

# Greater London North County Scout Council

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## 43rd Trustees Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended

**31 December 2007**

presented to the County Scout Council AGM 12 June 2008



### **Comprising the Scout Districts of:**

Barnet  
Camden, City and Islington  
Docklands Scout Project  
Enfield  
Haringey  
Hendon and Edgware  
Finchley, Friern Barnet and Golders Green  
Southgate

## **Greater London North Scout County**

### **Trustees' Annual Report**

#### **For the year ended 31 December 2007**

##### **Trustees**

The trustees are deemed to be the members of the County Executive for the time being. Those who have served in this capacity during the last year are as follows.

Barbara Carter to 12.06.07	Matthew Cook to 12.06.07
Roger Colebrook	Peter Davis to 12.06.07
Andrew Eustace to 12.06.07	Brian Hosier (treasurer)
Alan King (secretary)	Barry Manley (county commissioner)
Mark Darlow from 12.06.07	Lt. Col. Roderick Morriss
Andrew Rush from 12.06.07	Ashley Payne
Deborah Rush from 12.06.07	Cliff Trott
Andrew Wellbeloved (chairman)	Alan Garner from 12.06.07
Paul Feakes (ex officio)	

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##### **Structure, governance and management**

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is also a Registered Charity in its own right number 272028.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The County is managed by the County Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the County which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the County Commissioner and 8 other members. Of the 8 other members half are appointed by the County Scout Council and the other half are nominated by the County Commissioner and approved by the County Scout Council both at the AGM.

The Executive Committee exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of County property;
- The development of the County;
- The training of leaders and administrators;

- The raising of funds and the administration of County finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- County public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

The Executive have two principal sub-committees to assist with these responsibilities. The Finance sub-committee which normally meets 4 times a year and is chaired by Lt. Col. Roderick Morriss and an Appointments sub-committee which meets as required and chaired by Ashley Payne. The Executive itself also meets quarterly.

### **Risk and internal Control**

The County has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the County are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

In the County of Greater London North our objectives are currently as follows:

- To make quality Scouting available to every young person in the catchment area of the County, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or disability.
- To ensure that every Scout Group offers the opportunity for young people aged 6 to 25 to progress through the Scout sections in a clearly identifiable way, either within their group, or through formal arrangement with other Scout Groups and District and County led provisions.
- To continually quality assure the quality of Scouting in every Scout group.
- To continuously recruit and retain adult leaders and helpers.
- To maintain a quality programme of adult training and development.
- To build strong teams of adults who will deliver to the County's objectives.

The County supports the work done in Groups and Districts in delivering the programme by:

- Delivering the national modular adult training scheme
- Supporting and promoting participation in national and international events
- Providing leadership and guidance both for District Managers and those who manage specific sections within districts

- Providing County-wide events and competitions, e.g. Chess, handicrafts, camping, water activities, Maypole, Southern 50, Chiltern 20 etc.
- Liaising with other Scout Counties to share resources and good practice.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The primary measurement of performance in respect of growth and development work is provided by the annual census. In 2007 (as at 31.01.08) this showed a substantial increase in total membership of 6.23%. The highlights of the census are as follows:

- Increase in female membership of 14.7%
- Increase in Beaver Scout 13.8% Cub Scout 5.6% Scout 12.8% and Explorer Scout 3.2% membership
- Total youth membership up by 9.3%

We have maintained our programme of events and activities, notably Southern 50 which is a national event run by Greater London North.

During the year 7 members of the County gained the Queen's Scout Award.

## **Plans for the Future**

In line with the National strategy, GLN has a Development Plan that will see the County grow by 10% by the year 2012. All District Commissioners have contributed to this plan and help set the objectives to ensure that we reach our goal. With the introduction of a Local Development Officer in May 2007 and the support of a HQ based Young Volunteer Development Officer in late 2007, we are well on our way to achieving this. However the funding is only in place until 2010 and the Executive needs to acquire funding to continue the project to see us pass the year 2012 objectives.

Last year was a marvellous opportunity for recruitment on the back of many centenary events. Now we must consolidate and ensure that the quality of programme we are offering is good enough to sustain our growth and this is something we are currently developing.

For the benefit of our County and its membership, we have been forced to look at the issue of consolidating the three Districts in the Borough of Barnet. Although this may not be a popular decision, it will provide better Scouting for more young people in Barnet. We will have stronger District Teams and it will enable the County to better support the District Commissioner. With the exception of Southgate we will then have Borough based Districts, leading to better support from our local councils.

Emphasis for 2008 will also be to develop our Young Spokesperson Scheme and to incorporate this into media development. This will give us opportunity to promote Scouting in the County and we have a County Media programme that takes us through to June 2009.

The Network section re-launched in January 2008 and we will continue to provide a number of activities for this section and develop it throughout the coming years. We still see this section as our biggest asset for recruitment of new leaders.

### **Financial activities and results**

On General Fund our income exceeded expenditure by £9,609 and in addition, as expected, we have been able to transfer back to this fund a total of £28,329 being the net amount raised for the Jamboree to compensate for the expenditure made last year. A further £59 was transferred to close the Designated Account for the Mountaineering Team as this is no longer required. The General Fund now stands at £102,470 and is considered sufficient for current needs.

The total of Designated Funds has increased to £21,770 mainly represented by the Activity Fund.

Restricted Funds include balances held for training and to meet the ongoing costs of our Development Officer.

The total of all funds has increased to £142,731.

### **Investment Powers, Policy and Performance**

It is a requirement of POR that funds not immediately required by the county are transferred into a suitable investment vehicle permitted by POR. The County's policy has been to invest with National Savings and in bank deposit accounts including the Charities Official Investment Fund.

### **Reserves**

The appointment of a Development Officer during the year, although fully funded for 3 years, will bring additional costs which the county will meet. Medium term funding will also need to be found in due course to continue the post. To support the increased membership, and particularly new sections and groups, the Executive is looking at a policy of financial support where this is not possible from other sources. The county is also committed to providing adult leader training free of charge and with a number of new leaders it is difficult to assess the total cost so at this time it is not thought that the reserves are excessive.

### **Voluntary Help**

Many volunteers give up their time and talents to support Scouting in Greater London North at Group, District and County level. We are greatly indebted to these volunteers for their commitment and support.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Wellbeloved  
Chairman  
13 May 2008