and control the site safety as well. Surely nothing can go wrong? Saturday morning dawned and everything was in place and then the weather broke. RAIN and more RAIN. Never one to be deterred "the team" donned their coats and put the day in motion. Everyone had a great time; there were lots of activities ranging from Arts and Crafts, sports events, bouncy castles, all of the site activities and a mock battle with Roundheads and Cavaliers. I think the highlight for the Cubs was definitely the rain and mud. Standing on the gate as they all trooped home, my thoughts were not on how much my feet ached, but how much enjoyment you could see on each Childs face and to me that is what Cub Scouting is all about.

In November we held our Annual Swimming Gala which again last year was extremely well supported. The races were very close and from what I was told by the children present they all had a great time.

It was the taking part that mattered, not the winning.

2002 saw the launch of PRI and what a launch. The way that we deliver Cub Scouting will change but the contents within our programmes are open to a much wider scope that meets today's needs of the child. There are more opportunities and challenges to be met as well as the bringing together of the family of Scouting within Groups. I look forward to this new challenge and welcome change and our move forward, after all the Future is Now.

This year we also have lots of events taking place within Districts for the Queen's Golden Jubilee and I look forward to visiting some of these as well.

Over the next year I am looking to introduce new events and activities for both Leaders and Cub Scouts and welcome any ideas that you may have. We already have two events and a couple more in the pipeline. Watch this space. I have personally found this first year in my new role both challenging and fun. I have enjoyed getting to know my team of Assistant District Commissioners and thank them for all the work that they put into running the Section within their Districts. I feel that I am very lucky in that they have been supportive of me and I am looking forward to our future in the Cub Section. I have also enjoyed the invites to various District Activities around the County and I have met many interesting people in my travels.

On a final note we have many innovative changes to integrate over the next year and I look forward to the challenge ahead, the Future is Now.....

Jenny Ririe
Assistant County Commissioner Cub Scouts

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SCOUT REPORT

As we enter the final period of change for the Scout Section I can look back over the last twelve months and smile at some of the success that we have enjoyed, whilst recognising that there is still much to be done.

County Scout Leader Andrew Harris has continued to refine the events that the County offers and with the Teams he has working on each activity we have seen an increase in numbers participating at all our events, culminating in the Night Exercise that saw approximately two hundred and fifty Scouts from Greater London South West taking part. This is due entirely to the high quality of the experiences that we are now providing and the ability to promote these opportunities quicker and more widely using predominantly e-mail but also by post. Another success this year was the running of a County led Summer Camp to Tolmers Campsite near Potters Bar. By using the activities offered by the site and pooling equipment and manpower, one hundred and twenty four people were able to enjoy a weeks camping. Which in turn has helped to boost the Troop programme with the result that many of those Troops involved will be able to support their own Summer Camps this year.

There is another trend that is not so encouraging and that is of some District's inability to run events for the Section. The reasons are varied and are obvious to those active within the Scout Section, but suffice it to say that I feel that it is inevitable that the importance of the activities that can be offered by the County pulling together will increase as time passes.

Most of my time this year, as it has been since my appointment nearly five

years ago, has been spent "fire fighting". I have been engaged in trying to provide support to Troops in Districts where there is no effective Scout Section Support Team. The recent mergers have gone some way to alleviating some of these problems, but there are still several areas where many Troop Scouters feel out on their own and unsupported. That is where I see the bulk of my work continuing to lie, and my intention is to continue to concentrate on these areas of most need.

We have now had the details of the new programme revealed to us and all of the one hundred and fifty plus Scout Section people who came to the County launches have received it with enthusiasm. Many are pleased that the programme Review Team have taken on board what is actually happening in troops up and down the Country and produced a training scheme that is practical, simple to run and administer and reflects the shifting pattern of young peoples lives today.

Looking forward, the Scout Team are ever reviewing the needs of Scouts in Greater London South West and part of this process is communicating with our neighbours to share ideas and solutions to common problems. The production of a Scout Section County Activities Book, detailing all that we currently offer, has met with general approval. The response to the attached questionnaire was quite overwhelming with over a third being completed and returned. This will help us to plan future events and the means that we employ in communicating to the Section.

I am pleased to welcome two new people to the Scout Section team.

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SCOUT REPORT

Christopher Sowden has come on board to help us to develop the Scout Pages on the County website. The fruits of his labour have already been seen with results for events being posted on the same day and full reports with pictures available within three days. Of course we hope to expand on this with details of future events and possibly a chat room for Scouts to "Ask the ACC". Richard Holmes has agreed to taking a County Scout Leaders warrant and he will be involved in producing the events and one or two

other areas we have wanted to develop for some time.

Finally, I would like to take this public opportunity to thank all those who make Scout scouting happen in Greater London South West and particularly to Andrew Harris for his continued enthusiasm and drive. Here's to the next twelve months, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that PRI will present us, and most of all let's enjoy what we do.

Ian Newbery
Assistant County Commissioner Scouts

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VENTURE SCOUT REPORT

This is my, and probably the last full report for the Venture Scout Section in Greater London South West.

CHANGE

The clarion call to initiate change started at the 14 – 25 Workshop in Manchester, at the end of June, when the new structures were presented to, perhaps one of the most successful National Conferences held in recent times. Greater London South West sent its full delegation, comprised of two Venture Scouts, two Leaders under twenty-five and myself. This was followed up by a presentation to District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners on the 12th July.

At the Greater London South West Venture Scout Conference on the 18th November, it was the general feeling that only the timing of the new programme material was delaying work on the more formalised transfer from Venture Scouting to the two new sections. The declining appetite for Venture Scouting, in the face of such changes, can also be witnessed by the fact that between the two weekends of Leadership One Training, numbers had dropped by an unprecedented 50%.

Although Venture Scouting will disappear, the stages of anguished arguments have gone and the simple matter is that most people are now eager to get on and do 'the job'. To that end, I am extremely delighted that the County has seen fit to appoint Christopher Dean as County Scout Network Commissioner and Caroline O'Hagen as Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts.

QUEENS SCOUTS AWARDS

In the last twelve months, the number dropped from the expected twenty, or so, to eleven. One can point to the extension of the upper age limit, therefore taking away some of the previous urgency to have the Award completed. However, we must also remember that 2001 saw the effective closure of Britain's countryside for the vast majority of the 'walking

year'. Given that the expedition is sometimes left as the last task to complete, this will obviously have had a great impact.

STATE DUTIES

The State Opening of Parliament on the 20th June provided a superb opportunity for ten of our Queens Scouts to participate in this event, which culminated with forming a 'Parade' outside the Peer's Entrance at the Houses of Parliament.

In November as is tradition; Queens Scouts formed the Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen and other dignitaries, from the Foreign Office Building into Whitehall for the National Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph.

Perhaps the most testing of all was the death of Her Majesty the Queen Mother, on Saturday 30th March. From the time of the announcement in the early evening, Greater London South West was asked to provide a contingent (complete with names and addresses etc) by lunchtime the following day. That following day was, in fact Easter Sunday. With many being away, or due to be away in the coming week, this presented a challenge. The requirement was to undertake a six-day residential 'State Duty'. Despite the demands, Greater London South West provided six people made up of Queens Scouts, recent Queens Scouts plus younger members of the Section.

FINALLY

I am a very privileged person. I could write a book about the fantastic achievements that I have witnessed, some simple, some of International standing. Furthermore, for the support given by the County Team and the County Executive, for the work of the Section, as well as the numerous Leaders and Venture Scouts that have invited me to participate in events. Thank you.

Alex Minajew
Assistant County Commissioner Venture Scouts

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

Firstly my thanks to David Gould and Anthony Morris for their dedication and commitment whilst holding the appointments of County Band Adviser and Gang Show Producer respectively and I wish their successors, Ivan Gideon and Andrew Hayward, the best of luck in carrying out their new responsibilities. I must also welcome Christopher Hampton who joins our team of Canoeing Assessors.

Unfortunately the Hill Walking Course had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease but subsequent courses were very successful. These included Remote Camping when four parties of twenty Members plus Leaders camped in the Moelwyn area of Snowdonia. The Older Scouts Weekend in North Wales was also well attended with a full programme of hill walking, climbing and abseiling. The Basic Mountaineering First Aid Course was, once again, run to capacity.

Both an Orienteering Competition for Scouts and Venture Scouts and an Advanced Hill Walking Course for Leaders were new initiatives. The former held over Banstead Woods was extremely popular with well over forty teams taking part. The event proved that the standards in map and compass work are being maintained. The Leaders Course, which filled the Bethesda Base, was aimed at developing skills to equip Leaders to meet the requirements of the new Hill Walking Authorisation Scheme.

Foot and mouth disease, together with bad weather, also affected our flying activities although twenty-two Scouts did enjoy air experience flying out of Goodwood, one of the few aerodromes with an Air Operators Certificate, whilst several others had the

opportunity to enhance their paragliding skills. Climbing, water activities and rifle shooting were some of the other adventurous activities, which were offered to Scouts throughout the County.

Some of our Members entered the Scout National Parascending Accuracy Championships, the National Scout Air Rifle Championships and the National Marching Band Championships and gained creditable results.

A fifth Band was formed in 2001 and this, together with the existing Bands and members of the County Gang Show, promote musical and entertainment skills, which are consistently of a high standard.

With the implementation of the new Scout Programme, which aims to provide an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development, all Explorer Scouts and Members of the Scout Network should be encouraged to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which provides further recognition of their achievements. In addition The Explorer Belt is another challenge for those Members over sixteen.

Safety in Scouting is concerned with promoting a culture of safety in all Scouting activities, not just those that have been perceived to involve a greater element of risk. With this in mind most Districts have appointed a Safety Co-ordinator whose role is one of advice, support and co-ordination, being responsible to the District Executive Committee, through the District Chairman, in discharging its duties with regards to the management of Health and Safety. My thanks to the Team who have taken on this important role.

Robert Bushell
Assistant County Commissioner Activities

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ADULT TRAINING TEAM REPORT

The County has run one Course for each Section throughout the year.

Group Scout Leader	10
Commissioner	3

A First Step Course has been run every term around the County. Many new Leaders are quickly reaching Leadership One Courses as a result.

Other Courses and Workshops, which have been run throughout the year, include, Winter Hill Walking, Beaver Sleepover and Remote Camping.

District Commissioners have awarded thirty-eight Wood Badges during the year: -

I thank all those Leaders who have given of their time to teach, enthuse and motivate participants on all Courses. Without them and the support of their families the County could not host courses to such a high quality.

Beaver Scout Section	4
Cub Scout Section	10
Scout Section	7
Venture Scout Section	4

Pat Askey
Assistant County Commissioner Adult Training

BETHESDA REPORT

The end of 2001 saw the completion of the major refurbishment of the Base. For which many thanks are due to all those who made it happen. It has met with many favourable comments from our users, which made all the hard work worthwhile.

Lewis our Base Minder who has dealt with many problems for us on the spot. He is also the producer of our website which has kept us up to date with the Foot and Mouth access restrictions.

Our task is now to keep it up to the standard with our two work parties a year, our special thanks to the members who turn up year after year, some for over ten years, especially Bob

Our bookings were down last year due to the Foot and Mouth Disease, with some cancellations. We look forward to 2002 to bring a good year for mountaineering weather and maximum bookings.

Bednight Use 710.

Norman Jones
Chairman Bethesda Management Committee

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BOW LANE SCOUT CENTRE REPORT

This year the main task has been the New Toilet Block. Following a further refusal for funding from the National Lottery the Management decided that in view of the state of the old toilets it was imperative that they were replaced. Modifications to the plans were drawn up so that not all the work would go out to Contractors and reclaimed materials would be used where possible. It was planned that work would be carried out during the close season for weekly meetings and so in July the Contractors came on site and the demolition of the existing toilets was soon complete. An early problem was the footings and the Poplar Tree in our grounds; the result was that the tree had to go. Work progressed at a steady rate and by the middle of August the Tuesday work Team were working every Tuesday alongside the Contractors thereby making an economy in the overall cost. By early September the Contractors were off site and the Tuesday Team continued with the fitting out and other tasks. The end result was that by the end of September the new Toilets were in use, although not finished and the work continues.

The other major project was the roof, following the quotation to oversheet the existing asbestos roof; problems arose over safety and dust. We were fortunate in that we obtained a further quotation to strip off the old roof completely and replace with a twin skin insulated steel roof. We were also lucky that we obtained a grant from the Lottery "Awards for All" of £5000.00 to help towards the overall costs.

Following of our monitoring of the gas and electricity supplies, the Gas Programmers were enclosed and the settings adjusted, there now seems to be a reduction in our fuel consumption and our Direct Debits have been reduced, further monitoring is taking place.

As the area slopes down towards us from the Park, during last years excessive rainfalls the Gang Show Store tended to get wet, we had tried several ways to cure this, but without complete success, but work continues.

The major project for this year is the car park, problems are caused during wet weather (as mentioned previously) and it looks as though some type of surface drainage needs to be installed to direct the excess water down to the Brook.

During the high winds recently one of the Poplar trees alongside our fence was blown down, until we can ascertain whose responsibility the trees are, work cannot begin to remove the Tree, repair the Fence and carry out surgery to the other trees damaged by the fall.

The Centre is still without a regular cleaner, does anyone fancy the job, timing to suit.

How can you help? Why not arrange a Work Party from your District, Group or Section; there are projects to suit all workers.

Clifford Condon
Bow Lane Scout Centre Management

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

This year, the main emphasis of the Communications Committee has changed from the Focus Newsletter to the County Website and other associated forms of electronic communication. A small team has been formed to help update, develop and maintain the site. The team consists of Helen Jeffrey, Robert Lewis, Christopher Sowden (Bob and Chris are the technical wizards), Andy Harris and myself. It has a set number of aims for the site, namely: -

- To promote the County.
- To provide a resource for all members.
- To improve the distribution of all information and communication.
- To encourage participation at County events.
- To encourage linking of Groups within and outside the County.
- To promote the concept of Scouting.
- To inject a modern image into Scouting.
- To encourage the world to join and/or support us.

These aims were conveyed to the District Chairmen at their recent meeting, and their suggestions of a PRI Link, diary link, an Honours List for Queens Scouts will be pursued. A link to Jo Launchbury's projects as County Development Officer is already in hand.

As anyone recently visiting the site will have noticed a number of changes have taken place. Particularly in the Scout and Venture Scout Sections. Jamboree information and Contacts pages.

Additional information on the County Scout Centre will be added soon. Helen Jeffrey, our Web Manager, is keen to include some

photographs of the Centre. Another area for inclusion is the Gangshow, with information on this year's show, a booking form and possibly a Link to the theatre's own website to allow on-line booking.

Members of the County Team now have a standard format for their e-mail addresses firstname.surname@glsWSCOUTS.org.uk and thumbnail images are starting to appear against names. More will show as Helen captures people at future events.

The Greater London South West mailing list service via Yahoo groups is now used more. Being one of the 150+ subscribers ensures that any County mailings will be sent directly via e-mail. Newsflashes and website updates are notified to all on the e-mailing group.

Special thanks should be recorded of the sterling work carried out by Helen Jeffrey over the past few months. Her enthusiasm knows no bounds and her ability to motivate and cajole people into action has been pivotal to the Website's recent progress.

After a year in the Focus editors chair, Phil Davies, has expressed a wish to stand down for family reasons. This is a disappointment as Phil has only just got his 'feet under the table'. He adopted a more cost effective way of producing the Newsletter that was particularly welcomed by the printer. It is planned to continue to issue five editions a year with the copies being with the Districts at the beginning of April, June, October, December and February. Focus can now be e-mailed to individuals in PDF form. If you would like to receive your copy this way please e-mail focus@glsWSCOUTS.co.uk

Christopher Feltham
County Executive Committee

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT 1

Commonsense, Enthusiasm and Commitment i.e. Development

By the time this Report is released the Greater London South West Development Project will have been running for six months of its three-year term. Two County based projects have been completed, including the very successful County wide launches of the new Programme and work on a further twenty four projects is under way with Groups and Districts across the County, with more projects pending.

The type of projects being undertaken at present vary considerably. Some Groups wanting to open new Sections to reduce waiting lists, Groups and Districts wanting to recruit more young people, and those who want to recruit more adults.

But development is about more than just doing school presentations or assisting Groups and Districts to recruit more adults using "Six Steps to Adult Recruitment". Development is about planning and support, and its knowing where you are going and what you want to achieve in Scouting in the next month or year.

To promote growth and improve our retention we need to raise the Public awareness of Scouting in the 21st Century, look at our role within the Community and support and encourage

more of our Groups to offer 'co-ed' Scouting. So, how do we do that? The key issues are: - development, planning, succession planning, financial support, programme support and, most important of all our Adult Volunteers.

Many of the groups that I have visited would like to recruit more young people, but feel that Adult recruitment is a higher priority. However, it is important we remember that our greatest source of Adult help is the families of our young people. Therefore, the more young people that we can get into Scouting, the greater our opportunity to recruit adults, and the greater our opportunity to promote Scouting and all we have to offer.

An interesting fact: "the number of people on our waiting lists today is equal to the number who left Scouting last year" (source: Stephen Peck, Head of P & D, Headquarters). Do you see a development opportunity here? Think of all the parents who have children on our waiting lists.

Development is not just a new buzzword. If you are passionate about Scouting, you have to be passionate about its development.

Jo Launchbury
Assistant County Commissioner Development

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT 2

PROJECT REPORTS

There have been twenty-six bids for assistance during the first five months that Jo Launchbury has been in post. Two projects have been completed and closed.

One of these projects was the launch of the Scout Programme to the Districts around the County. As a member of the County Launch Team for the Programme this has provided Jo with the opportunity of meeting many Leaders from around the County in a very short space of time.

Many of the projects are focused around the recruitment of adults and young people. When the project was being first considered this was very much the primary function of the Development Officer. A project for the 1st Hook Scout Group involved a presentation to some three hundred

and eighty young people of Beaver and Cub Scout age and has at the last count produced enquiries from seven young people.

TRAINING & HQ SUPPORT

The use of the Induction Pack as a tool to provide a structured induction into the role of a Development Officer has worked very well. Jo has now attended a GCA Course at Gilwell Park to see, in practical terms how it can apply to her job.

WHERE TO NOW?

The next step is for Jo to consider formulating a Development Action Plan for consideration by the County Commissioner and his County Team. This is an action contained within the Development Officer's Induction Pack. Watch this space. Overall a great start for Greater London South West.

Roger Cooke
Project Manager

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2001

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Executive Committees certificate

The attached accounts were approved by the Finance Committee on 15th May 2002 and the Chairman & Treasurer were authorised to sign them on the Committee's behalf

A.G.Edwards - 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 2001 which are set out on pages 4 to 8

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,

Pegg Robertson - Chartered Accountants
47 Wandle Road, Croydon

COUNTY OF GREATER LONDON SOUTH WEST

TRUSTEE'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the financial report for the year ended 31st December 2001 on behalf of the Trustees.

The County had a deficit this year, of just under £40,000, after expending £54,919, net of income on the Bow Lane Training Centre, but this figure did include a Grant received of £16,500 which will be used over the next year

The County has now employed a development officer, although not until later in the year than was expected. The County has been very fortunate to secure grants that will cover most of the costs of the Development Officer, one had been received in the year and one was received over the Xmas holidays but not banked until January 2002, the Grants have been made by the Bridge House Trust and The Scout Association respectively. The Trustees would like to thank both of these bodies for the Grants made by them.

Some comments on the Individual figures; Subscription Income fell slightly this year as there was no increase in the County's subscription rate and the number of members again fell, the Executive Committee is confident that the Development Officer will reverse this trend.

Investment income remained at a similar level to last year, but the Value of our Scout & Guide Trust until again fell, reflecting the reduction in the value of Stock & shares generally.

Unfortunately we did not receive any Grants from the Smith's Charity, which we indicated may be the case It is very disappointing that the Charity have changed their policy to County's detriment but we are still in correspondence with the Trustees in the hope of getting them to change their minds, but we are not confident that we will be successful.

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

During the Year County has continued with the refurbishment of the County Base, and this phase is nearly complete, we would like to record our thanks to the Angoree Trust for their Grant of £3,720 towards the cost of the disabled Toilets and to Awards for All (part of the National Lottery) for their Grant of £5,000 towards the repair of the roof. Unfortunately our main application to the National Lottery was not successful, but we did not consider that we could delay the works for the next round of Grant applications, especially as there was no guarantee of success.

At the end of the year the County's income reserves amounted to £52,568, 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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2001

<u>Incoming Resources</u>	Note No.	<u>31/12/2001</u>	<u>31/12/2000</u>
		£	£
Subscription Income	1	24,389	25,893
Investment Income		4,006	4,224
Tax refunds		-	529
Grants received for Restricted Funds	8	16,500	-
Donations from individuals		220	173
Donations from other Charities (Smiths Charity)		-	7,500
Donations passed to Other Charities (Diamond Riding Centre etc)		220	216
Income generated by Various Section Activities		103,887	44,462
Income generated by Administration		366	54
<u>Total Income</u>		£ 149,588	£ 83,051
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Monies passed to Group's (Smiths Charity)		-	7,500
Monies passed to Other Charities (Diamond Riding Centre etc)	2	220	216
Monies expended from Restricted Fund		3,207	-
Resources expended by Various Section Activities	3	172,270	50,573
Resources expended on Administration	4	10,462	8,280
<u>Total Expenditure</u>		£ 186,159	£ 66,569
<u>Unrealised Decrease (2000 = decrease) in value of investments</u>		(1,345.00)	(939.00)
<u>Net Income for the year to 31/12/01</u>		(37,916)	£ 15,543
<u>Movement in Funds</u>			
Brought forward from previous years	2	103,777	88,234
This years movement see above		(37,916)	15,543
<u>Carried forward to next period</u>		£ 65,861	£ 103,777

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2001

	notes	<u>31/12/2001</u>	<u>31/12/2000</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets at cost prices:-</u>			
Bethesda Base (2002 Value £52,000)	9	9,315	9,315
Fixtures & Fittings (County)		5,587	5,587
Less Depreciation at 25% on the Written Down Value		<u>(5,414)</u>	<u>(5,356)</u>
Equipment (County)		12,255	9,452
Less Depreciation at 25% on the Written Down Value		<u>(7,585)</u>	<u>(6,028)</u>
Equipment (Paragliding Club)		10,902	10,139
Less Depreciation		<u>(9,478)</u>	<u>(7,904)</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>15,582</u>	<u>15,205</u>
<u>Investments:-</u>			
Scout & Guide Trust Fund (31/12/2001 value)		8,440	9,786
<u>Current Assets:-</u>			
Stock of Consumable's (e.g. Gang Show scarves etc.)		242	67
Debtors & prepayments		2,067	3,955
Deposit at HQ (repayable on 7 days notice)		40,438	68,577
Floats and cash held by Officers		428	369
Balances at Banks & Building Society			
- Interest Bearing Accounts		8,760	22,441
- Current Accounts		<u>32,500</u>	<u>6,705</u>
Total current assets		<u>84,435</u>	<u>102,114</u>
<u>Less Current Liabilities:-</u>			
Accruals & other liabilities		<u>42,596</u>	<u>23,328</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>42,596</u>	<u>23,328</u>
Net Current Assets		41,839	78,786
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>£ 65,861</u>	<u>£103,777</u>
<u>Represented by:-</u>			
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	2	<u>£ 52,568</u>	<u>£103,777</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	8	<u>£ 13,293</u>	<u>£ -</u>
		<u>£ 65,861</u>	<u>£103,777</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2001

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, Expenditure and Assets Utilised applicable to this County are included.

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

There was no Aquameet in 2001.

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 2002 was just over £151,000 (£5,000 less than in 2000)

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 Fund are shown below:

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Grant received	16500		
Expenses & Training		(892)	
Salary including NHI		(1,575)	
Recruitment costs		(740)	
	<u>16500</u>	<u>(3,207)</u>	<u>13,293</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2001

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 has been undertaken in 2002 and the base has been valued at £52,000 although it is insured at an estimated replacement cost of £163,000.

The Base had a particularly bad year mainly because of the Foot & Mouth crisis but things should revert back to normal this year.

10) County Training Base

As previously reported the expenditure on the Base is written off as expended, this is because County is not the freeholder of the 4th Morden Base which is where the County Training Base is situated. For information only, the total expended on the fabric of the base to 31st December 2001 was over £134,000 in addition to which numerous donations have been made of materials and services.

11) Paragliding & Mountaineering Clubs and Aquamee

The accounts for these clubs are produced to the 31st March and 28th February 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 figures incorporated into these accounts are for the year to 31st March 2001 & 28th February 2001 respectively. Aquameet has not been held this year and I have assumed that the bank balance has remained the same.

12) Seychelles Project

As reported elsewhere County has embarked on a project to assist Scouting in the Seychelles, this activity will be run on a break even basis and there is a small surplus this year, the remaining funds generated, will be utilised in 2002

13) Jamboree

The County has commenced to collect the funds for the 20th World jamboree and at the Balance Sheet date £17,750 of the funds collected were waiting to be paid to HQ, these funds are shown as a creditor in the balance Sheet.

14) Accruals

The accruals are:-

Officers & Activities Expenses owing at 31/12/2001		4370
New Computers		2603
Independent Examiner's fee including VAT		705
Annual general meeting estimated		350
Receipts in advance &/or Expenses not paid:-		
Training	108	
Subscriptions	6010	
Air Activities	0	
Paragliding (50%)	2225	
Gang Show	580	8923
20th World Jamboree		17750
Jamboree Balance accumulated to date		7895
		<u>42596</u>

COUNTY OF GREATER LONDON SOUTH WEST

GANG SHOW REPORT

“Every night of every year somewhere in the world a Gang Show is playing”. So it was that between Tuesday 23rd and Saturday 27th October at the Secombe Theatre, Sutton the Greater London South West Gang Show stepped out on the boards to perform “Souwest 2001”.

This year’s show was being devised and written by the Producers, Anthony Morris, David Gilbert and their assistants Andrew Hayward, Wendy Helps, Tim Kerridge, Pat Smith and Andrew Johnston before “Souwest 2000” had even been performed.

Auditions are held in the early part of the year following applications from Brownies and Cubs to Adult Leaders; over one hundred members of both movements show us what they can do. (Past members of the Gang also have to audition each year). The auditions over, the Gang chosen and then one Sunday in the middle of June the young and not so young gathered, old friendships renewed and new ones made and rehearsals begin.

Rehearsals take place every Sunday from June until October. To the uninitiated they may appear to be total chaos but by the time of the show all is in place. Technical and Dress rehearsals take place at the Theatre, the stage crew, lighting and sound people are all over the place and the producers are trying to run a rehearsal.

Tuesday night, final instructions from the producer and its Curtain Up, two and a half hours later and the curtain comes down and the Gang go home safe in the knowledge that

they have given of their best. Six shows later and it’s all over for another year.

Our Producer Anthony Morris has been responsible for all the shows since 1990 and he has decided that the time has come to hand over, especially as he now lives in Oxford so this was his last show. He will be greatly missed. The Gang presented him with a television and between the two Saturday performances held a “This is Your Life” type show, where the “Red Book” contained many photographs and posters of past shows and also a framed poster with signatures and messages of all the present and some of the past members of the Gang. Anthony was also appointed President of the South West London Gang.

Thank you Anthony for everything that you have done over the years.

I would also like to thank everybody involved with the Show, all the stage crew, the dressing room supervisors, make up team, costume ladies, musical director, lighting and sound engineers, programme sellers and management committee. Without them the show would not be as successful as it is.

“Souwest 2002” will take place in October, from the 24th to the 26th with a new producer. Andrew Hayward has been appointed by the County Commissioner to carry the show forward and we wish him every success.

The Gang look forward to seeing you there

Terry Mitchell
Chairman Gang Show Management Committee

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INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Again I am pleased to report that the numbers of Scouts and Venture Scouts has increased this year, although the number of trips taken was fewer than last year. Nearly three hundred members from the County went abroad and this included two parties of Cubs. There has been an increase in the number of Cubs going abroad, mainly due to the packages offered by Venture Abroad to Disneyland Paris.

Several people in the County have availed themselves of the packages offered by Venture Abroad and JEKA and the reports that I have had is that they are well organised and supported at local level. These packages are an ideal opportunity to help the smaller Groups wishing to go abroad or those trying for the first time.

Last year I reported that there was a party of Leaders and Venture Scouts going to the Seychelles in the summer. In the end the party consisted of fifteen Venture Scouts and six leaders. The Seychellois made us very welcome and we had a marvellous time. We stayed with them at their National Sports Centre and visited four of the nearby islands, La Dique, Praslin, Silloutte and St Anne's. On some of these islands we undertook some environmental projects with the Seychellois Scouts as well as some sight seeing. We also

visited, on the main island, an orphanage which the Seychelles Scout Association help to support, and whilst we were unable to do any work at the orphanage we spent a few hours entertaining the young Scouts who were very keen to show us their home. We came back with several ideas of how we can continue to support them. We have issued them an invitation to come to England, which whilst they were very keen to do so, will rely on them funding their travel costs.

This year there has already been a steady request for Going Abroad packs and this includes a return trip to Kenya for the Raynes Park Venture Scout Unit and a trip to Nepal from the Edgehill Venture Scout Unit. Wallington and Carshalton & Sutton Districts are playing hosts to PAGGS this year. PAGGS is a long-standing liaison between Scout Groups in the United Kingdom, Denmark, Holland and recently the Czech republic. This has evolved from the Town Twinning arrangements of the Borough.

For those of you who have had time to digest the new programme you will have found that there is a greater emphasis on the International dimensions and over the next twelve months more programme material will no doubt be available to support this.

Stephen Clark
Assistant County Commissioner International

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SPECIAL NEEDS REPORT

A special needs workshop was held in early October 2001 and I thank all the Leaders who helped with the programme which included awareness, behaviour problems, camping and holidays, games and bases for kids in care, bereavement and trauma, adapting programmes, coping with asthma, food allergies, bullying and disruptive youngsters. The workshop was under subscribed but the majority of those who attended wanted more information and help on behaviour problems, therefore a further workshop will be organised to address the problem.

Headquarters are to hold a Conference for Scoutlink leaders this September.

The two 'special' Groups in our County have both been busy throughout the year.

The 15th Wallington have a membership of twenty Scouts and nine Venture Scouts. Unfortunately there were not enough youngsters of Cub age to sustain the Cub Pack, but they will continue to monitor the situation. Most members of the Group attended a Residential Experience joining with the 24th Tottenham Group at Scout Park, Bounds Green between 7th-9th December. Their weekend included shopping in Wood Green, a fancy dress competition, a Christmas dinner, bowling and lunch at Pizza Hut. On my visit everyone was so happy either playing Bingo or having an impromptu football kick about, the Leaders must be congratulated on giving these special needs youngsters a fun time. Derek Smith has handed over the reins

of the Troop but remains Group Scout Leader.

Surbiton Scoutlink Fellowship members have also had a busy year led by Barry Sullivan and his dedicated team. Their residential experience last year was held at Ferny Crofts, in the New Forest, unfortunately many of their outings from the campsite were curtailed due to the foot and mouth outbreak. At the end of the year the annual Christmas party for present and past members was held, presentations were made, food consumed and an excellent Clown entertained them (and me) by making animal balloons and doing magic tricks.

Helping others with special needs: -

Claire Toop a Queen's Scout in Kingston and Malden District ran in the London Marathon in aid of BLISS a Charity, which provides equipment, nursing training, research and parental support for premature babies. WELL DONE CLAIRE.

Great Ormond Street Hospital celebrates their 150th Anniversary this year and although no official fund raising has been planned help is always needed. Scouting still goes on at the hospital and children are collected from various wards to attend the weekly meetings of the 17th Holborn Group.

To all Leaders who have special needs youngsters in their Section, THANK YOU for your patience and understanding and for giving them a chance to be a Scout.

Margaret Pooley
Assistant County Commissioner Special Needs

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AWARDS

The following Awards were made to members of the County during the past year.

SILVER WOLF

EDWARD BARLEY

Vice President, Surbiton District

VINCENT BURROWS

Chairman, Surbiton District

JOHN DADDS

Assistant District Commissioner General Duties, Kingston & Malden District

JAMES DIMMOCK

District Chairman, Wallington, Carshalton & District

LESLIE LING

Chairman District Fellowship, North Croydon District

MICHAEL ORBELL

Scout Leader, 9th Wimbledon Group

BRIAN RICKWOOD

District Executive Member, Wallington, Carshalton & District

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN

DAVID PATTISON

Group Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton Group

PAULINE PATTISON

Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton Group

SILVER ACORN

JOHN EGGITT

Group Scout Leader, 1st Old Malden Group

CHRISTOPHER FELTHAM

Group Scout Leader, 7th Malden Group

PETER HUTTON

Scout Leader, 13th Wimbledon Group

JOHN MANDER

Chairman, Purley District

HEATHER MASON

Group Scout Leader, 1st Tolworth Group

BARRY PEGRAM

Assistant District Commissioner Venture Scouts, Surbiton District

BERNARD PIKE

Chairman, Wandle District

JEAN PRIOR

Treasurer, Wandle District

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SILVER ACORN

KENNETH RICHMOND

President, Surbiton District

MARGARET WARRY

Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Tolworth Group

BAR TO THE MEDAL OF MERIT

LESLEY BIXBY

Secretary, 1st Morden Group

HILDA CREASEY

District Executive Member, Wimbledon & Merton District

DEREK GATLAND

Honorary Scouter, 28th Croydon Group

DAVID JOHNSON

Assistant District Commissioner General Duties, Wandle District

ROBERT MANN

Group Scout Leader, 11th Wallington Group

MICHAEL MAYHEW

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 15th Wimbledon Group

BRIAN WHALEBONE

Assistant Scout Leader, 4th Morden Group & Quartermaster GLSW

MEDAL OF MERIT

SIMON ANDERTON

Assistant District Commissioner Venture Scouts, Purley District

EDWARD ASLETT

Treasurer, Wimbledon & Merton District

GILES BARROW

Venture Scout Leader, 13th Wimbledon Group

COLIN BASHFORD

Cub Scout Leader, 39th Croydon Group

JANE BASHFORD

District Beaver Scout Leader, North Croydon District

SARAH BASHFORD

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 39th Croydon Group

RONALD BROOM

Group Scout Leader, 39th Croydon Group

JOAN BURGESS

Appointments Secretary, Wimbledon & Merton District

PAMELA CLARKE

Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Cheam Group

GRAHAM DORRINGTON

District Scout Leader, Sutton & Cheam District

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MEDAL OF MERIT

TIMOTHY EGGITT

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Old Malden Group

PAMELA FARLEY

Treasurer, 2nd Norbiton Group

JAMES GARRETT

Scout Leader, 1st Beddington Group

DAVID GILBERT

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Whitton Group

ROSEMARIE GREEN

Helper, 23rd Croydon Group

JENNY JEFFERSON

17th Croydon Group

H R TRAVIS LAWLESS

Group Scout Leader, 26th Croydon Group

TRANTI LAY

Cub Scout Leader, 1st Belmont Group

LAURA MCLAUGHLAN

Badge Secretary, Wimbledon & Merton District

PAMELA NORTON

Secretary, Wallington, Carshalton & District

JEAN OAKLEY

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 11th Croydon Group

KENNETH SMITH

Honorary Scouter, 3rd Cheam Group

SUSAN SMITH

Secretary, North Croydon District and Treasurer, 9th Croydon Group

BRIAN SPEAR

Group Scout Leader, 1st Belmont Group

WILLIAM TOMBS

Cub Scout Leader, 15th Wimbledon Group

JAMES WAGHORN

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton Group

MICHAEL WESTON

Venture Scout Leader, 23rd Croydon Group

CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION

COLIN BYGRAVE

Treasurer, Wallington, Carshalton & District

STEWART CARLIN

Assistant Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton Group

MALCOLM CLARKE

Helper, 6th Carshalton Group

MICHAEL DAVEY

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Beddington Group

GENEVIEVE DUNBAR

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 28th Croydon Group

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CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION

IAIN ELLIS

Scout Leader, 2nd Carshalton Group

CHRISTINE FLETCHER

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 3rd Beddington Group

VIRGINIA HANCOCK

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Beddington Group

NEIL HERON

Assistant Scout Leader, 1st North Wallington Group

WAYNE SMITH LANGRIDGE

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 6th Carshalton Group

AVRIL LASRADO

Assistant Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton Group

BARRY LEWIS

Venture Scout Leader, 15th Wallington Group

THOMAS O'LEARY

Assistant Venture Scout Leader, 15th Wallington Group

JULIAN PEARCEY

Group Scout Leader, 2nd Carshalton Group

MARK PEARCEY

Group Scout Leader, 1st Wallington Group

WENDY PLOWMAN

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 6th Carshalton Group

JANE PURCHASE

Helper, 4th Wimbledon Group

GARRY RENTON

Scout Leader, 1st North Wallington Group

JANE SKREBOWSKI

Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Merton Park Group

SIMON SMITH

Venture Scout Leader, 9th Wallington Group

PHILIP STADDON

Treasurer, 1st Purley Group

CLAIR WATERS

Assistant Scout Leader, 15th Wallington Group

STEPHEN WESTON

Executive Committee Member, 1st Croydon Group
