

# → Financial Report

**Durham Scout Network**

**Year ended 31 March 2006**

<u>Income</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Membership	216	324
Activities	148	1,304
Eurotrek	3,200	18,439
Donations	852	1,345
Gift Aid	141	200
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<b>Eurotrek</b>	4,068	18,977
<b>Activities</b>		
Network conference	-	115
Explorer Activity Day	-	311
Meeting Costs at Moor House	132	110
Regional Event Carlton	-	30
Barrasford	-	285
Bristol Ball	-	1,144
Ravengill	295	-
<b>Name Tapes</b>		5
<b>Printing and Stationery</b>	85	28
<b>Postage costs</b>	4	8
<b>Expense Claims</b>	-	30
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	(27)	569
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All events during the year are included in the accounts. Where there is an individual activity, such as the regional event, the surplus / deficit has been included in the accounts rather than a full breakdown of income and expense. If, however, you would like to see these breakdowns I will be happy to show them to you.



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## Annual Report and Network Conference

# 2005/2006



## → Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Mike Moran's (CSNC) Welcome and Annual Report
3. Treasurers Report
4. Election of Officers
5. AOB

## → Annual Report



It was just over 4 years ago, in May 2002 that we launched Network in County Durham. Our whole aim was to offer something to those aged 18 -25 in our region that Scouting had not offered before: a programme a events and activities for that age range, a new way to achieve the Queen's Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards, and a path to keep involved in Scouting past 18 that did not necessarily involve leadership.

On the whole we have had mixed success over that period. It is fair to say that Network has not developed nationally over the last few years as it was originally envisaged. There are very few counties around the UK which have Networks which are active and functioning properly, with a full programme of events and activities. In Durham we are in the minority in having a full programme and an active Network. Nevertheless, our own Network has its limitations. Our Network is currently centrally based and directed, with limited provision at a local level. It is fair to say that it is only the really determined 18 – 25 year olds who overcome the barriers to membership. When someone gets to 18 years old, there needs to be something exceptional on offer to make a young person of this age set out to make a whole new set of scouting friends, with people who they have never met before, 10 – 20 miles away from home. Links



Our successful away weekend in Commondale

which are the cornerstone of progression through Scouting are very difficult to establish at this age.



Building Bridges at EuroJam

The 2005/06 year has been very active for Durham Network, and we have taken part in many local and National events. As always we sent a delegation to the National Gathering at Great Tower over the Easter weekend, a chance to take part in activities and meet over 450 Network members from across the Country.

On an international level 9 Durham Network members took part in the Tall Ships' Race from Cherbourg to Newcastle. Few of us had sailed before, but we learned how to do this quickly as we fought the bad weather in the North Sea. The Tall Ships' Experience was an opportunity of a lifetime and experience never forgotten, both taking part in the sailing, as well as the on-shore activities at the ports of call.

The 2006/2007 year will again be full of challenges. We need to continue our work in developing Network throughout County Durham, encouraging new members to join. The easiest way to do so is to log on to our website at [www.durhamnetwork.org.uk](http://www.durhamnetwork.org.uk) and complete the online application form. The site is full of information and details of all our events, including a handy wall planner. Please use the site and encourage those coming up to Network age to make the step to join Network. It will be a rewarding experience.

**Mike Moran**  
County Scout Network Commissioner

Nationally headquarters have finally realised this and have been reviewing the structure of Network. Later in the autumn of 2006 details of changes to how Networks will operate will be revealed, and are expected to move towards locally based provision. The Durham Network committee will be watching developments closely on this front, and have already begun the process of trying to establish a couple of locally based Networks around the County.

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Queen Scouts at Windsor 2006

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