



County Annual Report and Accounts 2009 - 2010

Annual General Meeting
to be held on

Wednesday
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Agenda

1. Welcome by the County Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2009 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 2009 and our future objectives
17. Questions and answers

Greater London South West Scout County

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th June 2009

Hosted by Sutton District and held in
the District Headquarters, Wallington

The meeting opened at 8pm with a reflection led by Chris Williams, DC, Sutton District
The County Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Sutton District for their hospitality.

Apologies for absence:

John Ashe, Leslie Button, Steve Miles, Richard Moody, Shirley Sainsbury Brown, Catherine Keen, Sue Southwood, Dean Sutton, Paul van Putten and Martin Wooden.

Approval of Minutes from 2008 AGM held on 11 June 2008

The accuracy of the minutes had been confirmed by the Executive Committee at their meeting on 18 June 2008 meeting with no Matters Arising.

Annual Report and Accounts

Chris Feltham was thanked for producing an excellent report.

There was no report included from the Fellowship but they were thanked for all their efforts. A correction to the Treasurer's report was announced: paragraph 2 states that 'The County had a deficit this year of £17,080.' This should read surplus. The signed accounts are correct. This amendment was accepted by the meeting.

Vote of thanks to the retiring members of the Executive

During the year Executive members attended 9 main meetings plus a number of committee/working party meetings and phone conferences. They were all thanked for their contribution with especial mention for the retiring Treasurer, Mark Patrick and the Royal Kingston rep, Trevor Strong, who was replaced during the year by Jackie Paddon.

County Commissioner's nomination for County Chairman

The County Commissioner nominated Andrew Harris for a further term as Chairman and expressed his appreciation for Andy's hard work and enthusiasm.

To approve the members of the Executive Committee nominated by the County Commissioner

Deputy County Chair and
Chair of the Property Sub Committee

Theresa Jeffrey

Finance Advisor, Chair of Finance

Hallam Carter Pegg

Adult Disputes Advisor

Pat Askey

Legal Advisor

Simon Keen

To approve the County President and Vice Presidents nominated by the County Executive Committee

County President: Tony Edwards

Vice Presidents: John Ashe;

John Beresford; Clifford Condon; Joan Condon;
Margarette Donaldson; Shirley Edwards;

Tony Edwards; Roger Hurrion; Norman James;

Peter Kinton; Margaret Pooley; Paul Richardson;

Peter Runacres; Shirley Sainsbury-Brown;
Dean Sutton; Jean Taylor; John Taylor;

Lady Marquita Wraight.

Approval of these appointments was proposed by Brian Whalebone and seconded by Bob Prescott.

To Elect a County Secretary

Nomination: Lesley Bixby

Agreed by the meeting.

To Elect a County Treasurer

Nomination: Chong Hwa Kim

Agreed by the meeting.

Special thanks was given to Hallam Carter-Pegg for his work throughout the year on the Finance sub-committee and working with the Treasurer.

To Elect the members of the County Executive Committee

nominated by the District Scout Councils

Sutton Christopher Heath

Wimbledon and Wandle Eric Hayward

Croydon John Taylor

Royal Kingston Jackie Paddon

Richmond Jill Fielder

Agreed by the meeting.

Elect two representatives of the County Scout Council to serve as Nominated Members of the Council of The Scout Association

Thanks were expressed to Nigel Steward who has completed his 3 year tenure as the County rep. With numbers in excess of 10,000 members, the County is entitled to two reps.

Nominations: Richard Moody and Jenny Handley

Agreed by the meeting.

Elect a representative of the County Scout Council to serve as Nominated Youth Member on the Council of The Scout Association

Nomination: Rory Jones

Agreed by the meeting.

To Appoint an Independent Examiner

Nomination: Margaret Corbett

Proposed by John Taylor and seconded by Chris Williams

Presentations

The County Commissioner made the following presentations:

Queen's Scout and DofE Gold Appointments Certificates Christine Budden
Karl Bromley
Martin Whiting
Chris Dean
Roland Lambert

Wood Badges Karl Bromley
Martin Whiting
Claire Dunn
Nigel Waine
Caroline Dyer

London Regional Award Medal Jackie Paddon

Long Service (10 years) Roy Bromley

(20 years) Andrew Florence
(presented by Chris Dean)

(40 years) Roger Hurrion
Lesley Bixby

Silver Acorn Jenny Ririe
Bar to Silver Acorn Derek Smith
Silver Wolf Alan Kemp

Ian Newbery thanked all the adults who help across the County, saying that GLSW is a strong and vibrant County because of their efforts.

Report by Andy Harris and Ian Newbery on the successes of 2008 and the County objectives for the future:

The County Chairman and County Commissioner reported on the growth of the County during the past year, looking at the figures across the Districts, all of which were better overall than last year though some dips in membership in specific sections were noted.

The property reviews were completed: it was agreed that the County would vacate Bow Lane during 2010 and various alternatives are being discussed. Bethesda will be maintained as a resource with a new investment plan and property sub committee. Tony Edwards and Alex Minajew were thanked for undertaking these reviews.

Our involvement in International Scouting was also reviewed and a policy formulated regarding the funding of overseas activities.

Administration: the structure of the County Executive was changed and each District is now represented which has improved communication between the County and the Districts. Districts have differing needs regarding administration and development and the County Development Project was disbanded and guidance for local projects was circulated.

Activities are the main part of the Scouting programme and new Advisors and Assessors are being sought to expand the programme available to our members.

Not all the objectives outlined at the 2008 AGM have been met, some are still 'work in progress' and Scout HQ issued a TSA Plan before work had commenced on our own 10 year plan.

The new Media Manager was praised for her efforts at bringing Scouting to the attention of the media within the County. Young people have been trained to talk to the media and an Explorer Scout from Wimbledon and Wandle was interviewed along with Bear Grylls on the day his appointment was announced.

Andy Harris compared GLSW Scouting with the Lifeboat Institution and suggested ways in which we could improve our image.

Questions and Answers

- Tony Edwards, County President, endorsed the decision regarding the Development Officer and expressed interest in how the Districts will fare undertaking their own projects.
- Christopher Heath, Appointments Chairman, Sutton, reported his pleasure in seeing so many under-25s taking out appointments.
- Ian Newbery pointed out that at a recent event when the name of the new Chief Scout was announced, all the under 30 year olds knew who he was though many older members did not.

Chairman's Report

A core performance measure of our development success is our annual membership numbers. Yippee we grew again! In 2009 our numbers increased by 365 - 49 more than last (2008: 316 people)! Well done. But, an additional 263 young people were denied such an opportunity. Why? Sadly, they were stuck on a waiting list. We all think it's wrong yet it has increased from last year (2008: 204). In the past, I said '...similar to solving the summer time heat on the London Underground can anyone come up with a cost effective solution?' They say, numbers never lie, we've got to crack this problem.

London is a diverse and incredibly fast changing environment. It is our job to be abreast of all these changes and manage the problems this will cause. A quarter of London's population are under the age of 18 and this is expected to increase by 102,000 over the next 10 years. I guess nobody welcomes change but we must continue to think differently about how we deliver Scouting.

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. Last year I reported the next 12 months would be even more challenging. And they were!

The highlight was successfully securing some land in Cannon Hill Lane at a very reasonable price which will solve our requirements for storage, meeting and training provision across the County. Whilst providing a saleable asset for future generations.

Regardless of our role or responsibility we all play a crucial part in providing better scouting for more young people. Scouting is the greatest youth movement in the World. I am in absolutely no doubt that our actions over the past year will have improved the lives of thousands of young people (and adults).

I would estimate this year we have provided in excess of 800,000 hours of Scouting to the young people of South West 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. 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.

This will be my last report to the County Scout Council as Chairman. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to try and make a difference. I hope my actions will provide better Scouting for more children and young people. Thank you.

Andy Harris

County Chairman

County Commissioner's Report

2009 has proved to be another positive year for Scouting in GLSW with many causes to celebrate.

The County continues to grow with an increase of 365, that means we currently stand at 10,413 members. Significantly 111 of these were extra adults that makes for an interesting ratio of 1 adult to every 4.4 young people, which is the highest in the London Region. Crucially this included 60 more section leaders, 23 more section assistants and 15 more adults support members which combined with a decrease in the number of Commissioner roles means that more of our adults are working directly with young people.

However the growth could have been bigger as there were 263 young people, of mainly Beaver Scout & Cub Scout ages, who are still waiting to join the adventure and we will need to concentrate on reducing these numbers in the next year.

Nearly 16% of all our young people are female – that's 1354 (in 2001 we had just 614!)

Unfortunately there are still a number of Groups who show no female youth membership at all and we will be working in the months to come to help them achieve full integration.

I am delighted that Dave Batten has agreed to succeed Bob Bushell as DC for Royal Kingston, our thanks go to Bob for all his hard work in moulding the District into the success it is. Naturally, as with all new DC's Dave is mindful there is much to absorb and this will take a number of months and everyone's support in this period will be vital.

Croydon District took up the County Development grant this year matching our money with their own to carry out a range of development projects over the next three years. I am also aware that two other Districts are finalising their plans and will be asking for grants in the near future.

We were successful in securing places for 54 young people, in 2 units, to go to the World Jamboree in Sweden next year and we have selected 6 excellent Leaders to take our contingent. It was also heartening to see selection for both the young people and adults move away from the traditional 'interview' system to an 'activity and observation' type approach

which allowed for all candidates to show their full potential.

We have adjusted the structure of Scout Network in the County by moving the emphasis into Districts and this has shown dividends with an increase of recorded membership already. Much work is still to be done especially to ensure that our young people see Network as a natural progression from Explorer Scouting to enable them to continue with Queens Scout and the Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Last year the County agreed to withdraw from the Bow Lane building in response to the resident Groups assertion that our presence was hampering it's ability to grow to it's full potential. To that end the present agreement will cease on 8th July this year and from this date it will no longer be regarded as the 'County Base'.

A need for a training/ meeting centre with storage remains however, and therefore we have purchased land in Cannon Hill Lane at a very advantageous price with the intention of developing a facility which will meet these requirements. Obviously there is much work to do yet, but the process has started.

It is with no little reluctance that I have accepted Andrew Harris's resignation as County Chair, his increasing responsibilities at work and his growing family have meant that something has had to give. His contribution to the County in the last 3 years has been immense and he leaves with my grateful thanks for a job well done.

It is clear to me that Andy's professional background has been one of the key elements of his successful chairmanship. Therefore I intend to advertise the role both internally and externally in an effort to secure the services of an exceptional candidate who can best serve the County.

In the interim I am grateful to Theresa Jeffery, currently deputy chair, who will step up until the process is complete.

Finally I am always aware that we have an incredibly hard working and dedicated team of adults who provide Scouting across our County every week. To simply say thank you seems inadequate but on behalf of all our young people please accept our gratitude.

Ian Newbery

County Commissioner

Deputy County Commissioner's (Programme) Report

Analysis of the Census results points to yet another successful year for Scouting in GLSW. The overall increase of 3.08% in youth membership since a year earlier is surely a reflection of better quality programmes and the tireless efforts of Leaders and Helpers. Apart from a very small dip in Scout numbers membership increased across all sections, but what is particularly encouraging is that female youth membership grew by a staggering 14.26%. As a County we have embraced co-education and are clearly benefiting from increasing numbers of girls who want to enjoy the 'game of Scouting'. The objective must surely be to ensure that every Group in GLSW not only accepts girls, not only welcomes girls, but pro-actively recruits girls as members.

At the beginning of 2010 I set myself the challenge of visiting two units in each section in each District, which if my calculations are correct is a total of 40. To date I am about one-third of the way through my schedule, and have greatly enjoyed meeting you the Leaders and your young people. County is often criticised for being too remote, and I hope this grand tour will do something to dispel the myth.

We are lucky to have such an enthusiastic and hard-working team of ACC's in GLSW, and in the past year Steven Callan has succeeded Paul van Putten as ACC (Explorer Scouts), and Bob Prescott has taken over the reigns as County Scout Network Commissioner from Alex Minajew. They both bring a wealth of experience and are buzzing with ideas for moving their sections forward. Robin Corti continues at the helm of a diverse and growing Activities Team, and has helped promote the Duke of Edinburgh's Award as well as oversee boat inspections, a task that could be made so much easier if all Groups co-operated.

David Johnson has stepped down as County DofE Adviser, a post which he has served with distinction for more than 25 years. Janet Drinkall is his very able successor, and she is supported by 5 District Advisers. It is worth remembering that DofE is part of the core programme offer for those aged 14-25, and should be available in all Explorer Units and Networks. To facilitate this

outcome County is providing Leaders with Introduction to DofE training and Expedition Assessor Accreditation, and participants with Gold wild country Expedition training and assessments.

Looking ahead there is much to be excited about. At the end of June we shall hold the first ever Scout Activity camp, 'CHAOS', at Tolmers in Hertfordshire, and hopefully this will be the blueprint for future such events. Further ahead in the summer of 2011 two Units will attend the 22nd World Scout Jamboree at Rinkaby in Sweden, and at the same time not only will there be a County Explorer expedition to Sweden, including a visit to the Jamboree itself, but an Explorer Belt expedition to either Croatia or Hungary. Not to be outdone the Beavers and Cubs hold their Fun Day in June 2011. So, we are on our way to realising the dream of providing more opportunities for more young people. All that remains is to urge everyone to keep up the good work.

Christopher Dean

Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)

Deputy County Commissioner's (Adult Support and Development) Report

The additional 120 adults who are working in a variety of ways to support the delivery of Scouting across the County have been supported in a number of ways during the past year. The first line of support has been provided by the other adults within the Groups that they have joined, the second line has been via the Training Advisors. We are immensely grateful for the time and effort that the Training Advisors have provided and, as is always the case, more Advisors are being sought. If you believe that you would be able to carry out this role please talk with your Local Training Manager (LTM). It is the LTMs who have provided the third line of support and the County training providers, led by Roger Hurriion (County Training Manager), providing the fourth line. It is an indication of the amount of support provided, together with the commitment of our appointed leaders, that across the County there were 132 Wood Badges

gained, this was the fifth highest County total in the UK.

In addition to the support provided to our leaders there have been a number of sessions presented to members of executive committees on a range of topics including finance and reporting, particularly for the Charity Commission. Sessions have also presented in support of the revised adult appointment process.

Development has taken place in a number of areas, based on Group and District Development Plans. The County Development Plan is being reviewed in 2010. The additional 275 youth members who joined during the year provide an indication that the programmes and activities which are being provided are well received. There is work for us all to do to continue the increase in membership – Providing Better Scouting For More Young People. The recent census shows that across the five Districts that comprise the County the percentage of female membership ranges from 12% to 23%. It is important that we promote the fact that Scouting is open to all young people who would like to Join the Adventure.

Physical development of meeting places is being undertaken by a number of Groups with various sources of funding being gained. It is important that the venues that we use are both suitable and appropriate for the 21st century. The risk assessment process has been a useful “starter for ten” for Groups to review the condition of their weekly meeting place and to produce an improvement plan.

The targets that have been set by Groups, Districts and the County are starting to be achieved, there is much to celebrate but still much left to do in 2010.

Martin Whiting

Deputy County Commissioner (Adult Support and Development)

Beaver Scout Report

As I sit and write the annual report, I'm starting off with yet another increase in numbers year on year. Last years census saw our figures grow by 114 Beavers or 4.9%. We had 2,442 Beavers

taking part in activities across the 5 Districts. The team of ADC's and DBSL's have been putting on great events, and numbers attending these show how much fun Beavers is.

Events have included many sleepovers either within their own Colony, Colonies joining together or the District organising a larger sleepover for many Colonies to attend. I recently visited Royal Kingston's sleepover at Polyapes and was free to roam around with the Beavers doing many activities and also used as an extra pair of hands at Lunch time to dish out the food.

I managed to learn some new activities and I have to mention the mini popcorn maker table that kept the Beavers quiet listening which one would POP first!

Scientific and Experimental days have also been held within the districts with Sutton having over 190 Beavers attend with great support from their Young Leaders and from the comments, the Beavers thought the day was “fantastic.” The Richmond Beavers attended Twickeree and held their own display to the public in the main arena. 126 Wimbledon and Wandle Beavers and 42 leaders visited RAF Museum, Hendon on a very wet Saturday in November.

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 five Districts have had a very busy year and have participated in the full range of programme zone activities including many nights away and outdoor experiences. 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, supporters and Explorer Scout Young Leaders in their packs for giving the children such exciting opportunities.

The County Cub Section membership has increased by 3.95% which reverses last years trend and is great news. Over the coming year, we must focus on continuing and strengthening this growth by 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 Cub Leaders, rewarding and recognising their achievements. Explorer Scout Young Leader development and the recruitment of new leaders and supporters will strengthen Cub scouting further.

The programme continues to be an agenda item at both District and County level meetings and both a County 'Chief Scout Silver Award' recognition event and countywide Cub and Beaver fun day are planned to enhance the programme further. During 2009, ADC's have attended each other's events to gain ideas and support each other.

Following on from our success at the trial London Regional Cub quiz in early 2009 the County Cub team organised a countywide 2010 Cub quiz. Packs put forward their winning teams to the district round and from there to the county competition. 18th Purley representing Croydon District was delighted to win the first County Cub Quiz trophy. Thank you to all who supported the event helping to make it a great success.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the Cubs and Leaders to thank all my ADC's, District Cub Teams, Mandy our County Cub Secretary, Sam, and Martin my CCSL's for all their hard work and commitment to Cub Scouting. We all make a strong team and some firm friendships and exciting ideas for the future are forming.

I have really enjoyed the opportunities to visit each district and support Cubs in the districts as they have cooked, created, painted, competed, performed, completed challenges, learnt new scouting skills and had fun outdoors over the last year. I am proud of the very high standard of events, competitions and activities that Cubs in GLSW have the opportunity to participate in, their effort, teamwork and excellent behaviour.

Thank you again to everyone in the County for your continued effort and energy to grow and develop Cub Scouting. The year ahead is full of challenge and excitement; I look forward to

working with you all to deliver excellent Cub Scouting!

Caroline Dyer

Assistant County Commissioner (Cub Scouts)

Scout Section Report

The scout section continues to show healthy membership with the 2010 Census showing scout section numbers within the County of 2,296 a very slight decrease of 3 on last 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 be healthy, although they could be higher. I would encourage those that have yet to take part in these events to sign up for 2011 as they continue to prove very rewarding for all those taking part.

It was good to see some new teams at the County Night Hike this year – although the number of teams in the cooking competition was a little disappointing.

The Districts continue to offer a full programme of District events and the local teams must be congratulated on providing such an extensive menu of opportunities to the young people of the County. As last year 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. If it would help, why not come along and help at the event to get a feel for what happens so that during the next year you can prepare your scouts to take part themselves.

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 always amazed at the capacity within Districts for local teams to deliver their programmes

I remain a firm believer that what sets scouting apart from other youth organisations is the outdoor and adventure aspects of what we do, coupled with instilling into our youth members key values based around community, teamwork and responsibility. Too many young people we

read of in the press seem to be all too aware of their rights with precious little belief that those rights are earned and entitlement to them carries some responsibility to others as well.

I see a key plank of scouting to get scouts outdoors more and enjoy the experiences that traditional Scouting uniquely offers young people. With that aim in mind I would encourage all scout troops to consider one extra camping experience in 2011, somewhere new! Also, as we all know we need more leaders and we have, fortunately, also seen quite a few “new starters” in the past few years – why not, in the spirit of scouting and the scout family, invite a neighbouring troop (with an inexperienced leader or someone struggling to run camp) to one of your camps? If you’re going anyway is it really much to ask to take another patrol or two?

By getting together in a more collaborative way with your scout neighbours it will not only assist in the development of new leaders but it will promote a stronger link between the youth members in those troops such that when they join the local explorers they already know the other scouts feeding that unit.

We are still noting that there is a view that we don’t get enough scouts to Chief Scouts Gold – but often this is a function of commitment on the part of scouts and not because of the programme on offer in many troops. I haven’t managed to progress an investigation into the reasons mainly due to a lack of time - like many I see that what we need is leaders delivering “frontline scouting” and as such have struggled to find the time to visit the districts to take soundings as I deliver scout/explorer meetings on 3 out of 5 week nights – leaving little time to get around the district scout leaders’ meetings.

At the time of writing we are only a month away from our first CHAOS camp at Tolmers. We have 200 scouts and over 40 leaders attending so I am looking forward to a fun filled weekend!!

And, finally (well nearly!!), well done to all those scouts that were successful in becoming a member of the County Jamboree Contingent – it will be an unforgettable experience.

On a sombre note, I must note the sad passing of Ray Shaw at this time in 2009. I only knew Ray a short time as one of my ADCs but in that time he made a lasting impression on me and despite many health problems managed to give a huge amount of his time and energy to promoting scouting within Sutton. He was a “larger than life”

character and was himself involved in the 2007 Jamboree. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ray for his contribution and hope that his legacy for Scouts in Sutton and the County, is a continued vibrant scout movement.

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 an exciting 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

It’s my pleasant duty to welcome Steven Callan as the new Assistant County Commissioner (Explorer Scouts). Steven took over from Paul van Putten in the closing months of 2009, and brings with him a wealth of experience, latterly as a District Commissioner in Greater London South and Campsite Warden at Frylands Wood.

He inherits a thriving section, a growing section, with numbers at an all-time high in Greater London South West at the last census. It is encouraging to note that four of our five Districts registered an increase over 2009, and themselves recorded their highest ever Explorer Scout numbers. Also of note is the growing number of girls in our Explorer Units, indeed female numbers have more than doubled since 2004, and account for a disproportionate percentage of the overall increase.

Explorer Scout Units typically ‘do their own thing’ in GLSW, but come together at such events as Gilwell 24, the County Night Hike and Operation Red Flare. Raynes Park ESU made a clean sweep of the two hiking competitions, while Hampton and All Saints (Croydon) featured in this year’s Southern 50 Challenge. In August 2009 we ran our second County Explorer Belt expedition to Tuscany in Italy, and this was a great success. The next Explorer Belt expedition will be in 2011 with Croatia or Hungary as a possible destination. The planning team is already hard at work, and hopes there will be plenty of interest from those aged 16 and older.

The record on training awards – Chief Scout’s Platinum and Diamond, and Queen’s Scout Awards – has been somewhat patchy over the

past twelve months, although there was a healthy contingent at the Windsor Parade this year. A considerable effort has been made to create a sustainable structure for delivering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in GLSW with a new County Adviser and five District Advisers. Explorer Units now have no excuse not to offer the DofE alongside the equivalent Scout awards.

Steven Callan has already announced a number of new initiatives such as the Explorer Challenge and the Hidden London Treasure Hunt, but in keeping with our commitment to improve youth engagement, he will also be arranging an Ambassadors Day to find out what activities Explorer Scouts want County to organise in future.

Finally, GLSW will be well represented by Explorer Scouts in Sweden next year when more than 50 attend the World Scout Jamboree at Rinkaby and a further group drawn from those who were not selected hold their own camp to the south-west at Sjobo.

While there is much to do in certain respects, the omens are good for further progress in 2010/11.

Christopher Dean

Deputy County Commissioner (Programme)

Scout Network Report

For a couple of years now we have struggled with the provision of Scout Network in the County and it seemed appropriate that when Alex Minajew was forced to resign, due to heavy work commitments, that we took the opportunity to re-evaluate the provision of Scouting for this age group.

Although the Scout Networkers themselves felt happy with their programme and the structure it was apparent that to the rest of Scouting the Network section was 'invisible' and there seemed a distinct lack of belonging to either the County or to a District.

With Bob Prescott's appointment as County Scout Network Commissioner we decided to attempt a different approach. The section will be District based with each District having its own Network Leader who will be part of the District team. They will be supported directly by the DC and exec as well as the CSNC. The recording of Network numbers and payment of membership fees will also now come into the remit of Districts.

It is hoped that by making this change that the section will become more visible within Districts

and will be better supported by way of more inclusion in the District structure and by providing a stronger link to the Explorer Units from which there should be a natural feed.

Of course it is early days and there are still challenges ahead as Districts need dynamic individuals to lead their Networks but if numbers are any indication we have already had some modest success. At census we recorded an increase of 66.7% which, in real numbers was 14 more.

Clearly there is a long way to go and there is a distinct feeling that this section is a sleeping giant waiting to be stirred – but we have made a start.

Training Report

The amount of training that has been delivered this past year has increased quite dramatically with not only modules being run at County level, but many 1 to 1s taking place as well. There has also been an increase in demand for the module on Challenging Behaviour, which has not only been delivered at County level, but to specific scout groups on request and District sectional leaders. There was also a very successful drop in core skills day, run along with Module 18, organised by Croydon District. This enabled 24 leaders to register for Module 18 with a further 25 completing on going learning.

As a result the number of Wood badges being granted has again increased and in the recent annual report on training issued by Gilwell, GLSW were fifth highest in the UK for the number awarded.

The British Red Cross first aid courses being run by the County remain very successful. In the period from May 2009 – June 2010 over two hundred people in the County have gained their Basic First Aid Certificate on these courses. This is an increase from last year mainly because we have two more members in the team and can run courses with a greater number of participants. Refresher courses have also started which are run in an evening, and are becoming very popular. Three have been run so far this year, with others planned for the autumn. Since the County started first aid courses in 2006, 751 people have been trained.

With the organisation and administration, Joan Condon as our County Training Administrator has done another excellent job throughout the year. 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. Briefly we managed to appoint an LTM for Royal Kingston in Dave Batten, who was later appointed as DC. We will keep looking! Geraldine Daly also joined the team as another LTM for Croydon. Welcome Gerry.

Next year will see some interesting additions to the training calendar. Module 16 Nights Away is being re-vamped and split into two modules. Jenny Ririe and her team are already planning on how this might best be delivered in the County. Gilwell are also making it mandatory for all leaders to keep up to date with safeguarding awareness training and information about this and its availability in GLSW will appear in due course.

Roger Hurrion

County Training Manager

Special Needs

I have made several attempts in writing this report and it's not been easy. Sadly this will be my last for I have decided to stand down as G.S.L of 15th Wallington Scout Group and ACC Special Needs GLSW and retire from Scouting after 30 years in the voluntary sector.

My decision was not taken lightly after so many happy memories. The years in Scouting has brought me so much joy. Scouting has played a great deal in shaping my life. Over these past years it has taught me that there are so many young people still out there that need Scouting. So I hope you can see it's not that easy for me to give it all up and retire. If I could turn back the clock I would like to have joined Scouting far earlier than I did. Being young again would be great fun. I think there is a film out there where an old man gets to be young again (I think the film is called Benjamin Button) which would be all

right by me so that I could rectify all the mistakes we make in our lives.

I have read somewhere that life without zeal is pretty drab. Zeal, what does that mean I hear you ask? (Collins Dictionary) Zeal means enthusiasm or eagerness that is where the success of Leaders comes from. Success comes with the help of others our Leaders have a heart. Zeal is the difference maker.

2009 was another busy year for 15th Wallington Scout Group. The Explorer and Network Sections enjoyed sailing, jet skiing in Whitstable, the Sedan Chair Rally and the various camps, which have taken place over the year. By the looks of it they ate a lot of chips according to Barry Lewis the Explorer and Network Leader, just think of all those calories. The Scout Section run by Claire Devine was also extremely busy with the various District Water activities, dragon boating along the Thames visiting Wallington Police station where they incidentally met one of my sons on his police motorbike. The list is endless of what this Group has achieved over this year.

One of my greatest highlights as ACC Special Needs was to attend the opening ceremony of the Special Needs Group which opened at Bedelsford School in Kingston Upon Thames.

The Group in question is 7th Malden Bedelsford Scout Troup, they had 7 Scouts 5 boys and 2 girls. They spoke about the Law and Promise and they even had a vote on the names of their Patrols. They played Scout games and seem to be having a great deal of fun. I should like to congratulate Veronica Kerridge and Bob Bushell for their commitment in making this Special Needs Group the success that it is, an achievement quite outstanding. Our County of GLSW wish them every success for the future. I should like to give you a little info of the school in question Bedelsford School. The school caters for about 60 pupils who have profound and multiple learning difficulties and who have significant physical difficulties. The age range is 2 – 16 year old. The mission statement of the school is 'Making the Most of Your Child's Ability'. I should like to think that the Schools' ideals are the ideals of the Scout Group as well.

I wish to thank all those in the County of GLSW who have supported me in my role as ACC Special Needs. I wish my successor all the very best wishes and hope that young people with Special Needs will be high on their agenda.

Derek Smith

Assistant County Commissioner (Special Needs)

International Report

I have to report a relatively quiet year for trips abroad from GLSW. In total six trips were undertaken with a total number of 81 participants visiting countries in Europe and Africa. A visit to the World Scout centre at Kandersteg, a day trip to France, a Jamboree in Iceland and a community project undertaken in Kenya provided a unique experience to all who participated.

We also started the journey towards the World Scout Jamboree in Kristianstad, Sweden in 2011. We held the first ever adult selection weekend evaluating scouting, social and leadership skills. The weekend was designed to set a precedent for all future selections and proved to be very effective and we eventually selected 6 adults to lead our two units to the World Scout Jamboree.

The units will comprise 40 in total which is broken down into 36 young people and four adults. Each GLSW unit will have 3 scout patrols (1 adult, 9 young people) and 1 Girl Guide Patrol.

The units will be led by Dave Batten and Jenny Handley who will be ably assisted by Claire Devine, Martin Meacher, David Williams and Steve Lywood. The Girl Guide patrols will be from Oxford and Birmingham.

The Districts were also busy in selecting their young people and applications for participants were boosted by a series of road shows around the county to highlight the opportunity and selection process. All of the districts operated a day/weekend activity and interview selection process and the feedback received from all was very positive on the effectiveness of this process.

That completes the round up for 2009 and I look forward to having a busy summer signing all of the travel abroad forms.

Roy Bromley

Assistant County Commissioner (International)

Activities Report

Mountain Activities

The previous year has been an excellent one for hill-walking and related activities in the county. GLSW continues to offer a range of hill walking opportunities to cater for all interests from the novice to those that want to obtain qualifications from the national awarding bodies. The hill walking team is keen to promote hill walking at any level but is focussed on promoting development to maximise opportunities for young people to gain access to the outdoors.

Activities have included two leader skills development trips to the GLSW county base in North Wales to progress leader development, a county explorer trip to North Wales and a trip to Brecon providing an introduction to hill walking which also included mountain biking. The very competitive and popular county orienteering competition took place in the winter involving more than 50 teams across the entire age range. The hill walking team continues to develop its in house experience through training talented and keen individuals to become qualified with the national awarding bodies. . Over 200 people participated in the events this year.

For the next year the team sees a continuing bright future. The aim is to expand the available hill walking activities whilst continuing to forge more links with other activities including the Duke of Edinburgh training scheme also offered within the County.'

Scuba Diving

As anticipated with a new activity, diving uptake this past year has been slow.

Our successes are that we have done a few try dives with Explorer Scouts in Wimbleton and Wandle and in the middle of April we did a try dive for 52 scouts from the Royal Kingston and Richmond Districts. The feed back from them seems good and we are looking to running a scuba course for them in the future. Also Sutton District have asked if we could do try dives at their District camp next year for about 120 Explorer scouts. We are encouraged by this interest as we believe that as the word gets around things should start to move as we are

getting enquiries about once a month regarding scuba diving. Also some leaders within the county have come forward to tell us that they are P.A.D.I. diving instructors and this will help when we get moving on the scuba diving training and trips out.

Shooting

Shooting takes place formally at two locations in the County, the Royal Kingston District Club and the Richmond upon Thames District Club as well as in some individual Groups.

For the Royal Kingston Club during the year courses were held for the National Small bore Rifle Association's Youth Proficiency Scheme in rifle and pistol, which were attended by about 50 Scouts (including a couple of Leaders!). Some of these progressed onto the NSRA advanced award scheme. A number have also joined Surbiton Postal Rifle & Pistol Club to take their shooting further.

Four courses were held for the NSRA Diploma, enabling Leaders to offer air rifle shooting to Scouts, as required in P.O.R. These courses attracted Scouters from Kent, Sussex & Hampshire, as well as from GLSW.

In April, a GLSW Team took part in the annual Inter County Competition held at Aldersley This competition is shot at 10 metres and with both rifles and pistols. The Team comprised Mike Bamsey Discovery ESU, Alex Stead 2nd Malden, Tate Coles, Sam & Jacob Hill 3rd. Hampton Hill, Sam Lefevre 1st Tolworth, Holly Soul 6th Tolworth and Jake Harrison 1st Old Malden.

This year, GLSW improved on last year's result and took Silver (with Cheshire winning the Trophy – again)

The winner of the Junior Individual Award was Jacob Hill and the senior winner was Mike Bamsey.

A large number of GLSW Scouts are now in the National Scout Squads and some have been good enough to be in G.B. National Junior Squads and shooting in international matches. It is so exciting that so much talent has been discovered through opportunities offered in Scouting!

October, as always, is the month of the National Scout Air Rifle Championships at Bisley. Over 750 Scouts of all ages, including Leaders took part and the standard was very high. Discovery ESU won the Connaught Trophy, with a record score, their team being Mike Bamsey, Chris Kendall and Alex Stead. 3rd Hampton Hill came third in the Junior version, with Jacob, Rhiannon & Dylan. The NSRA Cup, was won by Mike, and also the Mick Gault Cup for 10 metre pistol; the Chief's Prize, by Alex, the Ladies' Plate by Holly. 3rd Hampton Hill took Silver in the Team pistol, with Tom, Jon, Jacob & Ruth. Other medal winners were:- Robert Bern, 1st Malden –Silver U12 rifle. Jake Harrison, 1st Old Malden – Gold in 'Knockout' & Silver in Junior Biathlon and Sam Lefevre, 1st Tolworth- Bronze in the Senior Biathlon.

A very successful year over all and, of course, owing much to enthusiastic Instructors at the various Groups and at Royal Kingston District Club.

Flying

Flying turned out to be yet again disappointing in 2009 and although numbers were up on 2008 (+22%) still only 89 Scouts and Explorer scouts were flown. Of these 39 were from adjoining Counties and only 50 were from GLSW. Five flying days were offered but only three used due to lack of take up which is disappointing for the County team that organises the events. The facilities at Stapleford Airfield are exceptionally good and the cost of flights very competitive and we would ask that you give the young people in our County the opportunity to take part this year.

On a more positive note both 7th Teddington and retained their RAF recognition for yet another year, having met the criteria required in terms of standards and performance.

Parascending

This year was a fairly good year but as often happens we were subject to inclement weather. The numbers flown were as follows:

Under 14s	88
14-18s	48
Adults	16

A further 169 people flew on the special events days that the Parascending Club provided Paragliding. The club offered 20 course days but not all were flyable due to weather conditions, however 364 course flights were made.

2010 looks promising from the number of bookings coming in, subject to weather holding up for us.

Water Activities

During the past Year we had success in completing the first ARA course that will enable us to assess Pulling Activity permits. The requirements for safeguarding young people when swimming has under gone some changes by HQ, albeit after some considerable protest this is now being reviewed yet again.

Recently with some arm twisting we have regained control of the Boat Registration and Inspection requirements at County level and are hopeful that in future the yearly registration and inspections will be reported to the Boat Registrar in a timely fashion.

Once again we participated in the National Sea Scout Regatta and had very good success with the races. Leander were the overall winners in the under 18 class winning the Hutton Senior trophy, Sealion were the overall winners of the under 14 class, winning the Hutton Junior trophy, Leander won the Bev Cup as winners of the under 18 Gig pulling, Leander won the Hero Plate for under 18 sculling and the Crutch for under 14 sculling and between them were also won some 6 second and one third place

More locally we continue to show that when, due to demographics changing and a Group having to close due to lack of young people in the immediate area, all is not lost and a few years ago the RUT District thought outside the box and turned a collapsing Sea Scout Group into a boating Centre which not only served their District but also the County and further afield and continues to reap rewards as a result.

The 14th Richmond 'Viking' Scout Boating Centre had another very good year with the range of activities being offered again proving popular. In excess of 1,698 Cubs, Scouts from Richmond upon Thames, GLSW and even Nationally and Internationally and other Youth

Groups, plus Adults ranging from Management teams, Teachers and adults with special needs used the facilities which include some very unique craft including the Queen's Shallop Jubilant, The Lady Mayoress, Thames Water Cutters and a traditional clinker built whaler. It even managed to ascertain after a chance viewing of Antiques Road Show that it's whaler, Viking, was over 100 years old having been built in 1904 and was a lifeboat from SS Worcester, that sank off Colombo in 1917, when it hit a German mine

The centre was awarded a grant from the London Marathon in recognition the great work the Centre does, year on year, helping organise the Great River Race. This grant has allowed for the purchase of two new Thames Waterman Cutters which were launched after St George's Day 2010.

They also had a grant from the Grassroots fund to buy a replacement Tug which was also named on St Georges Day.

This year they also had some bad luck. In September one of their Thames Water Cutters was cut in half by the passenger craft at Tower of London. This accident resulted in some learning opportunities that have been shared with the London Region. The other piece of bad luck was that over Christmas their Tug SEAX and a tender, that was moored alongside, sank, after being struck by an unknown craft one evening. The tender was finally found at Westminster but was also a write off

Highlights of the year have been again organising and running the water weekend camp at Thames Young Mariners for the Richmond upon Thames District, where they put on water events that catered for over 200 scouts, Explorer scouts and Leaders. The biggest event was the Great River Race where the race this year was reversed leaving Greenwich and finishing at Ham.

One of the highlights for the leaders this year was being Film Stars for three days. Russell Crow was filming the new Robin Hood film due out May 2010 and required the loan of all our boats. Selected members had to dress up in green tights and period costume and the whole event was to say the least an experience, never to be done again. They raised a lot of money as

a result so they could refurbish the Jubilant and The Lady Mayoress to their former glory.

The redevelopment of the Centre's HQ is due to start in 2010, so they should be into their new facility sometime in 2011 and be in a position to put on courses in water activities.

Last Year saw the Deputy Chief Scout, Peter Nichols, come to our County and Richmond upon Thames District at their Twickeree event to present to 16 representative Scouts and Guides and Leaders from the island of Texel in Holland a special award for their continuing part in maintaining the graves of the ten Scouts and leaders of 1st Mortlake Sea Scout Group that lost their lives in that terrible tragedy in the North Sea in 1950 and who are buried on their Island.

Gang Shows

The GLSW County Gang Show Assessors, Geoff Bengé and Andrew Hayward attended performances of the 2nd Whitton's "Our Show 2010" and the GLSW "SouWest 2009" Gang Shows during the year. This year they had the pleasure of attending on both these occasions not to carry out formal assessments of the shows but to simply sit back and enjoy what turned out to be first class evening's entertainment from both casts. This year neither show required a formal assessment but the production teams were always willing to listen to informal friendly advice for the betterment of future shows.

2nd Whitton "Our Show" celebrated its 60th production with a programme combining old favourites with new and fresh items, including two celebratory songs written by one of the cast's younger members. Many past cast members returned throughout the run to celebrate with the current cast and were invited to join in the Finale.

The "SouWest" Gang Show staged another fine show at the Secombe Theatre during half term week last October and the near capacity audiences were treated to some well staged colourful and bright musical items combined with humorous sketches many written by the production team. The show easily maintained the high standard of previous shows and deservedly continues to earn the right to wear the Red scarf of Gang Show recognition.

Both shows still maintain the proud tradition of Gangs Shows of which Ralph Reader would have heartily approved but at the same time both production teams strived to introduce an increasing element of fresh and popular material which appeals to both cast and audience. Judging by the reaction of both those on off and the stage it was quite clear that the two shows produced within the GLSW Scout County were thoroughly enjoyed by all and the County can be justly proud of those young people taking part and of their contribution to Scouting in general.

Jack Petchey Award

The Jack Petchey Foundation continues to support Scouting with its Achiever Award scheme for young people between 11 and 25. Although due to financial cut-backs the award has been reduced it still donates £18,000 to the County each year which is split between the five Districts giving them £3,600 each, for which we must be very thankful.

The young people decide how they want their individual award of £200 to be spent and there have been some innovative ideas over the year. However the most common items the awards are spent on are camping equipment which just proves that this aspect of Scouting remains the most popular activity that we provide.

The Achiever Award Ceremony held in October was very well supported and the young people collected their bronze medallions. Two Leaders from each District were also recognized and were presented with a gold medallion for the work they do within Scouting. Excellent entertainment was provided by the Gang Show.

Janet Drinkall

Assistant County Commissioner (General Duties)

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Charity Number 303884

Executive Committees that served during the Period

Chairman.....Andrew Harris
Secretary.....Lesley Bixby
Secretary (Minutes).....Pam Grogan
Treasurer.....Chong Hwa Kim
County Commissioner.....Ian Newbery
Ex-officio Member.....Alex Minajew

Elected Member.....Christopher Heath
Elected Member.....Eric Hayward
Elected Member.....John Taylor
Elected Member.....Jackie Paddon
Elected Member.....Jill Fielder

Nominated Member.....Hallam Carter-Pegg
Nominated Member.....Pat Askey
Nominated Member.....Simon Keen
Nominated Member.....Theresa Jeffrey (Vice Chairman)

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

All above were appointed or re-appointed at the Annual
General Meeting held on 10 June 2009.

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 2009

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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 2009 which are set out on pages 19 to 25

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present 'a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the standard below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my 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 Acthave 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

M Corbitt FCA

Anderson Neal Chartered Accountants

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Trustee's & Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the financial report for the year ended 31st December 2009 on behalf of the Trustees.

The County had a surplus this year of £17,040.

In planning all activities for the year the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

County Development is an ongoing element of the work of the County aimed at providing better Scouting to more young people. The five Districts within the County have recognised particular ways in which development needs to be implemented locally.

Subscription Income produced just over £63,000 this year of which £30,000 is designated for development.

Investment income decreased 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 £141,790 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 County 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.

Mr C H Kim

Honorary Treasurer & Trustee

26 May 2010

County Scout Council of Greater London South West

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2009

	Note No.	This Year £ General Funds	This Year £ Designated Funds	This Year £ Restricted Funds	This Year (Restated) £ Total	Prior Year (Restated) £ Total
Incoming Resources						
<i>Donations, Legacies and Similar Income</i>						
Subscription Income	1	249,950	-	-	249,950	242,666
Less: Membership subscriptions retained		186,908	-	-	186,908	185,671
		<u>63,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	63,042	56,995
Donations from individuals		210	-	-	210	25
	Sub Total	<u>63,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	63,252	57,020
<i>Grants</i>						
Grants received for Restricted Funds	2	-	-	-	-	10,333
<i>Activities Income</i>						
Income generated by various Section Activities	3	62,337	-	-	62,337	46,019
		<u>62,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	62,337	46,019
<i>Investment Income</i>						
Bank Interest		(392)			(392)	2,733
<i>Other Income</i>						
Income generated by Administration	4	-	-	-	-	8,870
Total Incoming Resources		125,197			125,197	124,975
Resources Expended						
<i>Charitable Payments</i>						
Resources expended associated with Development officer	2	-	-	-	-	38,853
Resources expended on Administration	4	15,507	-	-	15,507	25,465
	Sub Total	<u>15,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	15,507	64,318
<i>Activity Payments</i>						
Various Section Activities	3	59,650	-	300	59,950	43,577
Development programs	12	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>75,157</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>300</u>	81,457	107,895
Net Income Resources before transfers		50,040	(6,000)	(300)	43,740	17,080
Gross transfers between funds		(33,000)	33,000			
Net movement in funds for the year		<u>17,040</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>(300)</u>	43,740	17,080
Add: Funds brought forward (restated)		88,871	8,579	600	98,050	80,970
Fund Balances This Year Carried Forward		105,911	35,579	300	141,790	98,050

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2009

		2009		2008 (Restated)
	Notes	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Bethesda Base	9 & 15		9,315	9,315
Fixtures and Fittings (County)	15		817	1,089
Equipment (County)	15		<u>1,011</u>	<u>1,348</u>
			11,143	11,752
Current Assets				
Debtors & prepayments	14	5,961		4,350
Deposit at HQ		57,808		37,808
Cash at bank and in hand		74,196		52,339
Closing stock		<u>262</u>		<u>90</u>
		138,227		94,587
Creditors : amounts due within 1 year	13	<u>7,580</u>		<u>8,289</u>
Net Current Assets			130,647	86,298
Net assets			<u>141,790</u>	<u>98,050</u>
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds			105,911	88,871
Designated Funds	11, 12		35,579	8,579
Retricted Funds	2		<u>300</u>	<u>600</u>
Total Funds			<u>141,790</u>	<u>98,050</u>

Approved by the trustees on 26th May 2010 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Harris - County Chairman

Chong Hwa Kim - Treasurer

County Scout Council of Greater London South West

Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2009

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 10) The Assets that could be realised in the event that the activity ceases is also shown in the same note.

(Paragliding Club 50%,)

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 2010 was just over £197,000.

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. 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.

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Gang Show	600	-	(300)	-	300
Total Restricted funds	600	-	(300)	-	300
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	88,871	125,197	(75,157)	(33,000)	105,911
Designated funds	8,579	-	(6,000)	33,000	35,579
Total unrestricted funds	97,450	125,197	(81,157)	-	141,490
Total funds	98,050	125,197	(81,457)	-	141,790

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

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Notes to the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2009

3) Section Activities Income & Expenditure	Income	Expenses	Net	2008
	£	£	£	£
Explorers	-	-	-	(733)
Mountaineering and Hillwalking (this County	-	-	-	2,431
Night Hike	1,627	(1,627)	(45)	(858)
International	-	-	-	(102)
Leader Training	11,598	(14,168)	(2,570)	(3,260)
Scout Network	14,305	(16,819)	(2,514)	240
Bethesda Base	6,133	(4,533)	1,600	(499)
Training Base	9	13,087	(3,694)	9,393
Gang Show	10,244	(9,467)	777	1,158
Air Activities	2,474	(2,520)	(46)	-
Duke of Edinburgh	-	(2,522)	(2,522)	-
Air Rifle	-	-	-	(105)
Water Activities	318	(314)	4	(66)
Other Activities	2,551	(3,941)	(1,390)	626
	62,337	(59,650)	2,687	3,555

4) Administration Expenses	Income	Expenses	Net	2008
	£	£	£	£
Printing, postage, telephone, newsletter, etc.	-	(2,536)	(2,536)	(1,684)
Travelling expenses	-	(1,814)	(1,814)	(1,969)
Meetings conferences etc.	-	(175)	(175)	(7,602)
Insurance's - personal accident & other insurance's	-	(1,713)	(1,713)	(2,050)
Development costs	-	(1,663)	(1,663)	-
London Regional expenses	-	-	-	(675)
Grants made	-	-	-	(1,000)
County badges	-	(697)	(697)	(50)
Sundry receipts & expenses	-	(610)	(610)	(65)
Legal fees	-	(1,586)	(1,586)	-
Other Professional Fees	-	(100)	(100)	-
Repairs & Maintenance	-	(2,500)	(2,500)	-
Equipment Depreciation	-	(609)	(609)	(813)
Treasurer's Honorarium	-	(350)	(350)	-
Trustees' Expenses	-	(454)	(454)	-
Independent Examiner's fee	-	(700)	(700)	(1,500)
	-	(15,507)	(15,507)	(17,408)

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

6) Treasurer's Honorarium £350 £ -

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 1st Lower 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 2009 was over £141,000 in addition to which numerous donations have been made of materials and services.

10) Paragliding

The accounts for the club is produced to the 31st December annually, the County is jointly responsible with other Scout Districts and Guide Regions. The results are not considered into these accounts but are shown here by way of this note.

		2009	2008
		£	£
Paragliding	Share of Profit /(Loss) 50%	1,230	3,549
	Share of Assets 50%	9,015	7,785

The balances for the Mountaineering Clubs and Aquameet have been written off

11) Jamboree

County has a policy of designating funds for the various Jamborees so that every 4th year the accounts are not distorted by large cost. The Jamboree held in 2007 utilised these funds and the remaining balance plus additions came to £11,578 has been carried forward to be utilised for the next Jamboree to be held, or as the executive committee may decide.

12 District Equipment

The County has designated £30,000 during the year for District Development. Croydon have succeeded in the application for £6,000. This leaves £24,000 available for the other four Districts.

13) Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

	2009	2008
	£	(restated) £
Officers and activities Expenses owing	-	1,210
Treasurer's Honorarium	350	-
Independent Examiner's fee	700	1,500
Repairs and Maintenance	2,500	-
Other creditors	4,030	5,579
	7,580	8,289

An amount of £8,579 has been deducted from 2008 creditors since the sum is more accurately reflected as designated funds. It represents monies designated for future Jamborees.

14) Debtors

London Borough of Sutton - Gang Show ticket sales	5,961	-
Districts	-	4,000
Sundry Debtors	-	350
	5,961	4,350

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15) Tangible fixed assets

	Bethesda Base £	Fixtures & Fittings (County) £	Equipment (County) £	Total £
Cost				
At the start of the year and at the end of the year	9,315	8,159	13,566	31,040
Additions for the year	-	-	-	-
At the end of the year	9,315	8,159	13,566	31,040
Depreciation				
At the start of the year	-	7,070	12,218	19,288
Change for the year	-	272	337	609
At the end of the year	-	7,342	12,555	19,897
Net book value				
At the start of the year	9,315	817	1,011	11,143
At the end of the year	9,315	1,089	1,348	11,752

16) Jack Petchey Charity Awards

The balance of awards held in a separate bank account not graded at 31st December 2009 was £2,902 (2008 - £10,200)

Awards for 2009-10

Silver Wolf

In recognition of service of the most exceptional nature to Scouting

Theresa Cameron Jeffrey.....	Deputy County Chairman
Peter Richard Pocknell.....	Croydon
Barbara Jill Fielder.....	Richmond-upon-Thames
Graham Douglas Warnes.....	Royal Kingston
David Pattison.....	Sutton
Pauline Pattison.....	Sutton

Bar to the Silver Acorn

In recognition of further especially distinguished service

Henry Archibald Savill.....	Richmond-upon-Thames
Lynn Mary Milner.....	Richmond-upon-Thames
Maureen Taylor.....	Sutton
David John Bixby.....	Wimbledon and Wandle

Silver Acorn

In recognition of especially distinguished service

James Derek Penny.....	Croydon
Peter Jeffrey.....	Croydon
Alan Paul Brewer.....	Richmond-upon-Thames
Caroline Anne Dyer.....	Richmond-upon-Thames
Susan Anne Barden.....	Royal Kingston
Brian Albert Yearley.....	Sutton
Janet Larkin.....	Sutton
Jennifer Margaret McCarron.....	Sutton
Jennifer Turner.....	Sutton
Jonathan David Long.....	Sutton
Nicholas Hugh Devine.....	Sutton
Brian Egerton Whalebone.....	Wimbledon and Wandle
Simon Andrew Shute.....	Wimbledon and Wandle

Bar to the Award for Merit

In recognition of further outstanding service

Ronald John Wellbrook,County Adviser Mountain Activities
Neil Peter McLean,Royal Kingston
Raymond Thomas Bridger,.....Royal Kingston

Award for Merit

In recognition of outstanding service

Robert John 'Bob' Lewis,County Adviser for Mountain Activities
Miss Susan Joyce Rogers,Croydon
Mrs Amanda Sarah Patience Paskell,Croydon
Mrs Carole Ann Phillips,Croydon
Mrs Christine Elizabeth Rixson,Croydon
Mrs Irene Winifred 'Reenie' Logan,Croydon
Mrs Sonya Lilian Freire Dyer,Croydon
Philip Wright, CSL,Croydon
Andrew Michael Benham,Royal Kingston
Colin Fredrick Gardner,Royal Kingston
Edward George Beddingfield,Royal Kingston
Eric John Banks,Royal Kingston
Graham Mitchell Tucker,Royal Kingston
Anil Francis Lasrado,Sutton
Derek Michael Chaplin,Sutton
Geoffrey 'Geoff' John Hobbs,Sutton
Graham Charles James,Sutton
Mr Garry Adam Renton,Sutton
Mrs Susan Jane Sowden,Sutton
Alan Maloney,Wimbledon and Wandle
Cornelius Thomas 'Neil' Griffin,Wimbledon and Wandle
John Lawrence Bennett,Wimbledon and Wandle
Mrs Rita Lilian Scott,Wimbledon and Wandle
Mrs Suzanne Morea Bouchard,Wimbledon and Wandle

Chief Scouts Commendation

In recognition of good service

Mrs Nicola Clare Vaughan,	County Member
Christopher Litchfield,	Croydon
David Martin,.....	Croydon
Mark Ivor Hudson,	Croydon
Mrs Judith 'Jude' Mills,	Croydon
Frank Varney,	Richmond upon Thames
Leslie John Kibble,	Richmond upon Thames
Martin Brian Wood,	Richmond upon Thames
Mrs Bonnie Lesley Lloyd,	Richmond upon Thames
Paul Martin Lonsdale,	Richmond upon Thames
Michael Andrew Kirby Pain,	Richmond-upon-Thames
Miss Joanna Marie Miles,	Richmond-upon-Thames
Miss Natalie Mary Ann Nesbitt,	Richmond-upon-Thames
Mrs Sarah Helen Pain,	Richmond-upon-Thames
Miss Michelle Sarah Miles	Richmond-upon-Thames
Mrs Karen Emma Wilson,	Richmond-upon-Thames
Kevin Mornington Barden,	Royal Kingston
Martin Edward Meacher,	Royal Kingston
Mrs Lesley Ann Mould,	Royal Kingston
Peter Anthony Eden,	Royal Kingston
Trevor John Strong,.....	Royal Kingston
Arthur James Murphy,	Sutton
Bernard Arthur Cook,	Sutton
Brian John Rees,	Sutton
Gerald Young,	Sutton
Mark Thomas Laming,	Sutton
Mrs Anita Virginia Michele Jennings,	Sutton
Mrs Debra Louise Sollis,	Sutton
Mrs Julie-Marie Grigg,	Sutton
Mrs Michelle Ann Weston,	Sutton
Mrs Susan Dunbar,	Sutton
Ms Selam Singh,	Sutton
Nicholas James Tarn,	Sutton

Richard John Haizelden,	Sutton
Andrew John Pinder,	Wimbledon and Wandle
Christopher John Hobbs,	Wimbledon and Wandle
David Michael Williams,	Wimbledon and Wandle
Francis Corrigan,	Wimbledon and Wandle
Joseph Rogerson,	Wimbledon and Wandle
Keith Elston,	Wimbledon and Wandle
Martin Harry Knight,	Wimbledon And Wandle
Mrs Elizabeth 'Susan' Washford,	Wimbledon and Wandle
Ms Anita Meah-Wilson,.....	Wimbledon and Wandle
Paul William Miles,	Wimbledon and Wandle
Sean Richard Maher,	Wimbledon and Wandle