

Greater London North County Scout Council

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44th Trustees Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended

31 December 2008

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Comprising the Scout Districts of:

Barnet Borough
Camden, City and Islington
Docklands Scout Project
Enfield
Haringey
Southgate

Greater London North Scout County

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2008

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.

Roger Colebrook	Simon Holt (from 08.09.08)
Martin Russell (from 12.06 08)	Brian Hosier (treasurer)
Alan King (secretary)	Barry Manley (county commissioner)
Mark Darlow	Lt. Col. Roderick Morriss (Chairman)
Andrew Rush	Ashley Payne (to 10.03.09)
Deborah Rush	Cliff Trott
Andrew Wellbeloved (to 12.06.08)	Alan Garner
Paul Feakes (ex officio to 10.03.09)	

The principal address of the charity for correspondence purposes is 16 Fernleigh Court, Harrow, Middx HA2 6NA

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 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 10 other members. Of the 10 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 has two principal sub-committees to assist with these responsibilities. The Finance sub-committee which normally meets 4 times a year and is chaired by Martin Russell and an Appointments sub-committee which meets as required . 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, orienteering and mountaineering 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 2008 (as at 31.01.09) this showed a substantial increase for the third consecutive year, with an increase in membership of 2.5%. The highlights of the census are as follows:

- Increase in female membership of 63 members.
- 31 new leaders.
- Increase in Beaver Scout 2.5%, Scout 5.5%, Explorer Scout 2.6% and Network Scouts 130% membership
- Increase in leaders 3.5%
- Total youth membership up by 2.6%

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

Seven leaders gained their Silver Acorn Awards in the 2008 St George's Day Honours list and ten received Awards for Merit and Bars during the course of the year.

The new Barnet Borough District was launched towards the end of the year and we are already seeing the benefits and reaping the rewards from a supportive Local Authority.

Our Young Spokesperson Scheme was successful and several young people were identified to take part. This has enabled us to raise the profile of Scouting and many media events took place during the year.

Plans for the Future

In 2007, GLN produced a Development Plan that will see the County grow by 10% by the year 2012. All District Commissioners contributed to this plan and help set the objectives to ensure that we reach our goal. Ahead of schedule and with a huge input from our Local Development Officer, we reached our target at the last Census. In January 2009 the County Executive, Management Team and DC's carried out a review of the strategy and a revised plan will be issued soon to see us through to 2014. This details our Development Plan and objectives on how we aim to achieve our new goals and will be published on the website for all to see and contribute to.

Funding from the Jack Petchey Foundation for our LDO Project has not been renewed due to the economic constraints. The Executive has been fully supportive and in addition to acquiring funding to continue the project past 2010, has agreed to meet the shortfall in the short term. We now need to ensure we have funding in place to see us pass the year 2014 objectives. Whilst our membership continues to increase, we must consolidate on this and ensure that the quality of programme we are offering is good enough to sustain our growth. The County Team has reviewed this and will be implementing procedures to support sectional programmes.

Waiting lists show that 262 young people are being deprived of Scouting in our area and this is something we are currently working on together with the Regional Development Service.

Many young people are working on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and seem not to transfer these achievements to Queen's Scout Awards. A small working group will look at how to improve the opportunity for our members to achieve the QS Award for 2009/10.

As a County we will improve on the way we recognize the achievements of our members, including leaders, and several thank you events are in the planning stages.

A County Development Board has been set up to manage the LDO Project and other development issues for the County. Clear guide lines to support new leaders will be a priority and we are confident that this will lead to more exciting programmes and leaders enjoying their roles at the same time. Better support for the LDO will also free up time to concentrate on the recruitment process.

Financial activities and results

On General Fund our income exceeded expenditure by £15,318. During the year expenditure on the Scout Network exceeded income by £726 and, as the Network finances are dealt with through a Designated Account, a transfer of £726 has been made from the General Fund to balance.

In addition a sum of £25,000 has been set aside in a new Designated Account for Development. It is anticipated this fund will be increased from time to time by surpluses on special events where the funds will be used for development purposes including the ongoing funding of our LDO.

The General Fund now stands at £92,062 and is considered sufficient for current needs. The total of Designated Funds has increased to £49,159, mainly by the transfers referred to above and a surplus of £1,663 on activities. Restricted Funds have fallen as we have depleted the amount held to fund our LDO and are now mainly money held to support adult training. The total of all funds has increased during the year by £6,034 and now stands at £148,765.

During the year we have received the following main donations:

- Jack Petchey Foundation £55,800. This was in respect of achievement awards for young members and leaders and has been fully distributed to Groups and Districts within the County.
- The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers £5,000. This is to support adult training in the County and is credited to a Restricted Fund used solely for this purpose.
- Scout Headquarters Development Grants Board £25,652. This is mainly to support our LDO but does also include funding for the last DCs Conference. The money has been fully expended during the year.

We are most grateful for the financial support given by these organisations and for their continuing interest in the work of this Scout County.

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. During the year additional deposit accounts designed for charities were opened with CAF.

Reserves

The main priority remains the need to support a fulltime Development Officer and although grants are likely for up to 50% of the cost, the Executive want to make sure funds are available to fully support the post when it comes to renewal next year. It has accordingly given notice of an increase in the annual subscription it collects from all its members from £3 to £4 with effect from 2010.

The County is also committed to providing adult leader training free of charge and, given the variation in the 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:

Lt. Col Roderick Morriss
Chairman
7 May 2009

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2008

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2008 Total Funds	2007 Total Funds
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income	2 16,303	539	86,952	103,794	109,007
Activities	3 987	33,895	-	34,882	19,272
Fund raising	4 -	273	-	273	15,196
Investment income	5 6,083	992	-	7,075	5,898
Other income	6 <u>567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>1,560</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>23,940</u>	<u>35,699</u>	<u>86,952</u>	<u>146,591</u>	<u>150,933</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Fund raising	7 -	21	-	21	2,320
Activities	8 1,728	33,509	1,816	37,053	42,395
Training and adult support	9 -	-	4,805	4,805	1,357
Grants	10 -	450	56,300	56,750	29,824
Local Development Officer	11 -	-	34,978	34,978	25,906
County Team costs	12 2,120	-	-	2,120	3,438
Administration	13 4,488	56	-	4,544	4,049
Other expenses	14 <u>286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>777</u>
Total resources expended	<u>8,622</u>	<u>34,036</u>	<u>97,899</u>	<u>140,557</u>	<u>110,066</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES					
	15,318	1,663	(10,947)	6,034	40,867
Funds transferred	(25,726)	25,726	-	-	-
Funds introduced	-	-	-	-	239
Total funds brought forward	<u>102,470</u>	<u>21,770</u>	<u>18,491</u>	<u>142,731</u>	<u>101,625</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD					
	<u>92,062</u>	<u>49,159</u>	<u>7,544</u>	<u>148,765</u>	<u>142,731</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET
31 December 2008

	Notes	£	2008	£	£	2007	£
FIXED ASSETS	15						
Tangible assets			2,053			2,053	
Less: Depreciation			<u>1,369</u>			<u>684</u>	
			684			1,369	
CURRENT ASSETS							
Stock		260			546		
Debtors	16	2,709			4,311		
Short term deposits		115,000			115,000		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>30,277</u>			<u>23,116</u>		
			<u>148,246</u>		<u>142,973</u>		
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year:	17	<u>165</u>			<u>1,611</u>		
Net Current Assets			<u>148,081</u>			<u>141,362</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>148,765</u>			<u>142,731</u>	
FUNDS							
General	19		92,062			102,470	
Designated	19		49,159			21,770	
Restricted	22		<u>7,544</u>			<u>18,491</u>	
			<u>148,765</u>			<u>142,731</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the County Executive Committee on 10 March 2009 and signed on its behalf by:-

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Roderick Morriss – Chairman

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Brian Hosier – Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2008

1. Principal Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. In preparing the financial statements the Greater London North Scout County ("the County") follows best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" ("SORP 2005").

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements cover the activities directly controlled by the County, and do not incorporate the activities of the Districts and Groups that exist within the County as these are separate autonomous charities.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the period it is due. Donations received for the general purposes of the County are included in the General Fund which is unrestricted. Donations received for activities restricted by the wishes of the donor are taken to a "restricted fund" and disclosed as such. Annual subscriptions are shown net of the amount collected for, and passed on to, Scout Headquarters. The County has designated six funds and the income arising from underlying activities is credited direct to the funds concerned.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities. The County is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets are treated as capital if they cost more than £750 and have a useful life of at least 3 years.

Depreciation

This is calculated to write off assets over their expected useful life as follows:

Computer Equipment	3 years on a straight line basis
Other Equipment	3 years on a straight line basis

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the County and which have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the County for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement

The County has taken advantage of the exemption available to small charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2008

2. Voluntary Income

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	2008 Total	2007 Total
£	£	£	£	£	£
Membership subs.	114,050	-	-	114,050	107,132
Paid to Association	<u>98,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,580</u>	<u>92,758</u>
	15,470	-	-	15,470	14,374
Donations	833	-	86,952	87,785	74,456
Fellowship	-	136	-	136	247
Jamboree	-	319	-	319	12,371
Jamboree-Unit	-	-	-	-	7,559
Network	-	<u>84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>16,303</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>86,952</u>	<u>103,794</u>	<u>109,007</u>

3. Activity Income

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	2008 Total	2007 Total
£	£	£	£	£	£
Fellowship events	-	9,696	-	9,696	3,108
Chiltern 20 entry fees	-	1,628	-	1,628	967
Southern 50 entry fees	-	4,822	-	4,822	4,876
Beaver/ Cub Scout Legoland	447	17,749	-	18,196	-
Programmes in a Box	540	-	-	540	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-	9,306
Sundry	-	-	-	-	640
Network – Maypole	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375</u>
	<u>987</u>	<u>33,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,882</u>	<u>19,272</u>

4. Fund Raising

Jamboree	-	-	-	-	13,794
Fellowship events	<u>-</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>1,402</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>15,196</u>

5. Investment Income

Bank interest	<u>6,083</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,075</u>	<u>5,898</u>
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6. Other Income

Training fees	237	-	-	237	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-	810
Sale of badges	<u>330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>1,560</u>

7. Fund Raising Expenditure

Jamboree	-	-	21	21	1,393
Fellowship costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>927</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>2,320</u>

8. Activities

Beaver/Cub Scout Legoland	561	17,651	-	18,212	-
Programmes in a Box	737	-	-	737	-
Sundry	430	-	-	430	3,382
Conference - DCs	-	-	1,816	1,816	5,008
Fellowship events	-	9,567	-	9,567	3,055
Chiltern 20	-	1,005	-	1,005	1,666
Southern 50	-	4,476	-	4,476	5,024
Jamboree	-	-	-	-	23,974
Network	<u>-</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>286</u>
	<u>1,728</u>	<u>33,509</u>	<u>1,816</u>	<u>37,053</u>	<u>42,395</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2008

	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
9. Training and Adult Support					
County Team	-	-	-	-	-
Accommodation and catering	-	-	-	-	-
Training materials	-	-	4,805	4,805	1,357
Administration	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,805</u>	<u>4,805</u>	<u>1,357</u>
10. Grants					
Youth members	-	-	55,800	55,800	29,574
Donation	-	-	-	500	-
Fellowship	-	450	-	450	250
	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>56,300</u>	<u>56,750</u>	<u>29,824</u>
11. Local Development Officer					
Salary & NI	-	-	29,027	29,027	17,981
Other	-	-	5,951	5,951	7,925
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,978</u>	<u>34,978</u>	<u>35,906</u>
12. County Team Costs					
ADC's/Sundry	316	-	-	316	1,213
CCs Expenses	1,804	-	-	1,804	2,225
	<u>2,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,120</u>	<u>3,438</u>
13. Administration					
AGM	570	28	-	598	453
Examination	-	-	-	-	705
Insurance	500	-	-	500	451
London Region	675	-	-	675	650
Premises for meetings	275	15	-	290	79
Postage and stationery	128	-	-	128	110
Sundry	184	13	-	197	-
Depreciation	685	-	-	685	684
Fresher Fairs	564	-	-	564	-
Launch of Barnet Borough District	907	-	-	907	-
Jack Petchey presentation	-	-	-	-	660
Network website	-	-	-	-	257
	<u>4,488</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>4,049</u>
14. Other Expenditure					
Purchase of badges	-	-	-	-	1,042
Stock movement for badges	286	-	-	286	(265)
	<u>286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>777</u>
15. Tangible Fixed Assets					
		Computer Equipment	Other Equipment	2008 Total	2007 Total
Additions during the year		1,064	989	2,053	2,053
Depreciation		659	710	1,369	684
		<u>405</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>1,369</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2008

16. Debtors	2008	2007
	Total	Total
	£	£
Loans to Groups	1,000	2,375
Jamboree	-	-
Other	<u>1,709</u>	<u>1,936</u>
	<u>2,709</u>	<u>4,311</u>
17. Creditors		
Sundry	165	-
LDO Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>1,611</u>
	<u>165</u>	<u>1,611</u>

18. Commitments and contingent liabilities

At the balance sheet date there were no commitments or contingent liabilities (2007 : £nil).

19. Reserves

	At	Transfers/	Incoming	Resources	At
	1 January 2008	Introduced	Resources	Expended	31 December 2008
	£	2008	£	£	£
General	<u>102,470</u>	<u>(25,726)</u>	<u>23,940</u>	<u>8,622</u>	<u>92,062</u>
Designated:					
Galleon Fellowship	3,085	-	10,166	10,094	3,157
Beaver Account	239	-	17,749	17,651	337
Chiltern 20	480	-	1,628	1,005	1,103
Southern 50	1,896	-	4,822	4,476	2,242
County Activity Fund	15,864	-	1,250	-	17,114
Development Fund	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
Network	<u>206</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>206</u>
	<u>21,770</u>	<u>25,726</u>	<u>35,699</u>	<u>34,036</u>	<u>49,159</u>
Restricted: Note22					
Training Grant	7,787	-	5,000	5,537	7,250
Jack Petchey	-	-	55,800	55,800	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-	-
Donation	-	-	500	500	-
Conferences	-	-	1,084	1,084	-
LDO	<u>10,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,568</u>	<u>34,978</u>	<u>294</u>
	<u>18,491</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,952</u>	<u>97,899</u>	<u>7,544</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>142,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,591</u>	<u>140,557</u>	<u>148,765</u>

Galleon Fellowship – this is a County Fellowship operated under the rules in POR. It is open to all adults over the age of 18 who want to actively support the work of the Scout Movement in this County, learn new skills and at the same time enjoy the fun and social activities of the section. Members do not have to be invested members of the Association and can give occasional help with no long term commitment. The Fellowship operate their own bank account and are self funding but in the event of closure the funds would revert to the County. For convenience these funds are kept in a Designated account.

Beaver Account – This account has been designated for the section and will be used for specific events and the balance reduced to a nominal float after each event.

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For the year ended 31 December 2008

Chiltern 20 – this is an outdoor – based orienteering event open to all but aimed mainly at the Scout Section age group and attracts entries from all over the country. It enables accompanied teams to compete over a 20km course. A team of leaders form an organising committee, again with their own bank account. The aim is that the event will be self funding with any surplus being carried forward to assist in funding the event for the following year.

Southern 50 – this is similar to Chiltern 20 but offers three courses one of 50 miles, one of 50km and one of 30km for Explorer Scouts only. This competition is open to any Scouts and Guides from Explorer Scout age upwards and again it attracts entries from all over the country. The financial arrangements are as for Chiltern 20.

County Activity Fund – This Fund was created when the Charity Commission authorised the release of funds raised for an activity centre in Wales. The amount was not sufficient for the original purpose and the actual amount collected was released to General Fund but the Executive resolved that it be kept for special events organised by the County. It has been increased by interest and £319 from the Jamboree.

Development Fund – the County Executive Committee resolved to set aside £25,000 from the General Fund specifically to pay for development including the funding needed for the Development Officer. This fund will be reviewed annually and it is anticipated other income will be added.

Network – this account was previously the County Venture Scout fund that was transferred to the Network on the closure of that section. Funding of the Network is the responsibility of the County and it has been Resolved that all transactions will be dealt with through a Designated Account.

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	General Fund £	2008 Total £	2007 Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2008 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	684	684	1,369
Current assets	7,709	49,159	91,378	148,246	142,973
Current liabilities	(165)	-	-	(165)	(1,611)
	<u>7,544</u>	<u>49,159</u>	<u>92,062</u>	<u>148,765</u>	<u>142,731</u>

21. Restricted Funds

This fund is made up of the following sub funds:

Training – during the year we received a grant for £5,000 from the Worshipful Company of Leathersellers to assist with adult leader training and recruitment and the costs of training have been charged to this account. It is as a result of this that most leader training in the County can now be provided free of charge. It is anticipated that the balance will be spent during the coming few years.

Local Development Officer – during the year funds were received from the Headquarters Development Grants Board (DGB) to part fund a LDO. The funds have been put in a Restricted Fund and are being expended to meet salary and running expenses on a monthly basis. Unfortunately the Jack Petchey Foundation were unable to renew their funding after the first year and this would have left the County with a deficit of £7,706 for this year but the DGB has made an additional grant of £8,000, and agreed not to collect previous management charges, so there is a surplus to carry forward but this will be fully used in the current year.

Jack Petchey- during the year we received £55,800 from the Jack Petchey Foundation to make achievement awards of £300 for each of 156 young people and 9 awards of £1,000 to leaders. The awards go to individual groups or districts, or other charitable causes, chosen by the award winners. The grant has been fully expended during the year with the majority going to Scouting in the County.

Conferences – during the year a grant was secured from Headquarters Development Grants Board for the cost of conferences for District Commissioners. The grant was fully expended during the year and the balance of the cost treated as Training

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

GREATER LONDON NORTH SCOUT COUNTY

I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31 December 2008 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 items. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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6 April 2009