

COUNTY OF GREATER LONDON SOUTH WEST
ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2003 AT 20:00 HRS
AT WIMBLEDON & MERTON HEADQUARTERS

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2003

- 1 Welcome and prayers by the County Chairman
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of the 2002 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
- 10 Close of Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY 2002 AT THE WALLINGTON & CARSHALTON DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AT 19:30 FOR 20:00 START

The meeting began with music from the 1st Wallington Scout Band. The Band had won 1st place as the best marching band at the Carshalton Carnival this year

1 PRAYERS.

The meeting commenced at 20:00 with prayers led by Janet Drinkall, District Commissioner, Wallington and Carshalton.

2 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The County Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the following guests.

Councillor J Dodwell & Mrs Dodwell
John May

Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton
Chair of Programme and
Development, Headquarters
County Commissioner of Surrey

Stephen Hall

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Linda Carne

District Secretary, Richmond

George and Peggy Davidson

Vice President GLSW

Andrew Hayward

County Gang Show Producer

David Johnson

County Adviser

Peter Macdonald

Vice President GLSW

Philip Menhennet

Vice President GLSW

Martyn Milner

Field Commissioner

Terry Mitchell

District Chairman, Eastern Croydon

Judy Morris

London SW Guide Commissioner

Anne Reeves

London West Guide Commissioner

Peter Runacres

County Treasurer

Shirley and Dennis Sainsbury-Brown

Twickenham

Joan Uridge

Deputy County Commissioner

Susan Wall

Wife Croydon Borough Commissioner

Ronald Welbrook

County Adviser

4 MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 27th JUNE 2001 AND MATTERS ARISING

The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Robert Bushell and seconded by John Taylor. There were no matters arising.

5 COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

Robert Prestcott proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and was seconded by Jennie Blake.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2001

Hallam Carter-Pegg advised that there had been greater expenditure than income due to monies spent on Bow Lane and Bethesda. It was the policy of the Committee to bring up-to-date capital projects. Grants had been received

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from Scout Foundation and Bridge House Trust with regard to the Development Officer. Subscriptions were to remain at the same level. Robin Corti then proposed the adoption of the Annual Accounts and was seconded by Michael Wellman.

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

7 COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S NOMINATION FOR COUNTY CHAIRMAN.

The County Commissioner, Roger Hurrion, proposed that Tony Edwards be elected County Chairman for another year and Tony Edwards accepted this.

8 ELECTION OF COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY SECRETARY

The Chairman proposed that Peter Runacres the County Treasurer and Angela Sailing the County Secretary be elected for a further year, to which they both agreed, John Taylor seconded this.

9 COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hallam Carter-Pegg	Central Croydon District
Clifford Condon	Wandle District
Norman James	Bethesda Sub-Committee
Denis Sainsbury-Brown	Twickenham District
David Wall	Croydon Borough Commissioner

10 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SCOUT COUNCIL TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hugo Conway	Venture Scout Surbiton
Christopher Feltham	GSL Kingston and Malden
Rebecca Heath	Venture Scout Twickenham
Peter Hutton	Scout Leader Wimbledon and Merton
Terry Mitchell	District Chairman Eastern Croydon

11 REAFFIRM ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO COUNCIL OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION (TERM OF OFFICE, THREE YEARS)

Paul Richardson
Paul Whitcher

12 ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The County Chairman proposed that Messrs Pegg Robertson, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as Independent Examiners to audit the Annual Accounts. This proposal was accepted by the Meeting.

13 APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT

Shirley Edwards accepted her appointment as Vice President with pleasure.

14 COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

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WARRANTS

Christopher Dean
Richard Holmes
Jo Launchbury
Caroline O'Hagan

ACC Scout Network
Assistant Scout Leader
ACC Development
ACC Explorer Scouts

AWARDS

Shirley Edwards
Tony Edwards
Andy Harris
Emily Richardson
Jenny Ririe
Nigel Steward
Jean Taylor

Medal of Merit
Long Service Decoration (40 years)
Commendation
Honorary Scouter
Long Service Decoration (15 years)
Long Service Decoration (25 years)
Medal of Merit

The County Commissioner thanked everyone present for all their contributions and hard work; it had been a busy year with all the changes and the PRI presentations. He congratulated the 1st Wallington Scout Band who played tonight, yet another dimension in their Scouting.

15 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER, JOHN MAY, CHAIR OF PROGRAMME REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT AT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS.**

The Chairman introduced John May to the Meeting and said that as well as being Chair of the Programme Review and Development he was also Scout Leader at 7th High Wycombe Group and Director of Business with the Prince of Wales Trust.

This was his second time to speak at the Greater London South West Annual General Meeting and he felt very privileged, the County produced brilliant Scouting. It is a special County despite the fact that he has to travel south of the river! He was also pleased to be able to talk to us because at this time we stand at the "crossroads". It is an opportunity to be part of the community, or are we yesterday's people?

At John's Scout Group a young Scout had just received his Chief Scouts Award, it made him very proud and now this young Scout's sister had also joined. What will it be like in the years to come? "Crossroads". John is very proud to be in Scouting and very proud of his promise. Where is Scouting going? Forecasting is difficult especially about the future.

New Programme.	How can we be sure?
1 st Resolution	Technology, the world is changing, lots of e-mails, many questions. Direct access makes it very exciting; we can provide technology and be a bedrock.
2 nd Resolution	Young people relate to adults in a different way so we can be good role models.
3 rd Resolution	Provide better Scouting for more young people

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The County Commissioner has already said that change is now a constant. We have a new programme, new uniform, new badges and an adult training programme.

Three more things to think of:-

Changes in attitude, more upfront "Shouting for Scouting". Better presentation of ourselves to the outside world. Do not forget to say thank you to our Leaders and Helpers.

We should be more flexible for Leaders. Not everyone can help every week, maybe only once a month. Whatever can be given should be welcomed. We should change the way we welcome Leaders. We should support local Scouting, not there to be a great Commissioner.

Finding Scouting in unexpected places. Large numbers of Groups are not comfortable with girls. Ethnicity is now diverse and we must reflect the community we serve. Look ahead, think development.

If we can meet these challenges then we can move down that part of the "crossroads"

16 ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR OF SUTTON, COUNCILLOR JOHN DODWELL

The Mayor thanked John May for his wonderful speech and thanked the County for a good Annual General Meeting.

He praised the 1st Wallington Scout Band and thought that their performance had moved on since their achievement at the Carshalton Carnival. Well done.

The Mayor noted from the Annual Report that Scouting had taken on board the needs of children who require Special Needs. He was especially pleased about this, as he had once been a Governor to a Special Needs School. He also noted that we had many changes about to happen and said "to change was to be human, but to change too often was not human.

Remarking on John May's speech, the Mayor said that you have to be objective in a Mayoral role but must remember to support the achievement of all volunteers.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nigel Steward to become Deputy County Commissioner and Joan Uridge also to remain as Deputy County Commissioner.

Presentation of the Seychelles Expedition by Stephen Clark and his team.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed after the above presentation at 21:55.

TONY EDWARDS
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

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CHAIRMANS REPORT

My sixth Annual Report recalls an exciting period for our County with excellent progress in Development and Communications which only confirms my optimism expressed in last year's report!!

DEVELOPMENT

Did you know that Greater London South West is the only County in the London Region that has been able to obtain sufficient funding to set up and run a Scout Development Programme? Our thanks to the Scout Association's Development Grants Board and the Bridge House Estate's Trust Fund for their funding.

We have now completed our first full year of employing our own County Development Officer, Jo Launchbury and you might well ask what has been achieved? As I read District Newsletters development features prominently as a basic agenda item to develop Scouting Association's national promotion "**Shouting for Scouting**". If you don't believe me just check out the Development web page on the County web site which is to be found at www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/development.

I can guarantee that you will be impressed with the project CD which contains all the information you need for Adult and Youth recruitment, fact sheets and so much more. Regarding the recruitment it has taken time to bed in the project. The Scout Association's initial analysis of the 2003 Census shows a slow down in the rate of decline of membership to approximately 3.3%. our figures repeated elsewhere in the Annual Report, reflected a similar trend and gives confidence for the future.

To give direct support and guidance to Jo Launchbury, now fully established in the Bow Lane County Scout Centre, we appointed a part time Project Manager Roger Cooke (Chairman of Greater London South) for the initial six months.

Following advertisements in the County Newsletter "**Focus on GLSW**" Ian Newbery our Assistant County Commissioner Scouts replaced Roger. Thanks to Roger for his professional consultancy in guiding Greater London South West through the initial stages. It is imperative that the Project Manager knows the Scouting business and recognises the inherent problems, Ian certainly does and we thank him for accepting the post.

COMMUNICATIONS

Some Managers in the business world suggest that financial investments in "communications" is directly proportional to the increased awareness of your product, but in our Scouting business how have we attempted to promote Scouting? Our budget for 2002, which once again maintained the County membership fee at £2.25, required the communications budget to be REDUCED!. The Executive Communications Committee, led by Christopher Feltham was up to the challenge. They managed to reduce the production and distribution costs of "**Focus on GLSW**" without any loss of quality primarily by adapting it for transmission via the web. To enable the review/updating of our web site we took professional advice, agreed to the principal objectives and action plan. Please take a few moments to view the site found at www.glsWSCouts.org.uk and I am sure you will agree that we are shouting for Scouting.

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CHAIRMANS REPORT CONTINUED

It was interesting to note from a survey conducted by Ian Newbery that 86% of all Scout Leaders had regular access to the Internet. My sincere thanks to all those concerned that have made it happen.

FINANCE

The Executive Finance Committee under the chairmanship of Hallam Carter-Pegg, have coped splendidly considering falling membership, low interest returns and have yet managed to support our principal training locations Yr Hen Neuadd in North Wales and Bow Lane Scout Centre. Please read the Financial Report and Accounts.

THANKYOU

To my Executive members, Peter Runacres Honorary Treasurer, Angela Sailing Honorary Secretary and Sub-Committee Chairmen, my personal thanks for your help and encouragement throughout the year.

To all the Leaders and Adult Supporters in Greater London South West I applaud your commitment and

additional hard work particularly with the launch of the new programme for the benefit of the young people. Whilst the young people may not thank you, you know in your heart the value of your contribution, long may it continue. To those who have received Awards (Readers please see the attached lists) during the past year, warmest congratulations. In thanking our Leaders I want to make special mention of our County Commissioner Roger Hurrion who has guided us through so many changes in the past year with enthusiasm and humour. The work load has been enormous for Roger and his family, we in the County are fortunate to have such an able and dedicated County Commissioner.

On a personal note may Shirley and I thank you all for your kind thoughts, get well cards and telephone calls following my major heart surgery. I am making excellent progress which you will be able to see when you attend the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11th June at the Wimbledon & Merton District Headquarters.

TONY EDWARDS
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There are two things that I mention in my Annual Report every year and this year will be no exception. Nor will it mean that because they are mentioned every year that they are not sincerely meant. The first of these is my thanks to everyone, whatever role they have performed on behalf of Scouting in the County. Without the continuous efforts put in by countless individuals our membership would not be enjoying the benefits of Scouting.

To get things done is often a team effort, and although I have said it before and I do not apologise for saying it again, it is particularly true of my role. I have tremendous support from Tony Edwards, the County Executive and the County Support Team, without them Greater London South West would not function. Secondly I always urge you to read the variety of reports contained in this document to obtain a true flavour of Scouting in the County

Last year I also wrote that "Scouting has a strong, bright and exciting future, let us do it and enjoy it together. During the year I think we have. Everywhere that I have been or visited I can not help but be encouraged by the positive nature of everyone to grasp the new programme and take it on board and put it into action. The switch to the new programme and uniform has been impressive throughout the County. Not everyone is totally up to speed, but that is understandable, as Groups and Districts are all different in their make up and stages of change and development vary. What is not lacking is the positive approach.

Included in this positive approach, is the way that Groups and Districts are looking to provide and deliver quality Scouting to our membership.

During the year there has been a number of Groups that have merged to provide the quality needed and likewise several Districts have taken the view that forming on a Borough basis would provide a better support structure in the future.

There have been a number of notable successes in the County this year and I would like to draw a few to your attention:-

1 The Jamboree Contingent to the Thailand Jamboree.

2 International visits, expeditions remain on the increase.

3 A record number of Queen Scouts Awards (thirty one in one District alone).

4 The setting up of the County Scout Network.

5 Every District able to get Explorer Scouts underway.

There are more but as I said before, read the sectional reports. However not everything is completely rosy in the garden. Despite forty nine Scout Groups increasing their numbers, across the County we dropped 5% in our membership, which was 2% higher than the National figure. Clearly we must do more to retain and recruit and to use Jo Launchbury our County Development Officer. Where Jo has been used effectively, it has led to the opening of some new Sections in Groups. I think that now is really a watershed as far as membership is concerned. We must endeavour not to let our figures go any lower.

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What does Greater London South West face for the future? There is no doubt that there will be further restructuring in the County along Borough lines. A new camping permit scheme will be introduced Nationally, along with the introduction of a new pattern of training for adults. All of us in some way will be involved in these initiatives, which

given the same positive approach that I stated before, will be successfully implemented.

Good Luck and Best Wishes in your endeavours to bring better Scouting to more young people.

ROGER HURRION
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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BEAVER SCOUT SECTION REPORT

Well another year has passed and what a year, we have had the launch of the new uniform and the new programme.

During my visits I have noticed that nearly all the Beavers have changed into the new uniform, the colour and design have gone down well with the Beavers.

The new programme has been received with great enthusiasm; the Beavers really enjoy receiving badges. The badges certainly enhance the programme and encourage the use of the outdoors and really stretch the Beavers.

Most Districts had an event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, the weather was not always kind but the all Beavers still had a great time. Some Districts held the last of the old Challenge Badge days.

Although, our Beaver numbers are down this year by 7%, most of the Leaders I have spoken to have waiting lists for their Colonies, this is often due to shortage of Leaders. As we are the first step in Scouting, Groups need to make every effort to ensure that Beaver Colonies are kept running at full strength, with regard to Leadership.

I would like to apologise to Districts within the County that I have not been able to visit during the past year. I have made every effort to attend any functions that I have been invited to. I have not always been informed of all activities that have been taking place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ADC's, Beaver Scout Leaders, Assistant Leaders and helpers for all their hard work and dedication during the past year and would like to wish you every success during the coming year, keep up the good work.

JENNIE BLAKE
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER BEAVER SCOUTS

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CUB SCOUT SECTION REPORT

The last twelve months seem to have flown by, but what a busy time our Section has had.

I am always impressed by the large number of Cub Scout Events we hold within our Districts in this County and 2002 was no exception. Numerous events take place, both indoor and outdoor and these range from Sports Events, Camps, Competitions, Badge Days and Linking Activities. It is always encouraging to see these events taking place with such enthusiasm and being supported by Cub Scouts, Leaders and Parents.

Over the last year I visited some of the activities taking place for the Queens Golden Jubilee, we held our County Swimming Gala which again was well supported by the Districts and we re-introduced our County Good Turn, Operation Christmas Child. I am very pleased to say that we sent over 200 boxes to children at Christmas in war torn Countries such as Afghanistan and Bosnia. Of course, this is in addition to the many good turns being carried out by Cub Packs throughout the year.

Cub Packs are now working on the new programme material which has been received very well by the children. There will obviously be some hiccups during the first year with resource material, but these are being corrected by Headquarters. The new programme gives everyone an opportunity to inject new ideas into their programmes, introduce more themed ideas whilst still maintaining the fundamentals of Cub Scouting. We are a movement that is looking to the future and we can only do that with the right programmes that meet the needs of the children today.

We must not forget that everyone in Scouting has an input as to developments within their Section, whether it is by Forums with Sixers or by Pack Councils

and County ADC Meetings. On this note I am pleased to say that I was asked to implement two new events this year. One for Leaders and one for Cub Scouts. In March we held a Leader Skills Day at Walton Firs Campsite. Over a hundred Leaders attended whether as a tutor or participant and we ran bases that you had requested as well as some extra ones for good measure. I am pleased to say that all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves; luckily the weather was with us this time as well! In July we will be running a Cub Scout Fun Day, also at Walton Firs and we hope that many will attend this event.

Many members of the District Cub Scout teams are also making valuable contributions as tutors and trainers on County Leader Training Courses and again their input and ideas are always welcomed and I thank them for their support.

We always need to consider the decline in numbers of Cub Scouts within the County and to look to the future as to how these can be increased. With exciting programmes that attract and meet the needs of today's children, I am sure that an increase can be achieved.

My thanks must go to all Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Pack Helpers for the work that they do each week within their Cub Packs. I would also like to thank the Assistant District Commissioners and their District Leaders and Representatives for the valuable contribution you make to Cub Scouting.

Finally I would like to thank all those who support me in my role as Assistant County Commissioner and I look forward to meeting you all again over the coming year.

JENNIE RIRIE
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER CUB SCOUTS

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SCOUT SECTION REPORT

When I sit down at this time of year to compile this Annual Report, it is often difficult to quantify what it is that we have achieved in the last twelve months.

My work and that of the Team that works with me is to try to identify the needs of the Section and put into place strategies that will meet these requirements, the ultimate goal being the provision of better Scouting and therefore more Scouts. As we are all painfully aware our numbers are dwindling, and no matter how hard we try the trend continues in a downward direction.

When I received the Census Figures for this year, I naturally looked at the overall Scout Section numbers and noted that we had 'lost' 60 young people in the last twelve months and that represented 3% of our total number of Scouts in the County. However being aware that the Section now finishes at 14 and not 16 I decided to look at the figures more closely. I discover that the number of 11 to 13 year olds in 2002 was 1527 and by 2003 had actually risen to 1591. While I am well aware that we cannot afford to be complacent, I do believe that this small gain is significant. At this time it is difficult to ascertain why we have had this increase, it could be due to the new programme or the activities that are offered at District and County level, it could reflect the new structures that our Districts have taken over the last couple of years or it could be due to the Counties Development Project, however I am certain of one reason, the sheer hard work that the Scout Leaders, their Assistants and Helpers put in week after week. My sincere thanks to all of you who work with the Troops.

For our part, we will continue to support at the highest level. The events that we run increase in popularity year on year.

In 2002/3, the Cooking competition attracted 38 team entries, the Night exercise 45 teams, the Orienteering had 52 pairs enter and the Cyclo Cross attracted about 150 cyclists. The results of these events together with pictures were posted on the County website within 24 hours.

We reproduced the Events book that was sent by direct mail to each Troop in the County. This year we colour coded the sections and included a year planner with all the Scout events pre marked on it and asked people to complete a questionnaire.

I was able to secure the services of Alan Kemp on his retirement as Assistant District Commissioner for Purley. Alan has agreed to take on a County Scout Leader appointment with specific responsibility for the Cyclo Cross and Orienteering, whilst still maintaining his involvement in supporting Ron Welbrook with the hill walking and mountaineering.

As a direct result of answers provided by the sections 2001/2 questionnaires we have made sure that, we have a regular feature in the County newsletter.

We were able to offer a summer camp experience to 89 young people who otherwise would probably not have been able to go away.

So what of the future?

No matter what you do, always more can be done. We are currently

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planning to provide opportunities for our Scouts to get abroad in a variety of trips and expeditions and we are looking at making provisions to enable our young people to gain the Outdoor Challenge.

We need to ensure that the introduction of the new Nights Away permit scheme is seamless and is understood by our Sections and also that the implementation of the new Modular Training Scheme continues to provide relevant and timely tuition to our Leaders and Assistants. We need to continue to provide programme support.

86% of the Troops have started using the new programme, unfortunately a quarter did not receive the printed material that was issued to Group Scout Leaders to aid the transition. Only half have discussed the arrangements for implementing the Moving On Award with their Cub Scout Packs and 60% have asked for help with the adventurous parts of the programme.

Here is to the next twelve months, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead and most of all let us enjoy what we do.

IAN NEWBERY
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER SCOUTS

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VENTURE SCOUT UNIT REPORT

This year is the last for Venture Scouting. It was only in the Summer of 2001 that a small group of us from Greater London South West, with me being the only person over twenty five, went to the National Workshop held in Manchester for fourteen to twenty five year olds. I did not want to see Venture Scouting go, but was faced with the fact that in a ten year period, numbers had dropped from around one thousand to five hundred members. There was no memory of expedition, camps, projects or whatever, that could escape that harsh reality. A lesson for us all.

In the twelve months since last writing this Report, activity in the upper age range has been in the hands of Caroline O'Hagan as the Assistant County Commissioner Explorer Scouts and Christopher Dean as County Scout Network Commissioner. They have had a tough challenge that we must all commend and support.

Also in the last twelve months, we have seen a swan song of achievement. The Easter Sunday announcement of the death of Her Majesty The Queen Mother required Greater London South West to field a team of Venture Scouts able to support this event.

Within thirty-six hours (overnight) when many were at camp and with a request to commit to five days at short notice. Not only did they do it, but also their efforts were recognised as the Palace of Westminster asked for their duties to be extended to other public roles, on a twenty-four hour rota.

At the cut off date for Windsor 2003, thirty-seven people gained their Queen Scout Award. This beats the ten year high point achieved a few years back. This is not a signal of underlying achievement across the County, but rather a massive effort of Wimbledon & Merton District who, in 2002, saw the majority of their Venture Scouts engaged in a significant overseas project in Kenya or Nepal.

I wish I could list all the people that I have met in my tenure as Assistant County Commissioner Venture Scouts, be they Leaders on L1 (Training), Assistant District Commissioners, Leaders, invites to weekends and overseas projects etc. Tradition dictates that I should say thank you. But I remember driving through Canada in 1995 on a solo reconnaissance trip for Wandle District Ventures, and listening to a Pink Floyd tape-'Shine on You Crazy Diamonds'.

ALEX MINAJEW
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER VENTURE SCOUTS

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EXPLORER SCOUT REPORT

Wow! What an exciting year (and a bit) since Explorer Scouting was launched in GLSW. It is now hard to believe that in January 2002 two new sections were due to start that would revolutionise Scouting. Almost eighteen months later Explorer Scouts is proving to be an enormous success. It has taken an awful lot of hard work by a huge number of dedicated people, and there is no doubt that the journey is far from over.

Every district in the County has a District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) who coordinates the programme for the District. Almost all of the districts now have a District Explorer Scout Administrator (DESA) – although there are still a few gaps. It has been heartening to see the true spirit of Scouting still alive, with Groups and Sections working together, often after a bit of persuasion, to do what is best for the 14–18 year olds in their patch. Long standing barriers seem to be crumbling and people are looking wider at the limitless possibilities to increase participation in Scouting.

Getting round pegs for round holes is important especially for a Section in its infancy. I have been extremely impressed by the quality and calibre of the eager volunteers who have boldly gone where no one has gone before with such enthusiasm! But we are not there yet – the job is not done – and never will it be! One of the wonders of Explorer Scouting is its fluidity. There will be Units that are only up and running for six months of the year. There will be Units that may run for a special project over a couple of years and then move into something else. It is a Section that is ever changing and evolving to meet the needs of the young people in the area.

One of the major changes which are being very slowly picked up is that District Executives have operational responsibility for the Section, and as such they should be helping the DESC and the DESA make sure that the best possible programme is on offer for all Explorer Scouts. I have been somewhat disappointed that there is a considerable gap in some Districts understanding and support of this crucial aspect of the structure of the Section. Admittedly it is something new and different for District Exec's – but it is important that if Explorer Scouting is going to flourish, that District Exec's do all that they can to support this section.

Now that the section is beginning to bed down and to find its feet, we can look at ways to offer all sorts of events to support the programme and the various initiatives that Districts are undertaking.

There are several ideas in the pipeline, with a big Launch Party being planned for the Autumn, and a county camp for next Easter. Other events are also being formulated and teams are being brought together to organise these.

I am continuing to forge links with counterparts in neighbouring Counties on the border to help ensure that we offer better scouting for more young people.

One of my priorities over the coming months is to promote the Young Leaders scheme, which is a great method to keep young people in Scouting and to develop their leadership skills in a different way. As the scheme develops and really gets going it is hoped that more young people stay in the movement as adult Leaders – and what a great vision that would be.

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Without a doubt one of the greatest highlights for Explorers since its launch was the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand over Christmas and New Year just gone. Almost 2500 Explorer Scouts formed the UK contingent and truly showed what a success this age range is as well as the enormous amount of enthusiasm and vision young people today have to make the world more peaceful and fair. The GLSW Unit were fantastic ambassadors for the County and the UK, they did themselves proud!

Building up links between the Sections is important to help people see the Scout Association as a seamless movement. Recognising achievement of both leaders and young people is a priority in all sorts of ways and something that should be encouraged – it's not just about getting an award but remembering to say thank you for the things that people make Scouting happen.

In all a challenging but exciting year with lots to look forward to.

CAROLINE O'HAGAN
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER EXPLORER SCOUTS

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SCOUT NETWORK REPORT

The formation of the Greater London South West Scout Network commenced in June 2002 following the various County PRI Launches, and the appointment of myself as Scout Network Commissioner.

My first task was to devise a suitable structure for delivering the Network locally, and to achieve this, numerical information was sought from each of the eleven Districts. An inaugural meeting of the Network was held at Bow Lane in late June to 'test the water' and to exchange information and opinions. Consultations with District Commissioners took place during July. As a result I made the decision to establish five local Scout Networks, one in each of the constituent London Boroughs, and initial Meetings were convened in September starting with Kingston.

The past six months have been incredibly busy, and much progress has been made even if it appears to be a little slow for some. Andrew Florence, a former Assistant Venture Scout Leader from Croydon was appointed County Scout Network Administrator, and his role will become even more important once Membership information from District Explorer Scout Administrators is received, and the first Explorer Scouts 'move on' to the Network.

Representatives for four of the local Scout Networks have emerged, and they meet with me every four to six weeks as Members of the County Scout Network Committee. Its function is to share ideas, air problems and plan the County Programme. In thanking the individuals concerned I hope all will be confirmed as Co-ordinators at the County Conference on July 10th. Of the

five networks, Croydon, Merton and Richmond appear to be running fairly smoothly, and I am hopeful that meetings on the 27th March and the 9th of April will rejuvenate and kick-start Networks in Kingston and Sutton respectively. Not all the Networks are geographically based; we now have a Network for a Special Project in Eastern Europe. In the summer of 2004 members will be travelling to Belarus to construct an Adventure Playground at an Orphanage, many of the children lost their parents as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

Our first event as a County Network took place on January 17th, when fifteen Members were invested in the Admiral's Day Cabin on board HMS Belfast. We were delighted that David Williamson, the National Commissioner joined us, although very wisely he did not stay overnight! The next event was Operation Red Flare, a Night Incident Hike which we shared with the Explorer Scout Section. Our one Network Team did not win any prizes but enjoyed themselves nonetheless. Several other Members helped by manning checkpoints.

For much of January and February I was preoccupied with the Annual Scout Census, and after a certain amount of cajoling was able to register thirty six direct Members. Once those serving as Leaders or Helpers in Groups and Districts is added, our total strength is not far short of one hundred.

I am very keen for our programme to reflect the various 'zones', and for Members to gain an increasing number of Queen's Scout Awards. Now that the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme is embedded in the new Programme,

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SCOUT NETWORK REPORT CONTINUED

there will be an added incentive to achieve both. In this connection I am most grateful to David Johnson, our County Adviser, for his support, particularly at the 'Workshop' held on a very wintry January night in Croydon. I have also been lucky to make new Scouting friends with my colleagues in several Counties throughout the United Kingdom, in particular Greater London South and Greater London South East.

Apart from the Regional Meetings, we convene at the Fort in Dulwich every three months, and rather more frequently via e-mail. A new venture for us is the Tri-County Newsletter, Southern Compass (more appropriately named Southern Comfort I feel); and we are looking closely at the question of I.D. cards to complement the Criminal Records Bureau checking which is obligatory for Network Members. My other tasks, as defined in the Development Plan is to make Partnership Agreements for the use of premises, appoint a team of County Scout Network Leaders and sell the fairly substantial number of 'Navigator Files' cluttering up the spare room.

I just hope our new County Network Scarf; Royal blue with narrow amber trim does not gather dust in the same way! No Chance.

Looking to the future, we have a number of exciting events and opportunities on the horizon, the Rugby-Seven-a-Side, a Water Activities Event at Longridge, a strong presence at Twickeree and the MS Challenge in Snowdonia. Most Members will be doing their 'own thing' during the summer, but the Network has been invited to join the Staff of two Camps in southern Sweden at the end of July. News of what has happened, what is going on, and what is in the pipeline, along with general information about the Network can be found on the County Website thanks to Helen Jeffrey and Christopher Sowden. We also have a 'Smartgroup' which Members can join by invitation.

I am amazed at what has been achieved so far, but realise we are only a short distance along a great Scouting journey. These are indeed exciting times. YINS!!!!!!

CHRISTOPHER DEAN
COUNTY SCOUT NETWORK COMMISSIONER

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ACTIVITIES REPORT

For many years Groups within the County have offered air rifle/pistol shooting to Scouts and Venture Scouts where the youngsters develop their concentration and learn self discipline. Six of the fifty three Groups taking part in the National Scout Air Rifle Championships at Walton Firs last October came from Greater London South West and some of our Scouts gained silver and bronze medals.

It was also decided to enter the Inter County Competition at Aldersley, an event that only started three years ago. Therefore all Districts were canvassed to find out how many Groups did air gun shooting, types of rifles held, and to identify Scouts who wished to be considered for this major competition. Fifty five Scouts put their names forward and went through a selection process until a team of eight was chosen.

At the event, after shooting twenty shots, both with pistol and rifle at ten metres distance at the appropriate targets, all the individual scores were combined to make the team total and as a result Greater London South West finished in second place, a creditable achievement.

Over the past year the County run hill walking activities have mainly revolved around the County courses, the older Scouts/Explorer Scouts weekend and the orienteering competition, all of which were extremely well attended.

The Scout hill walking authorisation scheme is undergoing continuing change, at present requiring the courses to be flexible, so as to adapt to the changing needs and requirements of leaders presenting themselves for training in the hills.

Due to bad weather during the Bethesda weekend in October, Scouts and Explorer Scouts went climbing on the Plas Y Brenin, (The National Mountain Centre), climbing wall. Despite poor weather a record number of over fifty teams competed in the orienteering competition at Riddlesdown in December where good map and compass skills were essential.

There were five flying days available last year but one, at Goodwood, was rained off. The remaining four at Stapleford were excellent days during which one hundred and eleven Scouts took to the air, a significant increase over the previous year.

The Paragliding Club had an excellent year. In addition to the courses, over five hundred launches were attained including two hundred and fifty seven at the National Diamond Jubilee Air Scout Camp at Kemble.

At the Scout National Paragliding Championships the Club members excelled themselves being awarded first place in six of the eight categories.

The County Gang Show was very successful and together with our five bands (Greater London South West have more than any other County) continues to be good ambassadors for Scouting.

Safety in Scouting is essential for all activities, whether defined as 'adventurous' or not. In recent months our District Safety Co-ordinators have been carrying out risk assessments of meeting places in Greater London South West.

Finally my thanks to the County Advisors for their commitment and enthusiasm and also for the support given by the Assessors and Safety Co-ordinators.

ROBERT BUSHELL
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES

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BETHESDA REPORT

The Base has maintained its level of use over the year, although use by the County has been disappointing. However we hope that the distribution to all Groups of a laminated sheet for their notice boards providing information about the base will stimulate greater interest and use.

More information about the Base can be found on the County Web Site www.glsWSCouts.org.uk under Yr Hen Neuadd or Bethesda.

Maintenance and improvements have continued including bringing the fire alarm system and electrical wiring up to standard. Our two Work Parties a year are held on the second weekend of March and September, for maintenance and improvements to the Base. Volunteers with DIY expertise would be much appreciated and most welcome, contact Peter Turner 020 8894 5478 or myself on 020 8643 5478 for information.

NORMAN JAMES
CHAIRMAN BETHESDA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

GANG SHOW REPORT

As Chairman of the Gang Show it falls to me each year to write a report for the AGM. Each year it becomes more difficult. Just how do you top the superlatives you used the previous year?

Souwest 2002 was the first produced by Andrew Hayward. Andrew and his team maintained the great tradition set by Souwest Gang Show keeping it one of the best shows in the country. The many comments received from members of the audience throughout the week were very encouraging and were greatly appreciated by us all.

The year has not been without its problems. The main one was that we were expecting to have to find a new

home. The Secombe Theatre was scheduled to close at the end of January 2003. But public opinion and pressure from many of the amateur groups that use the theatre prevailed and the local authority decided to keep it open having taking control back from its previous management company.

I would like to record my thanks 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.

This year's show is on from Tuesday 28th October to Saturday 1st November. We all hope to see you at the Secombe Theatre Sutton.

TERRY MITCHELL
CHAIRMAN GANG SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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BOW LANE SCOUT CENTRE REPORT

Following the major task in 2002 of the building of the toilet block and the replacing of the roof, this year most of the work has been down to the Tuesday Work Team. They have been involved with the fitting out of the toilets, painting, and planning of the electrics and tiling. We were fortunate to get a grant from the Bridge House Trust to help with the tiling and the showers and from the Agoonoree Trust towards the disabled toilet. There is still some work to do but we are now ready for the electrical installation and the tiling to be carried out.

For some time we have been attempting to get our Hillcross neighbours to have the six poplar trees cut back, however in early March the largest of them came down in the high winds, fortunately no one was hurt but it took nearly six months before final action was taken and at the same time the other five trees were cut back. We have now installed a car park light which helps on dark nights to find ones car, we hope to improve on the one light shortly.

The Centre now requires a regular cleaner, for three hours per week, times to suit the Centre and the person doing the job, anyone interested?

The use of the Centre by Scouting has decreased; this is of concern financially as we were not having to go to the County except for major projects. Outside parties still bring in some income and at present we have a Martial Arts Club which meets once a week.

With the increase of use we reviewed the booking procedures and this has now been revised, all bookings must now go through the Booking Secretary, Janet Cain.

The telephone number is 020 8330 4770, preferably first by telephone and then confirmation in writing; this will be acknowledged if you send two copies of your booking.

We still have a problem with surface water, with the very wet weather, the grounds and car park are very wet, and correspondence with Merton Council brings little response, apart from various departments saying that it is some other department's responsibility.

The dish washer now needs replacing, during the year the strimmer and the floor scrubber-washer were replaced and the sucker machine was serviced.

CLIFFORD CONDON
BOW LANE SCOUT CENTRE MAMAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The County website remains the main emphasis of the Communications Committee. Our small team continues to update and develop the site. The team, consisting of Helen Jeffrey, Robert Lewis, Christopher Sowden (Bob and Chris are the technical wizards). Ian Newbery, Andy Harris and I have agreed on a revised set of aims for the web site.

- To promote the County and the concept of Scouting.
- To provide a resource for all members.
- To improve the distribution of information and communication.
- To encourage participation at County events.
- To promote and support International projects.
- To encourage linking of Groups inside and outside the County.
- To support the development of Scouting in the County by:-
 - Promoting growth and improved retention of young people in Scouting.
 - Providing support for new and existing adults in Scouting.
 - Raising public awareness of Scouting in the 21st Century.
 - Reinforcing the role of Scouting within the community.
 - Encouraging and supporting mixed and co-ed Scouting.
- To promote a “modern” image of Scouting in the County.
- To raise awareness of Scouting in the County with local businesses and promote sponsorship.

The suggestions made by District Chairmen at their meeting last year,

have been progressed. The main enhancement to the site being the addition of a diary section which provides details of all County events. Also, there is now a link to Jo Launchbury’s projects as County Development Officer. The suggestion of an honours list for Queens’ Scouts will be pursued.

The trend throughout the year has been a steady increase in the use of the site. There are significant peaks generated by the Jamboree section and the County Scout Night Hike photographs. All sections of the site have had pleasing numbers of visitors and we would like to encourage regular return visits to the site by continuing to update the site regularly and providing up to date information.

The flyer on internet resources produced for the Annual General Meeting last year has been updated and a copy was distributed as part of the April edition of Focus.

A privacy statement that outlines the Greater London South West web-site position regarding personal privacy and the use of photographs etc is to be added to the site. This can be quoted in case of any query about our policies. It would be advisable to include standard wording on entry forms for County events that covers the use of photographs taken during the event for use on the web-site. A disclaimer already covers the Jamboree photographs and photographs taken during the Gang Show production later this year. Anyone taking photographs designed for use on the web-site must inform the subjects what the photographs are for. We must be cautious of using photographs from other sources.

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT CONTINUED

There are now over one hundred and eighty members of the Greater London South West e-group hosted by Yahoo. We would like to extend the use of this type of service and promote this type of service and promote this means of communication within the County. The Communications team will explore the possibility of providing this facility from within the web-site. This would allow the County to consolidate the different groups and easily set up more topics related sub-groups.

Topic coverage has improved dramatically over the past twelve months; however there are still some gaps where the Team will be actively looking to extend its coverage. This applies particularly to Beavers, Cubs and Explorers. Ideas for new pages are always encouraged. The following is a list of areas that we hope to progress.

NEW ADULT TRAINING

Including an on-line booking facility.

CAMPSITE REVIEWS

Ian Newbery's excellent set of Campsite reviews he has produced over the last few years for Scouting Magazine. This will be developed into a web resource.

NOTICE/MESSAGE BOARD

To encourage communication, ownership, and a sense of community

for users of the Greater London South Web. It is vital that any facility like this is moderated to stop unsuitable entries.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS

These are usually interesting to read even if they are not from your local District, and they give an idea of what is happening around the County. These Newsletters could be added to our Newsletters section.

BUSINESS SECTION

A section to encourage local business to become involved in supporting or promoting the County is a possibility.

We are still on the lookout for a new editor for Focus. Five editions a year are published (February, April, June, October and December) and my thanks go to Trammat Printing for the printing and distribution of the Newsletter. Its production is now relatively easy, with most articles arriving by e-mail. When complete, the whole edition is e-mailed to the printers and posted on the web-site.

Regular readers of the 'electronic' version are informed once it is available and it can also be e-mailed to individuals in PDF form. If you would like notification, or receive your copy this way please e-mail.

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CHRISTOPHER FELTHAM
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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DEVELOPMENT REPORT

THE DEVELOPMENT ZONE

Greater London South West
Development Project:

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- Raising public awareness of Scouting in the 21st Century.
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- Encouraging and supporting mixed and co-ed Scouting.

This time last year I reported on our new County Development Project, still in its infancy. Now we're almost eighteen months old, and we're up and toddling!

As I write this article in early April I'm just starting work on our 46th individual development project, with more in the pipeline. But is it really making any difference? Well, the answer is "yes", although it is slow going. Over the last year I've worked on a wide variety of projects: opening new sections, recruiting more young people, recruiting more adults and providing strategic Development support sessions for District Commissioners, Districts and individual Groups.

However, it's not all been plain sailing and the project has encountered a number of difficulties on the way. For instance, I found it difficult and very time consuming getting access into primary schools in some areas. So much so that I now approach schools in a completely different way. Rather than relying on letters and telephone messages which were often left unanswered I decided on a more pro-

active approach and now go directly into schools to make the initial contact face to face. This has been a lot more successful – and so far I've only been thrown out of one primary school!

Adult recruitment also continues to be a major issue in Greater London South West. Outwardly our present ratio of adults to young members (1:4) appears more than adequate. However, Leader and adult helper numbers are not evenly spread across the County and recruitment continues to cause problems for many Groups. Sadly, I often find Groups who could most benefit from working with the Development Project are usually so focused on running their weekly programme that they feel they don't have the time work on a development project, even though this can ultimately solve a number of issues they may have such as getting more adults involved in the group or recruiting more young people.

On a more positive note, a brand new development initiative involves starting completely from scratch, setting up a new office and new procedures and it is safe to say that the Development Project is now well established. Initially Roger Cooke was employed as Project Manager to help with the setting up process because of his experience working with the Inner and East London Scout Development Project (IELSDP). Our connection with IELSDP in the early stages of the project meant we were able to obtain much useful information from their experience.

The role of Project Manager has now passed to Ian Newbery (a.k.a. Assistant County Commissioner Scouts) who has brought a wealth of experience and knowledge of Scouting

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DEVELOPMENT REPORT CONTINUED

in Greater London South West to the Project. We have also been able to call upon the vast experience of the Field Development Service through our local Field Development Officer, Martyn Milner and his assistance with the project has been invaluable. The Project Steering Group continues to provide strong support, advice and encouragement and I would like to express my personal thanks to the members of that team and especially to Tony Edwards. Roger Hurrion and the County team have also played an important part in spreading the word on development and I would also like to thank them for their support over the last eighteen months.

Our plan for the next eighteen months is to continue to actively encourage District Commissioners to seek help and advice with development within their Districts and Groups. Over the last eighteen months it has become clear that the way forward for the Development Project is to focus on improving this support to District Commissioners' and District teams by working more strategically. The Project will continue to work with individual groups that want specific support with development but greater emphasis in the remaining life of the Project will be on ensuring better support is available to Scouting at a District and Group level.

Along with further development sessions for Districts and Groups, we are looking at promoting growth within the sections by launching a new 'Greater London South West Buddy' initiative. We believe this initiative and

accompanying 'Greater London South West Buddy' badge will encourage our young people to bring friends along to join their Section. We will also be looking at ways of reducing waiting lists across the County by supporting Groups either to open new Sections or consider running a split Section (i.e. two Colony's or Packs that meet on alternate weeks with the same Leader team, running the same programme - half the amount of programme planning, twice as many Beavers/Cubs, twice as many potential parent helpers, twice as much fun!).

To assist with development I've also created and placed an extensive list of Development support resources onto the County website. These are there for Groups and Districts to adapt for their own use. We already know that these resources are being used across the County, and indeed that many Groups and Districts across the country are also taking advantage of these resources (to view these resources log on to the development page: www.glsWSCouts.org.uk/development).

So, whilst it is true to say that the project was not universally received with open arms, and there are still a few unhappy folk who continue to view 'Development' with some suspicion, I believe all truly committed Scouter's can see the value of the work we are undertaking and are keen to work towards the development goal that should be at the top of everyone's agenda i.e. 'Better Scouting for more young people'. Please make sure it's at the top of yours.

JO LAUNCHBURY
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEVELOPMENT

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INTERNATIONAL REPORT

As in previous years, the County has been very active over the past year with its International Activities.

It has continued to send young people abroad, it has provided home hospitality, it had a very successful Jamboree Contingent under the Leadership of Mark Patrick, it also provided three Leaders to the UK Contingent Support Team and some seventeen members joined the International Service Team at the Jamboree. We have also redesigned the International pages on the County Website to provide more information on International activities and opportunities

On my travels around the County, it is also apparent that Leaders are beginning to provide and understand the International Dimension of Scouting better, and offer more interesting and varied international programmes to their members. There is still a long way to go in some areas but at least the tide is turning. I am sure that some of this new understanding results from the new programme, which now incorporates the International Dimension in a far more encompassing way, and also new resources are available to support this.

The improvements to the County Website are designed to be a one stop resource, which will give more information on opportunities available to our members as well as links to the World and European sites. It is intended that we continue to develop the site to include more programme ideas and reports on overseas expeditions so that we are able to give more support to the Sections.

The main event of the year was the 20th World Jamboree held in Thailand. The County sent a contingent and those who attended had a wonderful experience. No doubt, you will hear first hand from Members who attended of their trip as they report back to Districts. The County also provided a large number of people, who ranged from Venture Scouts to District Commissioners, to help with the Jamboree. Some of these provided direct support to the UK contingents and the UK Jamboree Team in ensuring that problems were overcome quickly and also to promoting UK Scouting and the next Jamboree in 2007 which will be held in the UK. The majority of these people were members of the International Service Team and provided day to day facilities on the site.

In April 2002, the County provided home hospitality to two Venture Scouts and a Leader from the Seychelles who had been invited to attend the St George's Day Parade at Windsor. This was a unique occasion as it was the first time that overseas Scouts had been invited and was to mark the Queen's Jubilee. All the visiting Venture Scouts came from the Commonwealth countries. Over fifty attended and were given lodgings in counties around London. A day trip around London was arranged which included visiting the Jewell House in the Tower of London, the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, lunch at the Guild Hall and a trip on the London Eye. The day finished with a trip around the Houses of Parliament and tea on the terrace with the Chief Scout.

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INTERNATIONAL REPORT CONTINUED

The changes to the programme have also had an impact with two new Sections to support, Explorer Scouts and Scout Network. We are looking at how best to support these Sections and to ensure that their members have the opportunity to take part in the many different activities and events around the world and in the UK. The Network is already making plans to visit Belarus next year and I am sure that there will be other opportunities in the future

Our attention is beginning to focus on three main International events being held over the next 4 years. Firstly, the World Moot is being held in 2004 in Taiwan. This is open to those aged 18 to 26 and from the initial information seen looks as if it will be another unique occasion and hopefully there will be a good representation from the County.

In 2005, the European Jamboree will be held in this Country at Chelmsford on the same site as the World Jamboree. It is expected that there will be 20,000 visiting the Jamboree and Home Hospitality will be required. This has already been discussed with the District Commissioners as to the best way in which we can provide hospitality in the County. Home Hospitality is a wonderful experience for both those giving and those receiving. It enables both parties to understand at first hand

the culture differences, which occur in other parts of the world. It is also an opportunity to show overseas visitors some of the wealth of historic and other cultural attractions that we have in this Country. It is also an excuse for us to indulge ourselves in visiting some of the attractions 'that we never get the time to do'.

In 2007 the World Jamboree comes home to the United Kingdom. It is being held at Hylands Park in Chelmsford and 40,000 are expected to attend.

Again, there will be numerous opportunities to get involved, Home Hospitality, Meet and Greet, International Service Teams and many more. 2007 however is not just about the World Jamboree, it is the celebrating of One Hundred years of Scouting and events are being planned for every month of the year and there is likely to be a large influx of overseas Scouting visitors throughout the year.

International Scouting aims to help our Members understand the culture in other parts of the world and the reasons behind the differences. It is hoped that by this understanding they will grow into adults who will tolerate these differences and make the world a better environment to live in.

STEPHEN CLARK
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER INTERNATIONAL

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SPECIAL NEEDS REPORT

2003 is the European Year of Disability, for many it will mean nothing, for others maybe a greater sense of awareness of others needs especially as we hear of young people getting injured by cluster bombs in Iraq. Perhaps in the United Kingdom there is the need for greater access or more help for young people with learning difficulties. The 15th Wallington Group have again been busy during the year, the Troop and Explorer Scouts attended the annual Agooneree Camp together with others from the London region; the Troop entered a team in the County Night Activities and a Cub Pack was started in April with twelve special needs youngsters under the leadership of Derek Smith.

Surbiton Scoutlink under the leadership of Barry Sullivan continues to give valuable service to special needs older members, their annual camp was held at Ferny Crofts and included a visit to Brownsea Island. The annual Christmas Party was well attended and again magic and balloon fun was enjoyed by all as well as a mammoth amount of food!

It is pleasing to read in newsletters of fund raising for those less fortunate and amongst the many the 8th Morden Scout Group organized a variety of events to raised £1,900.00 for children suffering from cystic fibrosis; the 44th Croydon took part in a 24 hour sponsored fast for famine relief in Mozambique; and Scouting was represented in the London Marathon with several charities being supported. There are lots and lots more that are not advertised – so can I ask you all to **'Shout for Scouting'** and let us, and the local press, know what you have achieved.

One young Special Needs Scout from Bristol made the headlines when he was asked to toss the coin to start last year's Men's Singles Final at Wimbledon, he couldn't understand why everyone was so excited after all "I was only going to flip a coin", but at the end of the day he said he had had 'the best time ever; a day I will never forget'.

A "workshop" for Leaders who have youngsters with behaviour problems was held in April 2003. There was an overwhelming demand, with fifty seven Leaders attending. We identified what is considered as unacceptable and disruptive behaviour, some medical and other conditions which trigger off such behaviour, tried to talk through some behaviour problems and gave pointers of how to manage unacceptable and disruptive behaviour.

There was a Special Needs Base at the County Cub Leader Skills Day held on 29th March 2003 at Walton Firs Camp Site. A lot of interest was shown and many Leaders wanted advice and handouts on specific difficulties, and many tried out the different ideas on how to put over the theme of awareness to their young members.

A new training scheme for Special Needs members will be launched at the National Conference in May. Derek Smith from 15th Wallington will be representing me at the conference which will have sessions on behaviour, the Gateway Award, 2005/2007 events and Special Needs training. Following on from the National Conference the London Region are to organize a 'Regional Event' towards the end of 2004 and will include a mixture of plenary and workshops.

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SPECIAL NEEDS REPORT CONTINUED

The Scout Holiday Homes Trust continues to offer accommodation for families with a special needs member. The Trust has lost one of its traditional sources of minor income as there are fewer foreign coins being brought back from holidays.

To raise much needed funds they are asking if you would be prepared to send a badge from any special event organized by Groups, District or County, or better still, surplus ones after events.

These can be sold at various events, for more information ring David & Lesley Roberts on 1803 854036. I am sure having details of the Support Team on the County web site has helped Leaders to know what help is available and identify the team.

May I take this opportunity to thank all Leaders with Special Needs youngsters, and those with behaviour problem young members, you really are doing a terrific job helping them to enjoy Scouting.

MARGARET POOLEY
ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER SPECIAL NEEDS

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AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE MADE TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LAST YEAR FOR SERVICES TO SCOUTING

SILVER WOLF

SHIRLEY SAINSBURY-BROWN

Vice President, Greater London South West

GERRY DAY

District Chairman, Richmond upon Thames

BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN

MARGARETTE DONALDSON

Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts, Richmond upon Thames

JOHN HOWARD

Venture Scout Leader, 2nd Norbiton

PETER POCKNELL

Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts, North Croydon

ROGER STANLEY

Scout Leader, 1st Margarets

SILVER ACORN

BARRY BAKER

Group Scout Leader, North Richmond

CHARLES CONSTANTINE

Assistant Group Treasurer, 22nd Wimbledon

KEITH DALY

Group Scout Leader, 4th Worcester Park

JILLIAN FORBES

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 3rd Beddington

PAMELA GROGAN

District Secretary, Purley

LYNN MILNER

Acting Group Scout Leader, East Sheen

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SILVER ACORN CONTINUED

MILES MORRIS

Scout Leader, 3rd Teddington

MILDRED NELSON

Group Treasurer, 3rd Carshalton

AVRIL PETTIT

District Executive Committee Member, North Croydon

HENRY SAVILL

Group Executive Committee Member, Ham Group

DAVID SHEPHERD

Group Scout Leader, 7th Purley

DEREK SMITH

Group Scout Leader, 15th Wallington

ROY TUCKER

District Executive, Richmond upon Thames

BAR TO THE MEDAL OF MERIT

DAVID ASHTON

Helper, 1st Hook

NICHOLAS DEVINE

Group Scout Leader, 14th Wallington

ROSEMARY GOLDSMITH

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Beddington

JANET LARKIN

Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Wallington

GILLIAN REEVES

Helper, 1st Merton Park

STUART THOMPSON

Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Hook

MARTIN WOODEN

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Teddington

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MEDAL OF MERIT

SYLVIA ANGLISS

Supporter, Wimbledon District

SUSAN BARDEN

Cub Scout Leader, 1st Hook

PHILIP BEAL

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Whitton

BETTY CARTER

Group Executive Member, Petersham & Ham

KATHERINE CHERRILL

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 8th Purley

THOMAS DALLAS

Group Supporter, St Marys Barnes

MALCOLM DALTON

Scout Leader, 18th Purley

PETER DENTON

Group Chairman, 4th Purley

JOHN DRAY

Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Morden Park

SHIRLEY EDWARDS

Vice President, Greater London South West

STUART ENGLAND

Assistant Scout Leader, 21st Purley

BRIAN GARDENER

Instructor, 1st Hook

TIMOTHY GILBEY

Skills Instructor, Richmond upon Thames

RICHARD GOAD

Assistant Venture Scout Leader, 21st Purley

EUNICE GOODBURN

Group Supporter, 1st North Wallington

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VICTOR GRIFFITHS

Group Scout Leader, 14th Richmond

MEDAL OF MERIT CONTINUED

MICHAEL HOLWELL

Instructor, Ham Group

PETER JEFFREY

Assistant Group Scout Leader, 17th Purley

MARY KERSHAW

Scout Leader, 13th Twickenham

JANET KING

Cub Scout Leader, 1st Margarets

KURT MAYFIELD

Scout Leader, 6th Richmond

MARGARET MAYFIELD

Group Scout Leader, 6th Richmond

JENNIFER McCARRON

Cub Scout Leader, 9th Carshalton

COLONEL DOUGLAS McLELLAND

Vice President, 4th Purley

PETER MENHENNET

Chairman, 1st Hook

VALERIE MILLS

Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts, Wandle

FRANK MOORS

Group President, 6th Richmond

PETER NELSON

Assistant Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton

KAREN NOBLE

Group Scout Leader, Petersham & Ham

COLIN NOCKOLDS

District Administrator, Central Croydon

ELLEN PEACOCK

Beaver Scout Leader, 18th Purley

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DAVID SPEAR

Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Belmont

MEDAL OF MERIT CONTINUED

MALCOLM SPENCELEY

Group Quartermaster, 1st North Wallington

EVELYN STEELE

Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts, Wandle

SHARON TINEY

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Whitton

JEAN TAYLOR

Vice President, Greater London South West

RONALD WELLBROOK

Assistant District Commissioner, Purley

CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION

CLIVE ARDLEY

Scout Leader, 8th Wimbledon

AMANDA BAKER

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Wallington

GEORGINA BREEN

District Secretary, Wimbledon

ELAINE BROWNE

Cub Scout Leader, 21st Purley

JOAN GREGORY

Appointment's Committee, Carshalton District

NEIL GRIFFIN

Venture Scout Leader, 9th Wimbledon

ANDY HARRIS

County Scout Leader, Greater London South West

IAN JOHNSTON

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Hook

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JANET JOHNSTON

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Hook

ELIZABETH LAVERICK

Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts, Wimbledon District

CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION CONTINUED

CAROLE PHILLIPS

Cub Scout Leader, 6th Croydon

MAUREEN SMITH

Supporter, 1st Hook

JUDITH SOLLIS

Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton

MALCOLM SOLLIS

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Carshalton

SUSAN SOWDEN

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 14th Wallington

FREDERICK THOMPSON

Supporter, 1st Hook

ROBERT VOLLER

Scout Leader, 1st Merton Park

JANE WALKER

Helper, 1st Hook

BEVERLEY WALLER

Helper, 6th Carshalton

ANTHONY WILLIS

Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Wallington

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Charity Number 303884

Executive Committee that served during the Period:-

Chairman	A.G.Edwards MBE
Commissioner	Roger Hurrion
Secretary	A.Sailing
Treasurer	P.Runacres
Deputy County Commissioner	A.Minajew
County Administrator	J.F.Taylor
Nominated Members	H. Carter- Pegg
	D.Sainsbury-Brown
	D.Wall
	C.Condon
	N.James
Elected Members	P.Hutton
	C.Feltham
	R.Heath
	T.Mitchell
	H.Conway

All above appointed or re appointed at the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd July 2002

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.

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Executive Committees certificate

The attached accounts were approved by the Finance Committee on 19th May 2003 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 2002 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

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Trustee's & Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the financial report for the year ended 31st December 2002 on behalf of the Trustees.

The County had a surplus this year, of just under £5,000, but this figure did include a Grant received of £14,500 which will be used towards the cost of the Development Officer in 2003.

The Development Officer, has now been employed for just over a year 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.

Some comments on the Individual figures; Subscription Income again fell slightly this year, regrettably again reflecting a decrease in the number of members, 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 again fell, reflecting the reduction in the value of Stock & shares generally.

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 £70,408, 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 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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<u>Incoming Resources</u>	Note No.	<u>31/12/2002</u>	<u>31/12/2001</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Subscription Income	1	22,732	24,389
Investment Income		1,316	4,006
Tax refunds		-	-
Grants received for Restricted Funds	8	32,000	16,500
Donations from individuals		395	220
Donations from other Charities (Smiths Charity)		-	-
Donations passed to Other Charities (Diamond Riding Centre etc)		461	220
Income generated by Various Section Activities		70,557	103,887
Income generated by Administration		30	366
<u>Total Income</u>		<u>£ 127,491</u>	<u>£ 149,588</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Monies passed to Group's (Smiths Charity)		-	-
Monies passed to Other Charities (Diamond Riding Centre etc)	2	461	220
Monies expended from Restricted Fund		32,328	3,207
Resources expended by Various Section Activities	3	78,216	172,270
Resources expended on Administration	4	9,651	10,462
<u>Total Expenditure</u>		<u>£ 120,656</u>	<u>£ 186,159</u>
<u>Unrealised Decrease (2001 = decrease) in value of investments</u>		(2,288)	(1,345)
<u>Net Income for the year to 31/12/02</u>		<u>4,547</u>	<u>(37,916)</u>
<u>Movement in Funds</u>			
Brought forward from previous years	2	65,861	103,777
This years movement see above		4,547	(37,916)
<u>Carried forward to next period</u>		<u>£ 70,408</u>	<u>65,861</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2002

	notes	<u>31/12/2002</u>	<u>31/12/2001</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>(5,457)</u>	<u>(5,414)</u>
Equipment (County)		12,255	12,255
Less Depreciation at 25% on the Written Down Value		<u>(8,753)</u>	<u>(7,585)</u>
Equipment (Paragliding Club)		10,827	10,902
Less Depreciation		<u>(9,389)</u>	<u>(9,478)</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>14,385</u>	<u>15,582</u>
<u>Investments:-</u>			
Scout & Guide Trust Fund (31/12/2002 value)		6,152	8,440
<u>Current Assets:-</u>			
Stock of Consumable's (e.g. Gang Show scarves etc.)		91	242
Debtors & prepayments		648	2,067
Deposit at HQ (repayable on 7 days notice)		20,001	40,438
Floats and cash held by Officers		578	428
Balances at Banks & Building Society			
- Interest Bearing Accounts		9,377	8,760
- Current Accounts		<u>31,436</u>	<u>32,500</u>
Total current assets		<u>62,131</u>	<u>84,435</u>
<u>Less Current Liabilities:-</u>			
Accruals & other liabilities		<u>12,260</u>	<u>42,596</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>12,260</u>	<u>42,596</u>
Net Current Assets		49,871	41,839
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>£ 70,408</u>	<u>£ 65,861</u>
<u>Represented by:-</u>			
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	2	<u>£ 57,443</u>	<u>£ 52,568</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	8	<u>12,965</u>	<u>£ 13,293</u>
		<u>£ 70,408</u>	<u>£ 65,861</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2002

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 2002

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 2003 was just over £158,650.

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:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>2001</u>
Balance from previous year			13,293	
Grants received	32000			16,500
Salary including NHI		(19,807)		(1,575)
Expenses & Training		(3,596)		(892)
Consultancy		(6,152)		
Equipment		(2,473)		
Payroll expenses		(300)		
Recruitment costs				(740)
This years totals	32000	(32,328)	(328)	13,293
Balance to next year			12,965	

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<u>3) Section Activities Income & Expenditure</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>2001/12/31</u>
Beavers			0	(107)
Cub Scouts		(21)	(21)	2,992
Scouts	8197	(9,953)	(1,756)	(2,157)
Venture Scouts			0	(679)
Activities	261	(124)	137	(108)
Mountaineering & Hillwalking (this County)	175	(820)	(645)	(450)
Night Hike			0	93
International	141	(1,287)	(1,146)	(826)
Special Needs	32	(109)	(77)	(138)
Leader Training	10460	(11,719)	(1,259)	88
Duke of Edinburgh Scheme			0	0
Scout network		(983)	(983)	0
Equipment Depreciation		(1,210)	(1,210)	(1,614)
Bethesda Base	5920	(3,872)	2,048	(10,438)
Training Base	10 4046	(6,896)	(2,850)	(54,919)
Jamboree	13 25645	(26,426)	(781)	0
Gang Show	9871	(9,868)	3	12
Paragliding incl. depreciation	11 3421	(2,511)	910	(1,332)
Air Activities	2245	(2,292)	(47)	(440)
Aquameet (Joint event 1/6th)	11		0	0
Mountaineering (Joint club 1/6th)	11 140	(100)	40	(36)
Seychelles Project	12 3	(25)	(22)	1,676
	70557	(78,216)	(7,659)	(68,383)

<u>4) Administration Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>2001/12/31</u>
Directory			0	(25)
Newsletter & Focus on GLSW		(995)	(995)	(1,791)
Printing, postage, telephone etc.		(561)	(561)	(902)
Travelling expenses		(612)	(612)	(584)
Meetings conferences etc.		(1,012)	(1,012)	229
Insurance's - personal accident & other insurance's		(2,516)	(2,516)	(2,315)
London regional expenses		(350)	(350)	(350)
Grants made		(1,700)	(1,700)	(2,468)
Sundry receipts & expenses	30	(1,410)	(1,380)	(620)
Secretary's Honorarium		(600)	(600)	(565)
Independent Examiners fee (including VAT not recoverable)		105	105	(705)
	30	(9,651)	(9,621)	(10,096)

5) Independent Examiner's fee £ 600 600

6) Secretary's Honorarium. £ 600 565

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 2002 (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 although it is insured at an estimated replacement cost of £163,000.

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 2002 was over £137,000 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 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 2002 & 28th February 2002 respectively. Aquameet has not been held this year and it is assumed that the bank balance has remained the same.

12) Seychelles Project

This project was undertaken in 2001, there was almost no activity in 2002, with some surplus funds still to be utilised.

13) Jamboree

The 20th World jamboree took place during the year 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 net result shown is lower than the contribution actually made reflecting the balances brought forward from previous years.

14) Accruals

The accruals are:-

Officers & Activities Expenses owing at 31/12/2002		2804	
Independent Examiner's fee including VAT		705	
Annual general meeting estimated		350	
Receipts in advance &/or Expenses not paid:-			
Training	917		
Subscriptions	5691		
Paragliding (50%)	1513		
Gang Show	780	8901	
		<u>12760</u>	