

Accounts

2008

Income

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| Membership | 180 |
| Gift Aid | 420 |

Expenditure

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| Meeting costs | 320 |
| Travel | 130 |
| Printing and Stationery | 50 |
| Sundry | 28 |
| New Banner | 149 |
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| | (677) |

Surplus / (Deficit) (77)

Gillwell Reunion '08

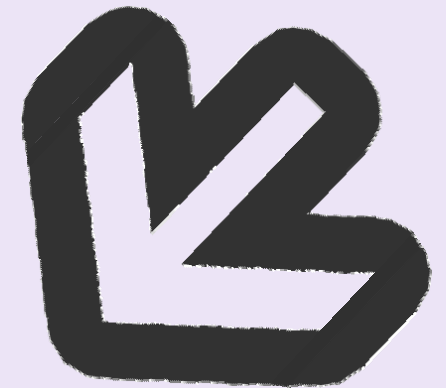
Join the Durham Network Contingent
to this national gathering in Gilwell Park.

5th-7th September

Socialise with other Networks · Try out the on-site activities
Visit the trading stalls · Party at night or choose the bar or campfire

More information and book online at
www.scouts.org.uk/reunion

**DURHAM
NETWORK**



Annual Report and
Network Conference

2007/2008

Agenda

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

Annual Report

It's been just six months since we started to implement the new model for Network around the County. The National Network Review gave us the ability to address some of the issues we have encountered over the last five years and we now have a real opportunity to offer something different for 18-25s wherever they live.

The biggest change is that, where demand dictates, Local Networks can be set up. These are flexible gatherings of Network members, all run by members themselves and supported by a Network Leader.

In Durham we have agreed to set up eight Local Networks based around clusters of districts. 18-25s will continue to join Durham Network - but will now have the option of taking part in locally organised programme that suits them. It remains a flexible section - our members may choose just to take part in County and National programme or be a member of multiple local Networks. The choice is up to them based on what suits their needs.

We are making good progress, with four of our local Networks either up and running or soon will be. These cover 50% of our districts - Durham City, Chester-le-Street, Derwentside, Darlington, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Houghton-le-Spring. We have also appointed two Network leaders, George Nash and David



Another successful Geoffrey Gordon Cup

Holmes, who will be looking after Derwentside and Durham City/Chester-le-Street Networks respectively. I would like to extend a warm welcome to them and hope that you will also support them in providing our 18-25 programme in your area. We will be appointing two more Network Leaders in the near future.



Queen Scout's at Windsor

Network is led by its members who make up the County Network Committee - the team that make the decisions about Network's future, support our local Networks and organise County-wide programme. If there is someone in your area who you think would like to be involved then please ask them to get in touch with myself.

We've also developed a range of marketing material designed for anyone interested in joining Network - especially Explorer Scouts. In addition, our Local Leaders will keep in touch with the Explorer section so that their transition into Network is smooth and their experience rewarding.

However, it relies on Explorer Leaders around the County telling us when their members are about 17½. For more information visit www.durhamnetwork.org.uk/movingon and you can help us ensure that we retain these members after they are 18.

So, in summary, we have made positive progress so far and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead. I've no doubt that we are on course to ensure that every 18-25 year old has the option of joining a Network that is active, balanced and rewarding. Thank you to everyone (to many to name) who have helped me personally in these last six months and to those who are working hard to help Network succeed.

As always I would appreciate your comments and thoughts about how things are going - please get in touch with me at network@durhamscouts.org.uk.

Ian Hammond
County Scout Network Commissioner



There were lots of Durham Network members working at the World Jamboree

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