

# GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY DIGEST SCOUTING AT ITS BEST



## FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

This is my final report as County Commissioner of GMW. At the Annual General meeting on Tuesday 18 September, Chris Creelman announced that Haydn Worrall would be the next CC of GMW. Haydn will assume the mantle of responsibility with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> October 2007**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for their support and friendship during the past ten years.

The centenary celebrations have created a tremendous amount of excitement. At the AGM we heard first hand from the explorer scouts who attended the World Jamboree. Special mention must be made of Steve Morrell (ACC Explorer Scouts) Andy Connellan (ADC Scouts Wigan) and Peter Hanna (County Treasurer), without their personal commitment and enthusiasm the event might not have taken place.

Still with the Jamboree, you may not be aware that from GMW we had 14 adults on the International Service Team (IST) along with other people on the Jamboree Organising Team (JOT). Speak to any one of them and the response will be "Fantastic"

When I look back over the ten years that I had the privilege to be County Commissioner undoubtedly the best times were when working with and being involved with young people. As I hand over to Haydn my one wish is that GMW continues to put its trust in Young People and let them decide how Scouting should move forward.

In the mean time good luck for the future, I hope that you get as much pleasure and satisfaction out of your role in Scouting as I have as County Commissioner.

Cheerio and thank you. Brian Mouat

## OUR NEW COUNTY PRESIDENT

The new Lord Lieutenant, Mr Warren Smith JP was present at our AGM and said how pleased and honoured he was to become our new President. We intended to write a brief note about him but he has been a very busy man! A bachelor, he is Chairman of LPC Living, specialists in regeneration, and of a

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number of property and regeneration companies based in Salford.

He was appointed a magistrate in 1983, a Deputy Lieutenant in 1995 and was High Sheriff in 1997. From 1983 to 1993 he was a member of Manchester Council for Community Relations and in 1994 he founded the Progress Trust, funded by the Government to develop education, employment and training initiatives in the black and minority ethnic communities. In 1992 he became Chairman of the Free Trade Hall Management Company and was founder Chairman of Hallogen, operators of the Bridgewater Hall. In 1998 he became Chairman of The Manchester Millennium Quarter Trust which includes URBIS. He was a member of the Architectural Advisory Committee for the extension at Manchester City Art Gallery and a member of the Steering Group which put forward the proposal for The Lowry. He is a Trustee of Manchester Concert Hall Trust.

From 1995 to 1998 he was National Chairman of Turning Point and from 1994 to 2002 he was Deputy Chairman of Mental Health Services of Salford (NHS Trust). Other past appointments include membership of the Board of the Hallé Concert Society and serving as Governor of Chetham's School of Music. He is a Trustee of a number of local charities, including Chairmanship of Salford Lads' and Girls' Club and its £1m appeal, and is a Governor of St Clement's School, Ordsall.

When he has time, his interests include the performing and visual arts, gardening and travel.

## OUR NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Haydn Worrall is well known to many, if not all in the County, having held a variety of District and County appointments. He became an Assistant County Commissioner first with County Commissioner David Lindsay in 1980 at the age of 26 and was Deputy County Commissioner with Brian Mouat for 3 years before taking up this new job.

He is well remembered for the job he did in combining Worsley and Eccles into the new district of Ellesmere. He has been spoken of highly too as chairman of the management committee of Middlewood campsite, a difficult job having to negotiate with Peel Holdings, a company wanting to appear philanthropic yet not committing themselves to renewing the lease until their own ambitious development plans come to fruition.

It is unfortunate that being a County Commissioner has become almost a full-time unpaid job when the workplace is becoming increasingly demanding (most in full-time jobs have not even time to give to be an assistant leader). Fortunately for us, Haydn retired from BT a while ago and has given up the day job, only to find now that he has another. Nonetheless, his ambitions and commitment to bring Scouting to as many young people as possible will need support and hard work from all of us in the county. He cannot do it on his own. Let us all wish him well in the years ahead and give him our wholehearted support.

### **CENSUS FIGURES**

**To be taken on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

Groups (GSL/Group Contacts) and Districts please ensure these figures are **sent electronically to HQ no later than Thursday 7 February 2008**

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2008/09**

**HQ - £18.60**  
**(£19.10 with rebate of 50p for prompt payment.)**

**County - £4.30**

Total amount per person **£22.90**

Monies to be received at County Office

**NO LATER than Thursday 3 April 2008**

(Please note the above amounts do not include any District Levy)

## TRAINING

*New training, not previously advertised*

**Child Protection** Wed 24 October 07  
at Atherton & Tyldesley District Scout HQ.  
7.00 p.m. – 9.15 pm. Cost £5.00

**Nights Away** 1<sup>st</sup> weekend 27 – 29 June 08  
2<sup>nd</sup> weekend 19 – 21 September 2008  
Cost for both weekends £80.00.

**GCA course** 19 – 21 September 08 Cost £50

All applications to County Office via LTM's.

*For full details please visit the Website [www.gmwscouts.org.uk](http://www.gmwscouts.org.uk) (go into Forum and click on 'Calendar' or under General Category 'GMW Training'). Application forms for training can be downloaded from the Website or obtained from your Local Training Manager.*

## DUNHAM PARK CAMP SITE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

During the past twelve months major investments have been made, including the purchase of new activity equipment. In order to make the best possible use of the kit available the site needs qualified volunteers for archery, canoeing, rifle shooting and climbing. The activity sessions are approx three hours duration usually at weekends, out of pocket expenses are available. If you are able and willing to be part of the team please contact "Judy Kelly" [judy.k@ntlworld.com](mailto:judy.k@ntlworld.com)

## Three Nations 2009 Russia, Mongolia and China July/August 2009

Three Nations 2009 - Russia, Mongolia and China 3 Nations, 3 Capitals, 3 different Cultures = 9 reasons to join in the most exciting Scout Network event of 2009. In a 3 week expedition that will visit Moscow, Ulaanbaatar and Beijing. For more info regarding this event and the forthcoming "3 Nations 2009" information weekend, please contact [www.threenations.org.uk](http://www.threenations.org.uk)

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