



# County Annual Report and Accounts 2008 - 2009

**Annual General Meeting  
to be held on**

**Wednesday  
10th June 2009**

Sutton District Headquarters,  
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Wallington SM6 0LY

**7:30pm for 8:00pm start**

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## Agenda

1. Welcome by the County Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting
4. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the County Executive Committee, including the annual statement of accounts
5. Vote of thanks to retiring members of the Committee
6. Approve the County Commissioner's nomination of the County Chairman
7. Approve the members of Executive Committee nominated by the County Commissioner in consultation with the County Chairman
8. Approve the County President & Vice Presidents nominated by the County Executive Committee
9. Elect a County Secretary
10. Elect a County Treasurer
11. Elect the members of the Executive Committee proposed by the District Scout Councils
12. Elect two representatives of the County Scout Council to serve as Nominated Members of the Council of The Scout Association
13. Elect a representative of the County Scout Council to serve as Nominated Youth Member on the Council of The Scout Association
14. Appoint an Independent Examiner
15. Presentations of Awards and Wood Badges
16. A report on our activity in 2008 and our future objectives
17. Questions and answers



# Greater London South West Scout County

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11th June 2008

Hosted by Wimbledon and Wandle  
District

and held in the Kenneth Black Hall

7:30pm for 8:00pm start

**1. The meeting opened at 8pm** with a prayer led by Bob Prescott, DC, Wimbledon & Wandle District.

The County Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the Mayor of Merton - Cllr Martin Whelton.

### 2. Apologies for absence:

Emily Richardson; David and Susan Wall;  
John and Jean Taylor; Margarett Donaldson;  
Christine Wicks; Rory Jones; Alex Minajew; Dean Milton;  
Roland Lambert; Brian Beckley; Martin Whiting;  
Ron Wellbrook; Jenny Ririe; Roger Hurrion; Claire Dunn;  
Caroline Dyer; Theresa Jeffrey; Patrick Ducker;  
Michelle Mcnamara; Vic Griffiths; Eric Bradley.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from 2007 AGM held 10 October 2007

The adoption of these minutes was proposed by Tony Edwards and seconded by Eric Hayward. The accuracy of the minutes had been confirmed by the Executive Committee at their meeting on 19 March 2008 meeting with NO Matters Arising.

### 4. Approval of the County Annual Report

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Chris Feltham and seconded by Dave Baton.

Chris Feltham was thanked for producing an excellent report.

Receive Financial Report & Statement of Accounts

The Treasurer highlighted some items from the accounts, especially that the County's expenditure had been greater than its income during our Centenary year. The approval of the accounts was proposed by Paul Richardson, who

also proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer. The approval of the accounts was seconded by Bob Bushell. There was a show of hands in favour.

### 5. County Commissioner's nomination of the County Chairman

The County Commissioner thanked Andy Harris for all his efforts and enthusiasm as County Chairman and nominated him for a further year.

### 6. Election of County Secretary, County Treasurer and appointment of an Independent Examiner

Secretary Lesley Bixby

Treasurer Mark Patrick

The above were proposed by Roger Jones and seconded by Bob Prescott, special thanks again being expressed to the retiring Treasurer, Peter Runacres.

Independent Examiner Wandle House Associates

This was proposed by Tony Edwards and seconded by Brian Whalebone.

### 7. Members nominated by the County Commissioner

Deputy County Chair  
and Chair of the Property SC.....Theresa Jeffrey

Finance Advisor, Chair of Finance &  
Employment SC.....Hallam Carter Pegg

Adult Disputes Advisor.....Pat Askey

Legal Advisor .....Simon Keen

### Approval of Members elected by the District Scout Councils

Sutton.....Christopher Heath

Wimbledon and Wandle.....Eric Hayward

Croydon.....John Taylor

Royal Kingston.....Trevor Strong

Richmond.....Jill Fielder

These were proposed by Steve Miles and seconded by Bob Prescott.

## Approval of County President and Vice Presidents

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the President or a Vice President is to promote the well being of Scouting in the wider community by assisting to develop relationships between Scouting and other institutions and associations. Alternatively it is to assist in the Counties development by offering specific skills that enhance the quality of the provision of Scouting within that County.

**County President**.....Edward Davey

### Vice Presidents:

John Ashe; John Beresford; Clifford Condon;  
Joan Condon; Margarett Donaldson; Shirley Edwards;  
Tony Edwards; Roger Hurrion; Norman James;  
Peter Kinton; Margaret Pooley; Paul Richardson;  
Peter Runacres; Shirley Sainsbury-Brown; Nigel Steward;  
Dean Sutton; Jean Taylor; John Taylor;  
Lady Marquita Wraight.

Approval of these appointments was proposed by Dave Bixby and seconded by Laurence Barham.

## 8. Election of Representatives to the Council of the Scout Association

Nigel Steward and Rory Jones

Proposed by Ray Shaw and seconded by Margaret Pooley.

## 9. Presentations

The County Commissioner made the following presentations:

### Appointment certificates:

Natalie Cook  
Paul van Putten

### Wood Badges:

Bob Prescott  
Robin Corti  
Alison Edwards

### Long Service: 5 years

Natalie Cook

### 20 years

Janet Drinkall  
Ian Schofield

### 25 years

Derek Smith

### 30 years

Lesley Bixby  
Laurence Barham  
Nigel Steward

## 10. Mayor's address

The Mayor thanked the County for inviting him and congratulated everyone on their many years of dedicated service.

He remembered his time in the 2nd Wallington, the influence his Leaders had on him and he paid tribute to all the Leaders for the good they do for young people.

On behalf of the London Borough of Merton he wished Scouting a long and successful future.

## 11. Chairman

The Chairman thanked all the retiring members of the Executive and said that he looked forward to welcoming most of them back on the various sub-committees. He also thanked the retiring vice presidents and, most of all, the County Commissioner, Deputy County Commissioners and the Assistant County Commissioners for all their hard work.

## 12. Greater London South West - The Future

The Chairman and the County Commissioner gave a presentation on their vision for the County over the next ten years.

They explained that they were reviewing the properties at Bow Lane and Bethesda to ensure they are fit for purpose. In order to raise the money to improve them, especially Bethesda, GLSW must be certain that the Centre is meeting the needs of our young people. These reviews are being led by Tony Edwards (Bow Lane) and Alex Minajew (Bethesda).

They also explained that they are looking at the way the County selects its participants in the Jamborees and how it supports international activities. They are working to expand the activity provision within the County and John Tweedley has recently been appointed as Scuba Diving advisor.

A working party has also focussed on the structure of the County Executive and Andy Harris thanked everyone who had taken part. More specialist advisors are being appointed to the Executive.

There are constant changes imposed on us by HQ and legislation and the County wants to be able to support the Districts better as they struggle with the administration.

There is a considerable amount of money available but a clear vision of our needs is essential before we can claim any of it.

A Media Development Manager will be starting work in the County from the autumn as we work to raise our profile across the region but this will only work if the Districts play their part in keeping the Media Manager informed.

Finally, they talked about a 10 year strategy and how, while we may deviate from the path occasionally, it is essential that we all know, and agree on, where we are going.

**Questions and comments were invited at the end of the presentation:**

Tony Edwards, former Chairman of GLSW, said how he welcomed change. He felt that the County was in very safe hands and he supported both the new County Commissioner and the Chairman in every way.

Paul Richardson agreed and remarked that while our image has improved recently there are still waiting lists and a shortage of Leaders. New Leaders must be kept involved and busy and not left to stand on the sidelines.

Bob Prescott commented that vision is just removing your blinkers and looking at life differently. High targets encourage high achievers and that is what GLSW is doing.

Dave Baton remarked that while there are still many young people hanging around the streets, many more are members of the Movement and should be encouraged to get others to join.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking Wimbledon and Wandle for their hospitality and all the members present for everything they do in Scouting.

Next years AGM will be held on Wednesday 10 June.

# Chairman's Report

Oh wow what a year!

In 2008 our numbers grew by a few but this year they have absolutely exploded to an earth shattering 316 people and of those 292 were young people...happy days! Who would have ever thought that our total membership would once again break the 10,000 barrier...double happy days! But sadly an additional 204 young people were denied such an opportunity. Why? Sadly, they were stuck on a waiting list. Similar to solving the summer time heat on the London Underground can anyone come up with a cost effective solution?

The County Executive has been busier than ever before and I would like to say a sincere thank you to them all. As a group we have made some tough decisions, some perhaps not all that popular, but their hard work, guidance, wisdom and dedication has been invaluable.

As a team we're only at the very beginning of an exciting adventure. The next 12 months will be even more challenging - we need to find a new home, start investing in our holiday residence (Bethesda) and deliver against our development objectives. All of these in a fast changing and ever more challenging world...we can no longer accept mediocre or average.

I would estimate this year we have provided in excess of 800,000 hours of Scouting to the young people of London. That is absolutely amazing and on behalf of all the young people and adults in our five London boroughs a very sincere thank you. BUT money money money...the UK and London in particular is facing tough financial times and the young people of London need us more than ever before.

Regardless of our role or responsibility we all play a crucial part in providing better Scouting for more young people. Scouting is the greatest youth movement in the World. I am in absolutely no doubt that our actions over the past year will have improved the lives of thousands of young people. Special thanks must also be directed to Ian Newbery our County Commissioner who despite the demands of the job consistently delivers over and above what is required.

**Andy Harris**

*County Chairman*

## County Commissioner's Report

We have spent the year progressing the work plan that was outlined at last years AGM and this has seen a number of changes taking place.

In line with our objective to increase the development work that is undertaken in the County, a decision was taken to evolve the County development project to reflect the differing needs in our Districts. To that end we decided that a centrally employed development worker was no longer the best way to deliver growth and so reluctantly the post was made redundant. A proposal is now with each District to match the County development moneys with their own funds which will enable them to have ownership of their development work, whilst maintaining an overall growth strategy.

The review of the activity base in Bethesda has been completed. The County executive has concluded that it is right to retain the premises at this time and a development plan to improve the existing facilities, boost bookings through better publicity and re structuring the management of the centre has been agreed.

After much consultation we have decided to withdraw from the Bow Lane site by mid 2010. There were a number of deciding factors, amongst which were the lack of public transport links and the facilities no longer meeting our current requirements. However, overarching all this is that Bow Lane is now the home of a thriving Group, 1st Lower Morden, who have expressed the view that the County's presence is restricting their potential growth which is clearly unacceptable.

A working party is being formed to find alternative accommodation for the County which will meet it's needs and that can be independently owned or leased.

We have produced clear guidelines of the financial support that the County can make available to support overseas expeditions and trips. Whilst on the subject of international events I am pleased to be able to announce that we have been allocated 2 units, each with a Guide patrol, for the next World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011.

The restructure of the County Executive has also started to see rewards. Each District is represented by their Chairman (or nominee) which has served well to improve the flow of information and understanding between all parties. In addition we have restructured the sub committees and formed a number of working groups to take responsibility for specific areas of work.

In my report last year I mentioned that we had not identified a successor for the Croydon DC role - I am pleased to report that Steve French has accepted the challenge and took up the appointment in January. Welcome Steve, I know that you are already hard at work.

Meanwhile, Bob Prescott has announced his intention to stand down as DC in Wimbledon and Wandle and I am pleased to be able to report that Joe Rogerson has agreed to take on the role. The official handover will take place later in the year and I look forward to working with Joe.

As adults in Scouting our major aim is to deliver the best possible experience for our young people. We want to give them adventure, excitement and fun which will help them to grow and mature.

We know that we are achieving this aim when we see our young people full of enthusiasm and wanting everyone else to know what a great time they are having.

It is logical, therefore, that if they are having a great time they will want their friends to join in and so it is not too great a leap to realise if more young people want to join us then we are doing it right.

Well we got it right in 2008.

350 more young people than last year wanted what we have to offer and our annual census saw the County burst through the 10,000 members mark for the first time since 2002.

Every District and every youth section grew during the year - a remarkable achievement.

The continued success of Scouting in the County is a result of the ceaseless hard work and dedication of the adults who support young people at all levels. A simple thank you seems inadequate, but to all who make an immeasurable difference to the thousands of young people who join in the adventure every week please accept my gratitude.

I leave you with a final thought:-

*The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.*

**Ian Newbery**  
County Commissioner

## **Deputy County Commissioner (Programme) Report**

As you can appreciate the role of Deputy CC (Programme) has a very broad remit, and the workplan this past year has reflected the age range of our youth membership and the variety of activities on offer. We are very lucky as a County to have such a hard-working team of sectional ACCs, and in this connection I would like to welcome Karl Bromley as the new ACC (Beaver Scouts).

We also have an extensive Activities Team under the leadership of Robin Corti, whose main focus has been trying to unravel the mysteries of activity permits as well as ensuring all the boats throughout GLSW are registered and fit for purpose. Congratulations to Vic Griffiths who has qualified as one of a rare breed of Pulling Assessors in the UK, and who has elevated rowing as a major activity for all ages in GLSW through his management of the 14th Richmond 'Viking' Scout Boating Centre and encouragement of participation in the annual Great River Race. There have been changes, too, in leadership of the hillwalking team with Ron Wellbrook passing the 'piton' to Ian Tombleson. Ian has recruited some new blood from among members of the Scout Network who have undertaken wild country expeditions organised by County to support achievement of Queen's Scout and Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards. Simon Keen is to be congratulated on completing his Mountain Leader Award. Elsewhere, the County is now able to facilitate sub-aqua and hopefully caving in the not-too-distant future. It is a shame that the air-experience days organised by Cliff Beck are undersubscribed.

There are several initiatives going forward. In July we are running a second Explorer Belt expedition, this time to Tuscany in Italy. Already 22 young people have signed up despite the economic recession, and will be accompanied by a base camp team comprising Alex Minajew, Ian and Sandra Newbery, and myself. Plans are afoot for a Scout section County Camp in the summer of 2010, at which the Guides on our patch will be invited to join us. We are also looking at ways in which we can retain those just out of Network aged 25 who do not yet have the time or inclination to commit regularly by becoming Leaders or Helpers - watch this space!

As a County we have achieved much over the past 12 months, but there is more work to do if we are to realise the dream of providing more opportunities to more young people.

**Chris Dean**

*Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)*

# Beaver Scout Report

As I sit and write the annual report, my involvement in Beavers in GLSW has been just over 6 months. I've come in to a thriving section, with numbers growing and new colonies starting. Last years census saw our figures grow by 129 Beavers or 5.9%. We had 2328 Beavers taking part in activities across the 5 Districts.

The Mini Census just completed shows an increase again of just over 100 Beavers so we're on course to complete a larger growth at the end of this year. The team of ADC's and DBSL's have been putting on great events, and numbers attending these show how much fun Beavers is.

I'm planning on attending at least one activity in each District each year and started my tour at Sutton and Cheam's Camp Fire at Bears Wood. Over 200 Beavers, Leaders and some parents joined in singing songs followed by a Hot Dog and drink which the DC had helped to cook. A great afternoon helped even more by the sunny weather.

Royal Kingston's Olympic morning was a great way to show the Beavers being competitive, healthy and again having a great time. With the weather overcast, I was really surprised to see the number of parents lining the course cheering on their children. It was also encouraging to see the new Colony taking part in their first activity and winning some of the events. At the end of the events, the Beavers had their chance to cheer on their brothers and sisters in their own race, Mums, Dads and the highly competitive Leaders race. This is always one to get Beavers up and cheering on their own to victory.

Events included - Bean bag on head, obstacle course, dressing up, egg and spoon race and the 4 person relay.

I look forward to attending Wimbledon and Wandle's Bike Ride in June, Richmond's Twickeree and will speak with the newest member of the ADC team - Ross to plan a visit to a Croydon event.

Other District events planned and completed this year include, sleepovers, healthy eating badge day, a scientific day and a 10 pin bowling event. I had the pleasure of attending 2nd Whitton's Gang Show and saw the Beavers up on stage singing songs, moving around the stage and beating the bad guy!

So how can we increase numbers, learn new activities and get Beavers more on the road map for GLSW? I'm challenging the Districts to keep me informed of reports when they send them to their own District newsletters so we can be included in Focus and on the County website. Collaborate and invite your fellow Beaver leaders to your

events so they can maybe see some new ideas for their own Districts and I've started to work with fellow ACC's within the London Area on the same idea.

The training questionnaire sent out had a few replies which, once checked with the other sections we can plan an event to answer some of these needs, but if you do have a question and don't know the answer, please feel free to contact me and I'll get back to you.

Finally a huge thank you to all the Beaver Leaders in GLSW for all they are doing. We're doing it right, the evidence is the numbers increasing in each return, the comments from Beavers that I talk to at the events and the parents willing to bring their children to all the events.

**Karl Bromley**

*Assistant County Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)*

## Cub Scout Section Report

Cub Scouts in all 5 Districts have had a very busy year and have participated in the full range of programme zone activities including more nights away than ever before. Each District has highly motivated and hardworking Leaders who support and encourage their Cubs to participate in both District and County events. I would like to thank them and all the busy parents, instructors and young leaders in their Packs for giving the children such exciting opportunities.

The membership of the County Cub Section continues to be a concern, even though overall membership within the County has increased. We must focus on increasing Pack sizes, finding new locations to open Packs and encouraging more girls to join us, whilst also providing support to the development of existing leaders and most importantly the recruitment of new leaders.

The 'Your Programme Your Voice' survey has been well received, with many leaders actively participating with great consideration and honesty. This will be bringing new resources and initiatives over the coming year in direct response. The programme continues to be an agenda item at both District and County level meetings.

The first London Regional Cub quiz was held at Gilwell Park in early 2009 and was attended by teams from Richmond, Croydon and Royal Kingston Districts. Richmond won the construction of a ballista challenge. Croydon District was delighted to win this inaugural event. Thank you to all who supported the event helping to make it a great success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick Williams (ADC Cubs, Richmond) for all his effort and commitment to the Cub section. He will be continuing with the Pack and I wish him well in his new ADC Activities role. Croydon, Royal Kingston and Sutton Have all been enthusiastically led by new ADC's who are beginning to make their mark and find their feet. In Wimbledon and Wandle Michele's strong team have gone from strength to strength. This year we welcome one new Cub ADC in Richmond. I wish you luck Wend and hope you enjoy your new role.

I have enjoyed the opportunities to visit Cubs in the Districts as they cooked, created, competed, performed, were challenged and had fun outdoors over the last year.

Thank you again to all the District Cub teams and Pack Leadership teams in the County for their continued efforts and energy to grow and develop Cub Scouting.

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

**Caroline Dyer**

*Assistant County Commissioner (Cub Scouts)*

## Scout Section Report

The Scout section continues to show increases in numbers - the 2009 Census shows Scout section numbers within the County of 2,299 an increase of 135 on this time last year. In fact the recent "mini census" results show that this growth has continued in the first quarter of the year. Well done to all the leaders involved in continuing to deliver a full, balanced programme.

During the year the County competitions such as cooking, orienteering and night hike ran as usual with all those taking part thoroughly enjoying the events!! A big thank you to all the leaders that assisted in the running of these events, especially those standing on cold bases for hour on end at the night hike!! The numbers taking part in these events have also continued to grow and I would encourage those that have yet to take part in these events to sign up for 2010 as they continue to prove very rewarding for all those taking part.

The Districts continue to offer a full programme of District events and the District teams must be congratulated on providing such an extensive menu of opportunities to the young people of the County. Again I would urge Scout leaders that haven't yet entered some of those local competitions to "take the plunge" as they will soon realise what their Scouts are missing by not being involved.

As ever I would like to thank all the ADCs and wider County team for all their help and support in delivering an effective programme across the County.

I am as keen as ever to encourage Scout troops to get outdoors more and enjoy the experiences that traditional Scouting uniquely offers young people. With that aim in mind we are delivering a County run weekend camp in July 2009 aimed at those Scouts (and leaders) who have not been able to get away on camp, for whatever reason. On the camp the Scouts will achieve the Outdoor Challenge badge and hopefully generate an appetite for more camping in the future.

I would also this year like troops across the County to think of 2009 as the year that they extend the hand of friendship to any of their neighbouring troops that may either be short on leaders or have leaders without nights away permits. If troops "buddied" up in this way and invited their neighbours to join them on a camp(or two) new leaders would be able to generate experience towards gaining a permit and the Scouts would get to make more friends - probably meeting those that they should, in a few years time, be joining up with at the local Explorer unit!!

I mentioned in last year's report that I was looking to introduce a new County award within the Scout section that recognises not only the time spent away but focuses on the variety and diversity of those experiences in Scouting - having had discussions with other ACCs from around the country I will be progressing this idea taking on board the fantastic ideas that are out there in other parts of the UK.

Over the coming 12 months I will also be exploring ways of supporting Scout leaders across the County to increase the number of Scouts that achieve the Chief Scout's Gold award. From national surveys and from experiences within the County there are some elements of the award that many troops struggle to deliver - I am convinced that with a little thought and inventiveness we can provide events that would fulfil the requirements of those elements that prove most difficult e.g. expedition, global and adventure challenges.

Although it may seem a long way away now we will also be running a County wide Scout activity camp in June 2010. This will be a new experience for the Scout section and we are looking at the event providing a fun packed weekend with over 50 activities on offer, from climbing to survival skills, bungee trampoline to kayaking. Look out for the flyers which will be coming out soon! This will be the inaugural event and to that end we will be having a competition for a Scout to come up with the name for the event that will capture the imagination.

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

**Nigel Waine**

*Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts)*

## **Explorer Scout Section Report**

During 2008 the Explorer section in Greater London South West grew by 7.7% (47 more Explorers identified in the annual census). This is clearly good news, but to put the figures into perspective, the growth represented a 3% increase in numbers from 2007 when there were 641 Explorers cross County compared with 660 in 2009. Nevertheless Explorer numbers are up. Keep up the hard work.

Welcome to Simon Keen appointed District Explorer Scout Commissioner of Sutton, and and Steph Green District Explorer Scout Administrator also in Sutton.

Jenny Handley (Croydon), Sue Barden (Royal Kingston) and I attended the Regional Development Meeting at Gilwell Park in November. The Explorer breakout sessions focused on linking to Scout Network from the Explorer section; delivering a balanced programme and Validation of training modules for those Explorer Scout Leaders and Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders that have not yet transferred or trained to earn their Explorer Scout Leader Wood Badge. Headquarters are surprised at the low numbers of Explorer Scout Leader wood badge applications in comparison with the other sections.

In February the first County Young Leader Training Weekend took place at 1st Hook Scout Headquarters. The residential event accommodated 22 Explorer Scouts from across the County and each delegate successfully completed modules A-J. The programme was interactive, fun and varied and included a trip out to Charrington bowl and a formal dinner on Saturday Evening. The weekend was a complete success and the intention is that it will be repeated next year. Thanks to everybody involved.

Hampton ESU and Belmont ESU were joint winners of the Gold Trophy in this year's GLSW County Explorer Night Hike, both teams completing the 12.6 mile course in 4 hours and 15 minutes. The Silver Trophy was unclaimed this year but Raynes Park ESU won the Bronze Trophy. Please support this event in 2009. Thanks to Derek Chaplin and his Team.

Croydon's Operation Red Flare Incident hike took place on the North Downs to the south of Banstead, Twenty teams from across the County and beyond competed in the 12.5 mile night hike which started and finished at Park Farm Scout Campsite. The winners were Ruskin Explorer Scout Unit (481 points) and the runners up Belmont Explorer Scout Unit (477 points), both from Sutton.

**Paul van Putten**

*Assistant County Commissioner (Explorer Scouts)*

## Scout Network Report

We should keep in mind that the concept of Scout Network is relatively new (in Scouting history) and any comparison with Rover Scouts would be to consider the advance of communication - how have things changed since we had button 'B' in a public phone box compared to today's text/internet culture.

The County position is that the organisation and development of Scout Network now rests at District level. This is to allow better connection with the Explorer Scout section. Furthermore, Scout Network can be 'led' by a person selected by the District to reflect that local need. After all, Scouting is very much a local matter, irrespective of Section.

GLSW does not have the benefit of rallying banner of a more publicly recognised territory such as a Surrey or Kent. We should also remember that the National requirement for all adults aged 18-25 to be a member of Scout Network has now gone, which was, at best, an aspirational goal. So, things have changed.

As a consequence of the above, a Scout Network Conference was not organised, or requested, in the last year. GLSW does not have a Committee for Scout Network

In terms of a County Scout Network programme - during the last year, the efforts regarding putting in place a programme for those aged 18-25 has been very much at the instigation of Chris Dean, and that work is acknowledged with thanks.

I am personally convinced that there is a 'place' for a 18-25 'section' in Scouting. But, it will need very careful consideration, discussion and support within Districts, and to extend/reflect the tremendous work being done in Explorer Scouts and the Young Leader Scheme.

**Alex Minajew**

*County Scout Network Commissioner*

## Training Report

The amount of training that has been delivered this past year has increased quite dramatically with over 50 modules being run at County level, and not taking into account the 'Getting Started' packages offered at District level.

This meant that nearly 700 adults attended modules run by the County, ranging from Module 5 to Module 26, and including the recent delivery of Module 37, the new appointment process.

As a result a considerable jump in the number of Wood badges being granted has occurred, with well over 75 being awarded, as compared to just over 30 last year.

Next year we do not expect the number to be quite so high, and as number of Wood badges awarded this year were due to clearing a number of leaders who had been in the training system for some little while.

The British Red Cross first aid courses being run by the County continue to prove very successful, with many comments on how enjoyable they are. Every course is fully booked well before time. As a result we have appointed two new County First Aid Trainers who have undergone the British Red Cross First Training at Gilwell Park, and we welcome Geraldine Daly and Sue Bouchard to the team. Their appointment will mean an increase in the number of courses that we are able to run and the number of leaders that we are able to train on each course.

In addition, under the guidance of Jenny Ririe and her team we have re-vamped the delivery of our Nights Away courses and are monitoring how these go. Gilwell is also currently looking into this particular module and its arrangements and we are promised that there will be changes to the module in the near future.

With the organisation and administration, Joan Condon as our County Training Administrator has done another excellent job throughout the year, as well as, doubling up as the acting LTM for Royal Kingston. Brian Whalebone our County Quartermaster, who makes sure that our equipment is in order and available, remains an invaluable support. Many thanks to them both.

My thanks also go to all the LTMs and Training Advisors who work so hard at District level. Best wishes also to Eric Bradley LTM Croydon, in continuing to recover from his recent patch of ill health. Unfortunately, it still, as yet it has not been possible to find a replacement for Royal Kingston. The training team this past year has remained quite stable, although there is still the need to increase in the number of LTMs and TAs throughout the County. I shall keep looking!

**Roger Hurrion**

*County Training Manager*

## Special Needs

How time flies and how quickly the year has past and it is already time for the yearly Annual Reports. Whether it is the Groups, District or County the A.G.M season is upon us and sometimes you have to write a report for all three of the above. The later part of last year was quite hectic one way or another what with the annual Agoonoree Summer Camp, sleepovers and Christmas Camp, all great fun but more about this later.

All the while my house was being ripped apart by workmen at one time I had no bathroom or kitchen all this on top of the re-wiring of the premises and to cap it all they were going to replace all my windows and doors in the New Year. Just where did I put all my paperwork regarding Special Needs, it must be in the many boxes dotted around the house? But just when you think it could not get any worse you hear the sad news that one of your Leaders has passed away. That stops you in your tracks and you find that what has happened to you is unimportant.

The Leader in question was Tom O'Leary a tall quiet man. Tom's journey into Scouting started when he became a Registered Volunteer at Orchard Hill Scoutlink on the old Queen Mary's Childrens Hospital taking Special Need adults out for the day or even the weekend. He gave the task his all and was made Volunteer of the Year by the N.H.S. who ran Orchard Hill at the time, which pleased him greatly. After this he joined Orchard Hill Scoutlink where he and the other Leaders would take the Scouts to the annual Agoonoree Scout Camps/Nights out and days that that matter. When Scoutlink finished he then went on to 15th Wallington Scout Group for Special Needs as an Assistant Venture Scout Leader then went onto become an Assistant Explorer Scout Leader. He was Awarded the Merit Award in 2008 on the recommendation the then County Commissioner Roger Hurrion. It gave me the greatest pleasure to present the Award to Tom at 15th Wallington Scout Group's A.G.M. last May. He was so proud of this Award that he sent it to his grandchildren in Australia. Tom O'Leary will be sadly missed by all those that knew him and especially 15th Wallington Scout Group.

Moving onto another Leader Barbara Jackson Beaver Scout Leaders from 9th Carshalton Scout Group Sutton District started to assist with 15th Wallington's newly formed Beaver Scout Colony for Special Needs. Her knowledge of Beaver Scouting was a great asset to the Group. Most of you will not know that whilst Barbara was helping 15th Wallington to run their Beaver Scouts she was also running 9th Carshalton Beaver Scout Colony. Unbeknown to us all she was not at all well going back as far as November but still she soldiered on. At the end of January 2009 she was admitted to St Helier Hospital where I paid her a visit in February. Even though she was so ill she still found time to smile and it is that warm smile that I will always remember. Sadly on the 16th February 2009 Barbara Jackson passed away. Her Thanksgiving Service was held in a small

Church in Canterbury. The Church was packed with all her family and friends. Barbara was laid to rest in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin Fordwich where Barbara and her Husband Bill were married. I cannot begin to tell you how I felt at the loss of these two Leaders they were my friends and the dedication they gave to Special Need Youngsters was exemplary. They were a joy to work with and it just goes to show you that there are Leaders out there in our County, District and Groups who week in week out welcome young people with Special Needs into their weekly Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts or Explorer Scout Meetings. They give the young people the Scouting skills that will help them through into adult life by putting them at the top of their Scouting agenda. You have my grateful thanks and the County's.

Summer 2008 I was privileged to attend the annual Agoonoree Scout Camp set in the beautiful grounds of Grace Dieu School, if I am repeating myself then I apologise but the level of care at these camps is truly outstanding by all Leaders and Helpers. It is like a 5 Star hotel I don't think there was anytime during the day where I was not eating. The Scouting activities over the week were second to none. The water slide is always a highlight and did we get wet. I even got to check the Patrols in the daily inspection ritual and I must make a decisive decision which patrol was the best. There is a serious amount of bribery, so yet more food anyway a good turnout. My grateful thanks go to Nick Devine and Neil Warburton Joint Camp Leaders and their Team for what was a truly wonderful week. If any of you out there fancies a week with the Agoonoree Scout Camp do get in touch with Nick Devine, in Sutton District you won't regret it.

Christmas Camps are also a joy located at Scout Park Bounds Green London. Although this camp is situated inside it takes nothing away from the excitement of camping. The mid-night feast is a delight. Trips to the local Pantomime are also on the programme and what can I say about the Christmas Dinner the main hall all decorated in Christmas finery, lights a Christmas tree and of course Father Christmas it was like being in Never Never Land all wonderful. A real treat. My thanks to 15th Wallington, 24th Tottenham and the West Wickham Groups for their wonderful hospitality.

As my report comes to an end as it must just one more thing I must add to all those Groups out there who take just one or perhaps two Special Needs Young Person you have my admiration.

Finally congratulations to Claire Devine Sutton District Special Needs Advisor on being awarded the Chief Scouts Commendation for the Good Service also her Scouts coming 14th in the County Night Hike out of 42 teams that entered a tremendous achievement.

**Derek Smith**

*Assistant County Commissioner (Special Needs)*

## Activities report

Once again we have had a good year on the activity front with lots of good things going on quietly in the background.

### Shooting

GLSW was represented at the superbly run National Scout Air Rifle Championships held at Bisley in October 2008 by 1st Old Malden; 1st North Sutton; 2nd Malden; 3rd Hampton Hill; 7th Malden; 2nd Hook; 6th Tolworth; 25th Purley; Merton Park E.S.U.; Discovery E.S.U. and Royal Kingston Air Rifle Club.

25th Purley were thrilled with Gold in Junior Smallbore - Joshua Anderton & in Fullbore - Simon Anderton. Gold went to Jordan Docker for Biathlon and Bronze for Ollie Brooke in Field Target. As they said "not bad for a team with no range, regular practices or national coaches"

Merton Park's Andrew Dobson won the shield for Senior Field Target.

David Heath of 1st North Sutton was the Gold medallist in Senior Fullbore.

Royal Kingston District had success with Alistair Exworthy winning the new Shield for 10 metre Own Pistol - presented by the Commonwealth pistol shooting medallist Mick Gault O.B.E. in an exciting Olympic style final. Alex Stead, just 12 years old, finished 7th out of 8 in this event. He also won Bronze in the Junior 6 yard main event pistol.

Discovery E.S.U. successes were with Chris Kendall winning the E.S.U. shield in six yard main rifle and Mike Bamsey in 6 yard pistol, plus the 10 metre Own Rifle Trophy. He also won the N.S.R.A. Cup - this is for the best Over 14 shooter, with combined scores of six yard rifle and pistol, plus Field Target.

Last - but not least- the exploits of 3rd Hampton Hill.

Alex Lloyd did well in Under 14 events, with Silver Medals in 6 yard rifle and pistol and in the Biathlon. Sam Hill won Bronze in 6 yard rifle. Wend Williamson won Bronze in the Senior 'Knock Out'- as did Tate Coles in the Junior event. They won the Pistol Team Trophy - with Tate Coles, Sam Hill, Alex Lloyd & John Williamson; The Junior Connaught Shield for combined scores in rifle, Pistol and field target was won by a Team of Sam Hill, Alex Lloyd & Tate Coles.

At the Inter County Competition, hopes were high for GLSW success - but unfortunately dashed - as we could finish only 4th out of nine with 2311 ex 3000 - missing out on medals by just 13 points. The Team was without one of its best shooters, Mike, who was competing in the Welsh Air Rifle Championships; he came away with seven Gold medals!

About 15 Scouts are now in the Scout Squad and three are training with GB squads.

Training for adults is offered on a regular basis to those who wish to qualify for the National Smallbore Rifle Association's YPS Tutor Diploma. Some 36 Leaders have taken advantage of the courses during the year.

### Climbing and hill walking,

Climbing permit assessments requested and carried out over the past year concentrated mainly on sandstone and indoor climbing walls and towers. Climbing activities over the past year reflected this and were reasonably popular and quite well attended.

Several Districts spent good days on the sandstone crags around East Grinstead and the High Sports climbing centre at Salfords was also well used by both Districts holding large events and by individual groups. One encouraging aspect of last year is the number of young people keen to go on to gain climbing permits of their own.

### Water activities

This year saw the continuation of boating inspections and assessments for water permits including for the Pulling permit for which Vic Griffiths is an approved assessor and the first pulling permits have been rolled out for experienced pullers and the first of a local pulling course has been set up for trial.

Boat inspections continue to be a worry as the two annual self inspections that follow the County Boat inspections do not appear to be happening. DC's are aware of the state of all inspections and this year a new lot of canoes were discovered!

RN inspections were successful at Leander and Petersham and Ham once again and they are both to be congratulated on a good turn out.

The 14th Richmond District Viking Boating Centre once again had a good year with over 1900 individuals being taken on to the river in very unusual craft and show that where demographics prevent a normal intake of young people then thinking outside the box can work wonders also.

They also played an important part in the organising of the Great River Race, and a number of teams from the County took part.

The 14th Richmond "Viking" Scout Boating Centre were approached by the Mayor of Richmond's office and asked if we could arrange to lower the Olympic Flag at the same

time that Boris Johnson was handed it in Beijing. Local Scouts were invited to row the The Royal Barge "Jubilant" and they placed the flag on the rear flag staff. They had a crew of ten Scouts plus VIP's from the Richmond-upon-Thames Council including the Mayor. The weather was perfect and the event attracted a huge crowd of on lookers watching and wondering what Scouts were doing in the middle of Thames. At the said time the Mayor gracefully lowered the flag with a big applause from all those watching from the river bank. All the other London Boroughs were asked to do the same thing but Richmond-upon-Thames was the only borough that used the River to carry out this ceremony.

Then in September The Boating centre were asked by Thames Young Mariners to row the High Sherriff of Surrey plus other VIPS to their facility in Ham to celebrate their 50th birthday and again the The Royal Barge "Jubilant" was rowed by local Scouts and their leaders thus raiding the Brand image of Scouting in the Borough.

Elsewhere Teams took part in the National Sea Scout Regatta held on the river and Leander were successful in coming away with some 1st places.

## **Flying**

### **GLSW SCOUT FLYING CLUB**

The year 2008 was yet again another year of very poor response to the flying opportunities offered in the County.

Five flying days were available and two of these had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Of the remaining three, together with an extra day in July saw 73 Scouts, Explorers and Leaders take to the air.

Of this 73, only 43 were from GLSW the remaining 30 places being taken from Scouts outside the County who do not have the same opportunity in their County.

The breakdown of those in GLSW who did fly was 39 Scouts, one Explorer Scout and three Leaders.

The flights, taken in a twin engined six seater light aircraft, are still very good value and prices for 2009 have not been increased.

The facilities offered to Scouting by our provider are second to none and deserve to be more fully utilised.

There are three Air Scout Groups in the County, two of which are RAF Recognised.

Both Groups are due for their bi-annual inspections in 2009.

The inspection of the 4th. Tolworth Group will take place on 21st June and that of 7th. Teddington in early July.

Hopefully both Groups will have progressed sufficiently to retain their recognition status.

## **Parascending**

Despite some very indifferent weather over the flying season, the Club still managed to attain 317 launches. This was achieved over the five weekend courses that were flyable, two 'special event' weekends and a four day mid-week special.

The Club also had two training weekends - these are held for the development of members and to assist them through their BHPA examinations.

The Club has also purchased a 'new' Land Rover and has sold the old one which was to say the least a bit past its prime. The new vehicle has proved very successful and should serve the Club for the foreseeable future

## **Scuba Diving**

Posters were sent out by John Tweedy to all County and District Leaders for Network and Explorer sections and to all DC's in the County. As this was a new activity we wanted to target the older range initially to gauge the reception and response and then consider the lower aged sections later.

30 trial dives have been undertaken from both Croydon and Wimbledon and Wandle, but no courses have yet taken place. Richmond District appears to be very keen to take up a full course and that is very encouraging.

The younger sections will be targeted in June with the aim to get posters out at the end of this May and eventually to take qualified Scouts away diving at weekends and maybe later abroad.

## **Gang shows**

Gang Show 2008 was a very successful show, running for six nights at the end of October. The cast was made up of 100 people ages 9 - 65 years old all actively involved in either the Scouting or Guiding movement, along with another 40 or so members making up the production, technical, costume and make up teams.

The show ran for approximately two hours beginning with a glittering 70's opening and finishing with a medley of the show and the traditional finale songs 'Souwest' and 'Crest of a Wave' all performed in full uniform. Other items included a Wild Western, Under the Sea, Halloween, Anthony & Cleopatra and a Space Adventure.

Throughout the 6 months of rehearsal the production team and the director work towards building cast members confidence, personal development and team spirit along with performance skills and theatre and stage knowledge.

They had 35 new members join the gang last year and the following Districts were involved; Croydon, Sutton, Wimbledon and Wandle and Royal Kingston. Unfortunately, we did not have anyone from Richmond take part in the show.

Auditions for Souwest 09 have taken place already with another 36 new members joining the Gang and rehearsals will begin in early June. The show this year will take place from Tuesday 27th - Saturday 31st November. We are moving rehearsal venues from St Phillips Church hall, Worcester Park to 1st Hook HQ, Surbiton and have taken on a new MD this year that will also bring a change to show week as we will be accompanied by a live band.

The new Director, Jo Davey, her team, and the cast should be justly proud of this, her first production. The show had all the elements of a proper Scout/Guide show and Geoff Bengé, the County Show advisor carried out an assessment and had no hesitation in stating that under its new management the SouWest Gang Show should continue to possess the Scout Association's National Recognition for Scout shows.

No other shows requested an assessment during the year. It is felt however that in the future that all Scout shows produced in the County should be reviewed, whether seeking recognition or not, so that a reasonable standard of entertainment is reached in all productions.

## **Bands**

For the past year David Gould, the County Band advisor, has been concentrating on the smaller bands Wimbledon & Wandle, 1st Wallington and 2nd Hook. He has been getting them to work together in practices and public engagements as you would have seen on St Georges Day parades.

Wimbledon and Wandle helped 2nd Hook out at Kingston's parade, With 2nd Hook and 1st Wallington coming to Wimbledon to help them out, after that first parade all the bands moved off to Sutton for their parade, which took them straight down the High Street which was quite spectacular.

By getting the bands together for parades this has given them a band size of 30 or more members which is a nice size for parades.

Wimbledon & Wandle Band gained their Band Inspection Certificate after two years of trying to finding new accommodation and members.

Now a little bit about the elite Kingston & Malden and 1st Hook both the bands gained their inspection certificates once again and are to be congratulated. A wonderful evening at Kingston followed with their concert after their formal inspection.

1st Hook held their inspection and a small concert after, It was nice to see both bands are taking in more younger members.

And finally these bands are a great advert to Scouting and especially to our County, as we are the only County in the country to have 5 bands.

If you have any boys or girls that you think would like to join one of the bands just get in contact with the band leader or you could get in touch with David Gould, the County Band advisor.

## **D of E Award**

As you will know both HQ and County have been trying to raise the profile of the D of E award system and to this end HQ ran a series of workshops last year.

Details of how successful we are are a bit limited because essentially the Bronze award is handled at District level, the Silver at County and the Gold is signed of by HQ.

However last year 18 bronze packs, 13 silver packs and seven gold packs were issued to members of this County. It is thought that five Bronze awards were made, no silvers and two Gold.

We are aware that next year the Dof E will require all expedition assessors to be qualified for the task and we will be seeking ways of achieving this in due time.

### **Robin Corti**

*Assistant County Commissioner (Activities)*

## International Report

Another very active year for GLSW internationally with over 450 young people gaining an international experience spread over 13 countries during 2008. Particular highlights include destinations such as Ethiopia, Zambia, California and an increase in popularity for the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland.

Country	Number of young people visiting
Switzerland.....	154
Ethiopia.....	58
France.....	56
Netherlands.....	56
Portugal.....	45
USA.....	24
Belgium.....	21
Slovakia.....	19
Poland.....	17
Italy.....	15
Czech Republic.....	10
Zambia.....	10
Germany.....	4

### Roy Bromley

*Assistant County Commissioner (International)*

## Property Sub-Committee

### Bethesda Activity Centre

#### (Yr Hen Neuadd)

During the year a full review of our activity centre at Bethesda has been undertaken with thanks to Alex Minajew for his hard work and professionalism. A survey was also circulated across the County and beyond, many thanks to those individuals who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

These two activities combined, have identified a number of issues which need to be addressed, in order to enable us to continue to offer top quality adventurous activities at affordable prices and realise the bases full potential.

Bethesda is a unique resource and in the current financial downturn it is imperative that we upgrade the facility to keep our current users and attract more people to the outdoor experiences Bethesda and the surrounding area has to offer to GLSW.

## Bow Lane

After full discussion with the 1st Lower Morden agreement has been reached to terminate our arrangement as from mid 2010.

The County are actively seeking new premises to replace our County base and our congratulations go to the Scout Group for increasing their membership to the point where it is making it challenging to meet everyone's needs.

## Jack Petchey Foundation Award Scheme

GLSW are fortunate to continue to be a part of the Award scheme which in the period January 2008 – December 2008 brought over £50K into the County for the benefit of our young people. On top of that fourteen Leaders received £1,000 each for the benefit of their Groups. The money has been spent in accordance with the wishes of the young people and has been very diverse in the way it has been spent. Camping equipment always seems the most popular along with a variety of games and gadgets, but also sometimes for activities, outings and towards camps.

In September we held the annual presentation evening at the Ashcroft Theatre in Croydon, an important part of the scheme, when the young people were presented with a bronze medallion and the Leaders with a gold medallion plus their cheque. The evening was very lively with entertainment from GLSW Gang Show in between the awards, and much enjoyed by everyone.

Due to the current financial situation the awards for this year are reduced both in number and amount but at least we remain a part of the scheme and many young people will again benefit from it.

# County Scout Council of Greater London South West

## Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

Charity Number 303884

### Executive Committees that served during the Period

Chairman.....Andrew Harris  
Secretary.....Lesley Bixby  
Treasurer.....Mark Patrick  
County Commissioner.....Ian Newbery  
Ex-officio Member.....Alex Minajew

Co-opted Member.....Martin Whiting  
Co-opted Member.....Chris Dean

Elected Member.....Christopher Heath  
Elected Member.....Eric Hayward  
Elected Member.....John Taylor  
Elected Member.....Trevor Strong  
Elected Member.....Jill Fielder

Nominated Member.....Hallam Carter-Pegg  
Nominated Member.....Pat Askey  
Nominated Member.....Simon Keen  
Nominated Member.....Theresa Jeffrey

All above were appointed or re-appointed at the Annual  
General Meeting held on 11 June 2008.

### Object of the Charity

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

# Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

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## 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 2008 which are set out on pages 20 to 26

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

### Basis of examiner's report

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

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

have not been met; or

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

## Wandle House Associates - Chartered Accountants

47 Wandle Road, Croydon

## Trustee's & Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the financial report for the year ended 31st December 2008 on behalf of the Trustees.

The County had a surplus this year of £17,080.

The County Development Project is an on-going element of the work of the County aimed at providing better Scouting to more young people. In December 2001 the County appointed a full time paid staff member as the County Development Officer, Jo Launchbury. Her work in the Project has been a major factor in making it the great success that it has been. The five Districts within the County have recognised particular ways in which development needs to be implemented locally. The County Executive has reviewed the way in which the County can best support the different development needs and have come to the opinion that a single full time County Development Officer post is not the most effective solution for the position we are in today. The post of County Development Officer has therefore been made redundant and consequently Jo left the County at the end of November 2008. Jo left with the full thanks of the County for all her determined and committed work for the Project. The resources used to provide the County Development Officer role will be re-directed to other elements of development across the County.

Subscription Income increased just over £18,000 this year.

Investment income increased slightly during the year.

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 £89,471 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.

**Mark Patrick**

*Honorary Treasurer & Trustee*

# County Scout Council of Greater London South West

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2008

	Note No.	This Year £ General Funds	This Year £ Restricted Funds	This Year £ Total	Prior Year £ Total
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Similar Income					
Subscription Income	1	242,666	-	242,666	220,166
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on County		185,671		185,671	182,059
Net membership subscriptions retained		56,995	-	56,995	38,107
Donations from individuals		25	-	25	182
Sub Total		57,020	-	57,020	38,289
Grants				-	
Grants received for Restricted Funds	2	-	10,333	10,333	10,000
Activities Income				-	
Income generated by Various Section Activities	3	46,019	-	46,019	47,028
Investment Income				-	
Bank Interest		2,733	-	2,733	2,543
Other Income				-	
Income generated by Administration	4	8,870	-	8,870	2,118
Total Incoming Resources		114,642	10,333	124,975	99,978
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable Payments					
Resources expended associated with Development officer	2	-	38,853	38,853	36,790
Resources expended on Administration	4	25,465	-	25,465	11,624
Sub Total		25,465	38,853	64,318	48,414
Activities Payments				-	
Various Section Activities	3	43,277	300	43,577	54,731
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		68,742	39,153	107,895	103,145
<b>SUMMARY</b>					
Total Incoming Resources		114,642	10,333	124,975	99,978
Total Resources Expended		68,742	39,153	107,895	103,145
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources		45,900	(28,820)	17,080	(3,167)
Add: Funds brought forward		71,491	900	72,391	75,558
Gross transfers between funds		(28,520)	28,520	-	-
Fund Balances This Year Carried Forward		88,871	600	89,471	72,391

# County Scout Council of Greater London South West

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2008

	notes	£	2008 £	2007 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Bethesda Base	8 & 14		9,315	9,315
Fixtures & Fittings (County)	14		1,089	1,452
Equipment (County)	14		<u>1,348</u>	<u>992</u>
			11,752	11,759
<b>Current Assets:-</b>				
Debtors & prepayments		4,350		9,850
Deposit at HQ		37,808		15,230
Cash at bank and in hand		52,339		60,116
Closing Stock		<u>90</u>		<u>56</u>
		94,587		85,252
Creditors : amounts due within 1 year	13	<u>16,868</u>		<u>24,620</u>
Net Current Assets			77,719	60,632
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><b>89,471</b></u>	<u><b>72,391</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			88,871	71,491
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	2		<u>600</u>	<u>900</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u><b>89,471</b></u>	<u><b>72,391</b></u>

Approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

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Andrew Harris - County Chairman

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Mark Patrick - Treasurer

# County Scout Council of Greater London South West

## Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2008

### 1) Accounting Policies

#### General

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985. They followed the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005).

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings (County)	25%WDV
Equipment (County)	25%WDV

#### Joint Activities

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

(Paragliding Club 50%, Mountaineering Club 16.67% Aquameet 16.67%)

There has been no Aquameet since 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 2009 was just over £240,000.

Subscription received is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

### 2) Fund Balances.

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

The details of the Restricted Funds are shown below:

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
Associated with Development officer	-	10,333	(38,853)	28,520	-
Gang Show	900	-	(300)	-	600
Total Restricted funds	<u>900</u>	<u>10,333</u>	<u>(39,153)</u>	<u>28,520</u>	<u>600</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>71,491</u>	<u>114,642</u>	<u>(69,092)</u>	<u>(28,520)</u>	<u>88,521</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>71,491</u>	<u>114,642</u>	<u>(69,092)</u>	<u>(28,520)</u>	<u>88,521</u>
Total funds	72,391	124,975	(108,245)	-	89,121

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

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

# County Scout Council of Greater London South West

## Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2008 (continued)

<b>3) Section Activities Income &amp; Expenditure.</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>2007</b>	
	£	£	£	£	
Cub Scouts	-	-	-	145	
Scouts	-	-	-	2,965	
Explorers	200	(933)	(733)	(1,724)	
Venture Scouts	-	-	-	(2,314)	
Mountaineering & Hillwalking (this County)	3,170	(739)	2,431	481	
Night Hike	-	(858)	(858)	116	
International	-	(102)	(102)	215	
Leader Training	11,636	(14,896)	(3,260)	(3,180)	
Scout network	2,543	(2,303)	240	(4,967)	
Equipment Depreciation	-	(813)	(813)	(815)	
Bethesda Base	5,117	(5,616)	(499)	896	
Training Base	9	10,246	(5,523)	4,723	(2)
Jamboree	12	-	-	-	
Gang Show	-	11,806	(10,648)	1,158	501
Air Activities	-	-	-	(20)	
Seychelles Project	11	-	-	-	
Air Rifle	-	(105)	(105)	-	
Water Activities	304	(370)	(66)	-	
Other Activities	997	(371)	626	-	
	<b>46,019</b>	<b>(43,277)</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>(7,703)</b>	

<b>4) Administration Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>2007</b>
	£	£	£	£
Printing, postage, telephone, newsletter, etc.	-	(1,684)	(1,684)	(2,214)
Travelling expenses	-	(1,969)	(1,969)	(561)
Meetings conferences etc.	8,870	(16,472)	(7,602)	(1,700)
Insurance's - personal accident & other insurance's	-	(2,050)	(2,050)	(1,253)
London regional expenses	-	(675)	(675)	(650)
Grants made	-	(1,000)	(1,000)	(500)
County badges	-	(50)	(50)	87
Sundry receipts & expenses	-	(65)	(65)	(1,315)
Secretary's Honorarium	-	-	-	(700)
Independent Examiners fee	-	(1,500)	(1,500)	(700)
	<b>8,870</b>	<b>(25,465)</b>	<b>(16,595)</b>	<b>(9,506)</b>

**5) Independent Examiner's fee.** £ 1,500 £ 700

**6) Secretary's Honorarium.** - £ 700

### 7) Members of the Executive.

Members of the Executive reclaim expenses incurred on the county's behalf. No member of the executive is entitled to any remuneration.

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### 8) 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 £170,000.

### 9) 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 2007 was over £141,000 in addition to which numerous donations have been made of materials and services.

### 10) Paragliding & Mountaineering Clubs and Aquameet

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

		2008 £	2007 £
Paragliding	Share of Profit/(Loss) 50%	982	293
	Share of Assets 50%	5,218	4,236
Mountaineering	Share of Profit/(Loss) 16.67%	-	(15)
	Share of Assets 16.67%	-	336

### 11) Seychelles Project

There has been no change in this account in 2007.

### 12) Jamboree

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

### 13) Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2008 £	2007 £
Officers & Activities Expenses owing	1,210	1,465
Independent Examiner's fee	1,500	1,400
Annual General Meeting	-	350
Jamboree Accrual	8,579	8,579
Other creditors	5,579	12,829
	<u>16,868</u>	<u>24,623</u>

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### 14) Tangible fixed assets

	Bethesda Base £	Fixtures & Fittings (County) £	Equipment (County) £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At the start of the year and at the end of the year	9,315	8,159	12,760	30,234
Additions for the year	-	-	806	806
At the end of the year	<u>9,315</u>	<u>8,159</u>	<u>13,566</u>	<u>31,040</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At the start of the year	-	6,707	11,768	18,475
Charge for the year	-	363	450	813
At the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>7,070</u>	<u>12,218</u>	<u>19,288</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At the end of the year	9,315	1,089	1,348	11,752
at the start of the year	9,315	1,452	992	11,759

# Awards

## Silver Wolf

*In recognition for service  
of the most exceptional nature to Scouting*

Alan Kemp	GLSW
Bob Bushell	Royal Kingston
Bob Prescott	Wimbledon & Wandle

## Bar to the Silver Acorn

*In recognition of further specially distinguished  
service*

Lynda Bennett	Royal Kingston
Heather Mason	Royal Kingston
Barry Pegram	Royal Kingston
Derek Smith	Sutton

## Silver Acorn

*In recognition of specially distinguished service*

Alex Minajew	GLSW
Jennifer Ririe	GLSW
Ian Anderson	Richmond-upon-Thames
Robert Flewers	Richmond-upon-Thames
Linda Grantham	Richmond-upon-Thames
Vic Griffiths	Richmond-upon-Thames
Timothy Eggitt	Royal Kingston
David Johnson	Royal Kingston
Christopher Mould	Royal Kingston
Peter Baker	Sutton
Robert Haysom	Sutton
Paul Sharp	Sutton
Chris Williams	Sutton

## Bar to the Award for Merit

*In recognition of further outstanding service*

Peter Devine	Croydon
Philip Beale	Richmond-upon-Thames
Robert Shaw	Sutton
Tim Kerridge	Wimbledon & Wandle
Evelyn Steele	Wimbledon & Wandle

## Award for Merit

*In recognition of outstanding service*

Andrew Harris	GLSW
Genevieve Dunbar	Croydon
Beryl King	Croydon
Michael Turner	Croydon
Guy Dunk	Richmond-upon-Thames
Steve Miles	Richmond-upon-Thames
Keith Axbey	Royal Kingston
Rachel Butler	Royal Kingston
Joan Coote	Royal Kingston
Val O'Sullivan	Royal Kingston
Cindy Wheaton	Royal Kingston
John Woodville	Royal Kingston
Roy Bromley	GLSW / Royal Kingston
Janet Fielding	Sutton
Christine Fletcher	Sutton
Julia Goldsmith	Sutton

Virginia Hancock	Sutton
Barbara Jackson	Sutton
Susan Peek	Sutton
Mike Pettit	Sutton
Beverley Rees	Sutton
Peter Risbey	Sutton
Wayne Smith-Langridge	Sutton
Beverley Waller	Sutton
Lynne Williams	Sutton
Michael Winch	Sutton

## Chief Scout's Commendation

*In recognition of good service*

Natalie Cook	GLSW
Phillip Handley	GLSW
Liz Dombrandt	Croydon
Denis O'Brien	Croydon
Gillian Powell	Croydon
David Seaman	Croydon
Janet Willis	Croydon
Jonathan Hughes	Croydon
Carol McBride	Richmond-upon-Thames
Michael Dixon	Richmond-upon-Thames
Richard Elliott	Richmond-upon-Thames
Claire Fielder	Richmond-upon-Thames
Nigel Waine	Richmond-upon-Thames
Sarah Waine	Richmond-upon-Thames
Susan Hammond	Royal Kingston
Richard Ford	Royal Kingston
Paul Francis	Royal Kingston
Lyn Stone	Royal Kingston
Maurice Whitcombe	Royal Kingston
Paul van Putten	GLSW / Royal Kingston
Lorraine Allport	Sutton
Kay Attwell	Sutton
Gary Bowling	Sutton
Jacqueline Cole	Sutton
Paul Cinnamon	Sutton
Peter Croucher	Sutton
Joanna Davey	Sutton
Claire Devine	Sutton
Jacqueline Douglas	Sutton
Mark Gribble	Sutton
John Hirsch	Sutton
Sally Ann King	Sutton
Gail Lumber	Sutton
Mary Lumber	Sutton
Susan Mellor	Sutton
Karen North	Sutton
Ian Prescott	Sutton
Susan Randall	Sutton
Aidan Redman	Sutton
Claire Scanlon	Sutton
Derrick Smith	Sutton
Daniel Sowden	Sutton
Elaine Stevenson	Sutton
Rebecca Tree	Sutton
Saba Tyson	Sutton