

**Cumbria County Scout Council
ANNUAL REPORT
for 2003/2004**



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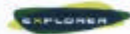
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NETWORK

The Purpose of Scouting

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.

*There are nearly 30 million Scouts in 216 Countries in the World.
In Cumbria 660 Volunteer Adults give their time and expertise to provide more than 3,100 Young People with Scouting Youth Development. This volunteer youth work is worth over a million pounds.*

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CUMBRIA COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: James Cropper
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in Cumbria

VICE PRESIDENTS: Robin Attwood
Ian Bass
Canon David Dixon
Lord Hothfield
Roy McNamara
Joe Rawlings OBE QPM
Denis Stanswood
Ron Turner
Joe Ullock OBE QPM

TRUSTEES:

Ex.officio

County Commissioner	Ivor Hughes
County Chairman	Colin Partington MBE
County Secretary	Vacant
County Treasurer	Vacant

Elected

Ron Brame	Joan Martin
Claire Woolaghan	John Bell
David Hughes	Graham White
Tim Keegan	Iain Clarke
Derek Cotton	

Co-opted

Nominated	Gary Martin
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	Alan Norris
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Invited Members

Right of Attendance	Peter Nicol, Chief commissioner of England
Invited to County Executive Meetings	Daniel Jones, Field Development officer

Bankers Royal Bank of Scotland, 6 Market Place, Kendal, LA9 4TN
Solicitors Burnetts 6 Victoria Place, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1ES
Independent Examiner Kevin Cook of Stables, Thompson & Briscoc, Lowther House,
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Registration Number with The Scout Association - 11200
Charity Registration Number 520617
Scout Office c/o Connexions Cumbria, 124 Highgate, Kendal LA9 4HE

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

We are extremely grateful to the following organisations for their invaluable support to Cumbria Scouting during the year. In addition we received some very generous individual donations.

Cumbria County Council	Halecar Trust
South Lakeland Area Committee	Young Cumbria
Cumbria Youth Alliance	British Nuclear Fuels plc
Waddecar Bequest	The Big Lottery

COUNTY COMMISSIONER' REVIEW 2003 - 2004

The year 2003 - 4 has passed, as in most Scout years, in a blur of activities, which merge together to produce an impression of great activity punctuated by focal points which have attracted attention. Our year has been one of consolidation following the excitement of a new programme and Cumbaree in the previous twelve months. However, as in all organisations, time does not stand still, and some significant changes have taken place during the year.

The five different training sections have all made progress in their own particular ways, The Beaver Scouts have sent cards and Beaver logs to colonies at Christmas, produced a much admired calendar, and turned up in their hundreds to the Beaver Fun Day at Newton Rigg College in June, all under the expert and enthusiastic leadership of Cerys Morgan, in her first 11 year as Acc(Beavers). The Cub Scouts had a quieter year, but a fresh impetus from the ADC(Cubs) team, under Joan Martin, promises much for 2004-5. The Scout section have lacked county direction in the absence of an ACC(Scouts), so I am pleased that earlier this year Mike Davis accepted this appointment. He has already held a Chief Scouts Award evening in Kendal, with another in the north of the county in the autumn, and has set the May Day bank holiday 2005 for a County Rally at Great Tower. Gary Martin has progressed the Explorer Scouts in the county, but in common with many other counties there is a significant issue in identifying specific single section Explorer Scout Leaders. The concept of Explorer Scouts operating at District level, and hence relinquishing weekly contact with their original groups, is still unfulfilled in many cases, although the introduction of the Young Leader Scheme has alleviated some of these problems. The Scout Network has also found the going tough at times, with many potential members leaving the county to go to colleges and universities elsewhere. However, progress has been made, and John Seed is hopeful of establishing local networks in the current year, to augment the county network.

Development

The County Chairman refers to the continued decline in numbers, down by 2% this year, lower than the national average but still a drop. The decline would be greater still if it were not for the impressive work achieved by the Development Project in Reivers & Eden Districts. We have been remarkably lucky in the quality of our Development Workers, firstly Nichola Carter, who left in September 2003 to take up a position with Connexions Cumbria, and latterly Adam Dickinson, who, after the initial shock had worn off, is continuing the standards achieved throughout the lifetime of the project. We are indebted to the Big Lottery (formerly the Community Fund) for their continued financial support for the project, agreeing to continue funding for a further three years. Our aspiration is to replicate this work in other parts of the county, and we are actively seeking ways in which this can be achieved.

Outcomes from the Development Project have to be quantified and assessed. One tangible product has been the two summer expeditions, led by Don Mccutcheon, firstly in summer 2003 to Austria, and then in summer 2004 to the Midland canals. Other outcomes are less measurable. We have been asked to provide evidence that the quality of Scouting in the Development Project is acceptable. To that end, the two District Commissioners for Eden & Reivers have developed a Quality Standard which should be achievable by all sections, regardless of numbers in the section, and based on the programme of the different sections. It will be interesting to see how this assessment is received by the groups in Eden & Reivers.

Adventurous Activities

Following an incident earlier this year involving Scout from outside Cumbria, it became evident that the Scout Association Rules for Adventurous Activities need to be emphasised to leaders. David Tiffin (ACC Activities) has agreed to make presentations to District meetings to ensure that every leader is conversant with the detail of our rules and regulations in this vitally important area. We must remember at all times that the safety of our young people is of paramount importance, and that unnecessary risk is unacceptable.

Training of Leaders

In September 2002 the Scout Association announced its intention to move to a modular system of Leader Training. Although simple in concept, the mechanics of introducing this process into Cumbria has proved an immense task. I am indebted to the County Training Team led by Linda Kitchin and Gary Martin, for taking this work forward, and enabling us to implement this new scheme from September 2004. The work is far from

complete, but the intention is to provide all new leaders with the opportunity of completing their obligatory training more easily, and without the need for overnight residential courses.

Eurojam 2005

This is a jamboree for European Scouts aged 11 - 18 years, to be hosted by the UK, and held in Hylands Park, Essex in July 2005. Under the guidance of Claire Woolaghan (ACC-International) the County has booked 60 places. The contingent should be drawn from all parts of the county, and we look forward to accounts of their adventures at next year's AGM.

The Youth Service in Cumbria

As many will know, Cumbria Youth Service was subsumed into the Connexions Service in 2001. As a consequence, there is a lack of provision for youth services in Cumbria, a lack which falls to the voluntary sector to provide. Under the umbrella of Cumbria Youth Alliance, we have participated in a review of youth service provision, and recently Derick Cotton has been accepted onto a partnership committee involving the Voluntary Youth Sector, Connexions Cumbria and the County Council, in looking at how youth service provision can be reinstated and properly funded. These are crucial discussions, which may have great bearing on the way our Scout County operates in the future. Similar partnerships will be established in the six District Councils, and Scout Districts may need to consider whether they too should become involved in these more local discussions.

Thanks

Many people make Scouting happen in Cumbria. I am grateful to all those leaders who willingly take on a regular commitment to provide exciting and challenging programmes for our young people. Many remain anonymous and not publicly acknowledge. I am, nevertheless, thankful to all those who perform the endless tasks week in week out. I am also grateful for those who take on additional responsibilities, to Phil Hopley and Elizabeth Hall for accepting the positions of DC in Barrow and Duddon & High Furness respectively, in succession to Chris Hocking and Keith Morris, to Mike Davis for becoming ACC(Scouts), to Linda Kitchin and Gary Martin for allowing themselves to be persuaded to become County Training Managers, to Julie Samson for editing Cumbria Chat.

One final thanks. This year the first Silver Wolf in Cumbria for 7 years was awarded to Bert Horsley of 4th Workington. The Silver Wolf is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout, and only about 50 are awarded annually. Well done Bert . . . and thankyou.

The Future

The past year has been one of mixed fortunes, with many exciting opportunities for young people outweighing any feelings of disappointment at the slight fall in numbers. The future is optimistic. We have a full team of ACCS to enthuse and lead the different sections. We have the last piece in place for the major changes in Scouting, in the new leader Training system. All of the UK's District Commissioners meet in Conference at Warwick University this September to learn, reflect and develop their Scouting. We hope to bring lessons learned into the county as soon as possible. We have Eurojam, Cub Fun Day, County Rally and much more to anticipate. On the horizon we have our Centenary celebrations.

I look with optimism to the future of Scouting in Cumbria. The road forward may not always be smooth, there may be challenges ahead, but the hard work and commitment given so regularly by our leaders augurs well for the next generation of Scouts in our county.

Ivor Hughes

County Commissioner

For and on behalf of the County Team, Cumbria County Scout Council

SCOUTING AWARDS

We are pleased to report the following Scouting Achievements since the last Annual Report.
Well done to everyone and thanks for all your hard work.

SILVER WOLF	Herbert Horsley	Workington
BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN	Ivor Hughes	County
SILVER ACORN	Linda Bowden	Kentdale
	Peter Cavers	Reivers
	Winifred Poland	Reivers
MEDAL OF MERIT	David B King	County
	Brian Rollins	County
	Stuart H Laurie	Kentdale
	Christopher Head	Kentdale
	Victoria M Cowburn	Kentdale
	Roger Gibson	Kentdale
	Mark Chambers	Reivers
	Heather McAnish	Reivers
	Stephen Foster	Reivers
	Michael Foster	Reivers
	David Keenan	Western Lakes
CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE	Nichola Carter	Eden
	Richard Wood	Reivers
	Anne Wray	Kentdale
CHIEF SCOUTS LONG SERVICE	Keith King	Barrow
	Patricia Bevan	Eden
BAR TO THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION	David Quayle	Barrow
	Sydney McLennan	Kentdale
	Antony Czarecki	Reivers
	Jean Gale	Western Lakes
	Steve Binyon	Workington
	Joan Martin	Workington
LONG SERVICE DECORATION	Glenys Kittley	Barrow
	Pauline Roby	Barrow
	Derek A Johnston	Duddon & Furness
	Valerie A Hindmarsh	Duddon & furness
	Angela Capstick	Kentdale
	Richard Hirst	Kentdale
	Judith Bradshaw	Reivers
	Mark S Chambers	Reivers
	Edward I Ward	Reivers
	Janet E M Lishman	Solway Derwent
	Susan Rosewarne	Western Lakes
	Mary Wilson	Workington

Trustees' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

Major Achievements in the Year

" The County Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in Cumbria"

The County Commissioner, Ivor Hughes has described details of some of the Scouting activities that Cumbria Scouting has undertaken during the year. Here are some issues that have been addressed by the County Executive Committee.

Scouting Development in Cumbria

By October 2003 we had enjoyed the benefits of three years of a full time development officer in the Carlisle and Eden areas of the County due to funding from the Community Fund, now renamed The Big Lottery Fund. This development work resulted in a 25% increase in Scouting Membership in the area with the help from over 20 new Adult leaders. Due to some delays in expenditure in the early part of the project, due to the foot and mouth epidemic, we were permitted to continue with the project until the year end. Meanwhile we had re-applied to The Big Lottery for funding to continue the project for a further three years. I am pleased to say that this bid was successful and the project will continue until the end of 2006.

We are very grateful to the Big Lottery Fund and we are sure that the young people of Cumbria will continue to feel the benefits for some time to come.

Our first Development Officer, Nichola Carter moved on last year and we are fortunate in securing the services of Adam Dickinson for the second phase of the development project.

Elsewhere in Cumbria, development is at a much slower pace and the Census shows an overall decline for the County of about 2%. This is slightly less than the National average and indicates a slowdown in the decline in numbers.

Camping Sites

Cumbria County Scout Council offer residential experiences at five sites - Ennerdale, Park-a-Moor, Wrostlers Barn, Bark House and Pull Wyke. Details of these can be found on our Website. We achieved a net income from the sites of about £ 3700. This less than the £ 7000 last year due to increased expenditure at Ennerdale and a slightly reduced customer usage. The continued use of Park-a-Moor and Wrostlers barn is being reviewed, due to low usage.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to re-develop the Ennerdale Campsite to make it much more accessible for more groups. The grant of £ 300,000 will go a long way to paying the £ 345,000 cost of the scheme. The balance of the costs will be met partly from County Reserves and partly from donations and grants from elsewhere. The building work is hoped to commence later this year and continue until next July. This , will reduce the income from Ennerdale for the next year.

Finances

Last year we made a modest surplus because of good management of the Cumbaree event and due to the invaluable financial support we receive from our Scouting Friends. This year we have again made a modest surplus, this time due to both the generous support from our friends, partly because we decided to not provide Districts with an annual grant, but mainly because of underspending in several areas. Had the spending met the anticipated budgets, then there would have been a modest loss. Next year, with the development work at Ennerdale Scout Camp reducing revenues, we can expect a smaller income, and will depend even more on our supporters. Thank you very much from the Young People of Cumbria.

Other Matters

We continue to be very grateful to the County Council for their financial support in funding part time administration from within Connexions. Without that support, much of the Scouting activities would not take place. Our Voluntary Scout Leaders provide Youth Work of a high calibre to a value of well over a million pounds. Throughout the year the Executive was without the help of a County Treasurer and a County Secretary, and the Assistant County Treasurer's position became vacant in April. These vacancies placed even more burdens on the

other County Officers. Fortunately volunteers have come forward to take on the role of County Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, but there is as yet no sign of a volunteer to take on the County Secretary role.

The two new Districts in Cumbria - Western Lakes from formerly Egremont and Whitehaven Districts, and Reivers from formerly Border and Englewood Districts are proving to be working effectively and underline the value in the amalgamations.

The Executive decided that from January 2005, all Scouters driving minibuses on Scout business should be encouraged to be MIDAS trained.

The Executive expressed its thanks to Angela Stott for many years of support to the County, and especially for her work as Assistant County Treasurer.

The Scout Council is a trust established under rules common to all Counties. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The accounts have been drawn up on the accruals basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 2 September and signed on their behalf

COLIN PARTINGTON
County Chairman

RON BRAME
Executive member

CUMBRIA COUNTY CAMPING FACILITIES

Ennerdale Scout Centre-, Tel. 01946861811
Chalet. Chalet Extension & Bothy Camping Large campsite on the shores of Ennerdale

Bark House - Tel. 01768773610
Bunk house for 12 overlooking Derwentwater 5 km from Keswick

Pull Wyke Campsite - Tel. 01539724302
Campsite for 30 on NW shore of Windermere

DISTRICT CAMPING FACILITIES

Rattlingate Camping Centre - Tel. 01228541650
Large Bunkhouse and 4 acres of campsite 20 acres of woodland and pine forest 4 km from Carlisle

Urswick Campsite - Tel. 01229826511
2 km from Morecambe Bay

Branthwaite Campsite - Tel. 0190065361
7 km south west of- Cockermouth

Camping and Facilities in Cumbria available to Scouts cost £ 1.50 inc P&P

A booklet containing useful information about 44 Indoor Accommodation places and 68 Outdoor Camping Sites suitable for Scouts

For a copy of the booklet please send a cheque made out to Cumbria County Scout Council to Tricia Haygarth County Scout Administrator, Conexions offices- County Offices Stricklangate Kendal . LA9 4 RQ

CUMBRIA COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2004

	2004			£	2003	
	General	Restricted	Total		Total	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Membership Subscriptions	94,921	-	94,921		62,728	
Less: Paid to Scout Association	(94,921)	-	(94,921)		(62,728)	
Cumbaree Income	-	-	-		185,539	
Less: Expenses	-	-	-		(181,315)	
County Levy	7,760	-	7,760	7,760	5,580	4,224
Investment Income:-						5,580
Bank Interest	267	-	267		151	
Scout Association Investment Service	2,911	-	2,911		3,236	
Interest on Government Stocks	1,100	-	1,100		793	
Rents from Property	3,718	-	3,718		2,977	
Less: Interest Paid on Deposits	(1,918)	-	(1,918)		(1,997)	
Facilities net of Revenue Expenses (Note 9)	3,438	-	3,438	6,078	6,252	5,160
Donations - Programme Review	-	-	-		13,180	
Donations - International	-	-	-		1,762	
Donations - Other	1,001	-	1,001		387	
Camping Operations	127	-	127		(201)	
National Lottery Charities Board	-	36,312	36,312		27,104	
Miscellaneous Income	525	-	525		233	
				41,403		48,717
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	18,929	36,312		55,241		63,681
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Donations and Grants:-						
District/Divisional Support Grants	-	-	-		2,173	
Specific Grants to Groups	-	-	-		-	2,173
Training and Support:-						
Section Training	3,235	-	3,235		5,235	
Section Support	7,922	-	7,922		18,126	
Leader Training	3,295	-	3,295		1,022	
				14,452		24,383
Administration Expenses:-						
Stationery and Printing	-	-	-		296	
Postage and Telephone	74	-	74		129	
Cost of Meetings	299	-	299		298	
Independent Examiner's Fee	582	-	582		1,528	
AGM Expenses	654	-	654		531	
Miscellaneous Expenses	35	-	35		721	
				1,644		3,503
Development Project:-						
Salary and Oncosts	-	22,180	22,180		22,068	
Rent and Services	-	2,255	2,255		2,141	
Administration, Promotion and Training	-	6,639	6,639		7,295	
Travel and Sundries	-	2,163	2,163		1,207	
Start Up Costs	-	554	554		6,985	
				33,791		39,696
Trustee's Expenses (Note 11)	2,063	-	2,063		1,584	
Depreciation of Equipment	333	-	333		444	
				2,396		2,028
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	18,492	33,791		52,283		71,783

CUMBRIA COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2004

	2004			2003	
	General	Restricted	Total	£	£
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	18,929	36,312	55,241		63,681
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	18,492	33,791	(52,283)		(71,783)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	437	2,521		2,958	
GAIN (LOSS) on Investments	(516)	-		(516)	(8,102)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	(79)	2,521		2,442	(7,414)
FUND BALANCES B/F	206,691	1,587		208,278	215,692
FUND BALANCES C/F	206,612	4,108		210,720	208,278

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2004

FIXED ASSETS

Freehold and Leasehold Property (Note 2)	145,525	145,525
Written Down Value of Equipment	999	1,332
Market Value of Government Stocks	21,787	22,303
	<u>168,311</u>	<u>169,160</u>

CURRENT ASSETS

Stocks of Badges	582	843
Debtors and Prepayments	856	2,806
Scout Association Investment Service	110,500	95,500
Cash at Bank and in Hand	39,044	26,057
	<u>150,982</u>	<u>125,206</u>

LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES

Deposits Held For Scout Units (Note 3)	73,400	55,379
Membership Subs Due to S.A. (Note 4)	33,738	25,687
Scout Foundation (Note 5)	296	1,296
Creditors and Accruals	1,139	3,726
	<u>108,573</u>	<u>86,088</u>
	42,409	39,118

NET ASSETS	<u>210,720</u>	<u>208,278</u>
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FUNDS

DESIGNATED FUNDS (Notes 6 and 7):-

Ennerdale Camp Site Fund	88,375	88,375
Waddecar Fund	57,150	57,150
Development Reserve	12,600	12,600
International Support Reserve	3,000	3,000
Jamboree Reserve	6,000	6,000
Training Reserve	4,000	4,000
Facilities Reserve	21,700	21,700
	<u>192,825</u>	<u>192,825</u>

ACCUMULATED FUND	13,787	13,866
RESTRICTED FUND (Note 8)	4,108	1,587

	<u>210,720</u>	<u>208,278</u>
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CUMBRIA COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1) Accounting Policies:

- a) The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice - Accounting by Charities. Additionally the appropriate Rules of the Scout Association have been followed
- b) The policy is to value Property at original cost plus the cost of subsequent improvements. However, revaluations have been made from time to time. See note 2 for details.
Property includes a 15% interest in freehold and leasehold property acquires under the Waddecar Bequest. It is administered by a trust and will be disposed of at the best value in due course.
- c) Investments are included at market value.
- d) Equipment has been depreciated at 33% on net book value.
- e) Stocks of badges have been included at cost.
- f) Advantage has been taken of the exemption for smaller charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

2) Property consists of:

Ennerdale camp site and buildings (valued 1977 plus cost of subsequent improvements)	£ 88,375
Waddecar Properties, revalued by Charles Parker Bennett & Co of Preston at April 1999	<u>57,150</u>
	<u>145,525</u>

- 3) The County uses the Scout Association's short-term Investment Service. Deposits above a certain ceiling attract 0.5% over the standard rate, The County also accepts deposits from Scout Units where 0.25% above the standard rate is paid.
- 4) Membership subscriptions of £ 33,738 collected from Groups on behalf of the Scout Association for the financial year 2004/2005 were held at 31st March 2004. These were paid over in April.
- 5) Grants from the Scout Foundation of £296 are being held for the benefit of Groups These are in connection with the "Scoutreach" project and will be paid over to Groups as and when required.
- 6) Most of the Scout council's funds are unrestricted (see Note 8 below about restricted funds). The Trustees have set up six designated funds for specific purposes. In addition to the Waddecar Bequest (note 7) these are:
 - a) The Ennerdale Camp Site Fund - created last year to reflect the funds represented by the land and buildings at Ennerdale.
 - b) The Development reserve - to provide matching funds to the Big Lottery grant;
 - c) The International Support Reserve
 - d) The Jamboree Reserve to help cover the support costs for the future Jamboree
 - e) The Training Reserve
 - f) The Facilities Reserve
- 7) The County's interest in the Properties known as the Waddecar Bequest is categorised as a designated fund. This is consistent with the practice adopted by the West Lancashire County Scout Council (who own the other 85%) and of our Trustees who regard the Properties as a long term source of income and who intend to reinvest within the fund the proceeds of any disposals.
- 8) The Scout Council has one restricted fund financed by a grant received from the Big Lottery. Initially this was to assist with the costs of the County Development Officer post, which was established for the period of three years from 1st October 2000. This was extended for a further three months due to delays in expenditure caused by the Foot and Mouth epidemic and a further grant from the 'Big Lottery for extending the project for an additional three years.
- 9) Gross income from the four sites included in Facilities was £17,632. This was offset by running costs of £13,979.
- 10) Profit on badge sales (included in miscellaneous income was £82.
- 11) Trustees expenses cover travel and-out-of-pocket expense of eight County Officers.
- 12) Capital commitments: The Scout Council have authorised the development of the Ennerdale campsite The total project costs are estimated at £345,000 and the Big Lottery Fund have indicated that they will provide grant assistance of £300,000 towards the development costs.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CUMBRIA COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2004. which are set out on the previous three pages.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examinations no matter has come to my attention:

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

Signed
K Cook
Chartered Accountant
Stables Thompson & Briscoe
Lowther House
Kendal
August 2004

Scouting Districts of Cumbria



In 2003 Whitehaven and Egremont Scouting Districts joined to form Western Lakes District

Census 2004

	GROUPS	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXPLORERS	LEADERS	2004
Reivers	13	80	204	106	25	110	525
Eden	6	120	153	61	13	56	403
North Cumbria TOTAL	19	200	357	167	38	166	928
Barrow	10	115	144	87	6	67	419
D.H.F.	5	53	80	69	16	55	273
Kentdale	12	186	203	137	52	105	683
South Cumbria TOTAL	27	354	427	293	74	227	1375
Western Lakes	12	108	130	73	1	106	418
Millom	3	22	23	32		17	94
Solway/Derwent	9	97	137	95	23	62	414
Workington	7	78	80	49	15	49	271
West Cumbria TOTAL	31	305	370	249	39	234	1197
Network							7
County Officers							23
COUNTY TOTAL	77	859	1154	709	151	657	3530

2003	2002	2001
558	630	656
363	289	213
921	919	869
429	483	549
325	366	437
736	759	812
1490	1608	1798
397	446	535
95	110	109
410	358	407
270	256	279
1172	1170	1230
8		
21	23	24
3612	3720	3921

COMPARISON

	GROUPS	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXPLORERS	LEADERS	Nwk+CO
2004	77	859	1154	709	151	657	30
2003	82	868	1227	692	155	641	29
2002	91	859	1298	813	63	687	
2001	94	915	1403	792	65	746	
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2000	96	1028	1430	889	85	802	

TOTAL
3530
3612
3720
3921
3921
4234

Notes:

1. We have set out the census figures in terms of geographical areas as in previous years to enable comparisons, although the County is no longer organised into Divisions.
2. The structure and age ranges changed from 2002 to 2003 as follows:-
 Beavers and Cubs – No change - Beavers 6 to 8, Cubs 8 to 10
 Prior to the change:- Scouts 10 to 16, Venture Scouts 16 to 20
 New Programme :- Scouts 10 to 14, Explorer Scouts 14 to 18, Network 18 to 25