

DURHAM NETWORK

Durham Scout Network Committee Meeting
31st January 2006 7:30pm Moor House
Minutes

1. Attendance – Phil Harnby, Jane Winter, Mike Moran, Vicky 'George' Chetwood, Karl Harris, Mark Atkinson (Committee), Sam Jupe and Paul Middlemas (Invited guests)

Apologies – Darren Arbon and Rachael Philips

2. Action points from previous meeting

- a. **AP/Oct/04 – Mike to talk at next county meeting about setting up local networks.**

The next county meeting is to be held next week – Mike will discuss then.

Ongoing

- b. **AP/Nov/01 – Mike to ask Paul Middlemass about organising the Tall Ships 2006.**

Paul has agreed to organise the Tall Ships expedition if Mike sends him the appropriate details. **Ongoing**

- c. **AP/Nov/04 – Mike to appoint Network Administrator.**

Mike has approach the committee's nomination and they are considering the offer. **Ongoing**

- d. **AP/Nov/05 – Ian to make updates to Strategy.**

Ian has been lazy and there has been no progress with this. **Ongoing**

3. Forthcoming events

- a. Xscape, Leeds – 4th February

There has been very little interest in this event and the centre is fully booked until the beginning of March 2006. It was therefore decided that the event would be cancelled. Paul Middlemas said that he was organising a night out in the Newcastle for the Saturday night instead.

- b. Frostie – 17-19th February

Ian has sent out the Frostie registration forms to the mailing list but did not receive a response from anyone. The committee believes that there will be a large Network contingent who have registered individually with the county office. Staff places are still available and forms are available from info@durhamscouts.org.uk.

c. Newcastle Races – 25th February

Mike explained that this was the only races taking place at the weekend before Easter. We do not need to book and tickets can be bought on the day for approximately £8. The racecourse is difficult to get to, although there is shuttle service from Regents Park metro station on race days and nice pub next to the course to meet in.

d. Monopoly Run – 3-5th March

No one has expressed an interest in going to the Monopoly Run at Gillwell Park. The committee decided to leave the event open to anyone who wanted to go but we would not be formally planning a contingent.

e. Network Service Weekend (Link) – 10-12th March

Ian has asked Graeme for a list of possible projects we could work on and he has agreed to come up some. Graeme has also advised that while Network can sleep in the porta-cabin, the Explorers will have to camp on the main field. It was decided to send an advertising flyer and letter to each explorer unit as soon as possible.

i. AP/Jan06/01 – Mike to produce advertising flyer and Ian to produce information letter by Friday 3rd February. **New**

ii. AP/Nov05/03 – Ian to advertise this in the Durham Post.
Ian will include an advert in the next edition of Durham Post, due to be published towards the end of February. **Ongoing**

f. The Geoffrey Gordon Cup – 24th-26th March

Ian advised the committee that there was a helpers meeting on the 3rd February at 7:30pm at Moor House and that it would be nice to see a Network representative there. It was agreed that Mike would put this event in the next Network update.

AP/Jan06/02 – Mike to issue a February Network update. **New**

4. Major Events

a. 2007 Ball

Mike advised the committee that planning for the 2007 Ball was underway and would be held at Ramside Hall Hotel on the 24th February 2007. Cost is £37 or £35 if bought before the 30th June 2006. Tickets are available from the county office – info@durhamscouts.org.uk.

b. EuroTrek 2006

Mike advised that ferries were currently £26 return but that this offer may not last much longer. Mike will speak to the campsite and arrange camping.

i. AP/Oct05/10 – Mike to continue to investigate and advertise this event. **Ongoing**

c. Explorer Activity Day – 8th April 2006

Jane has produced an information letter and medical forms which will be sent as soon as possible along with information for the Network Service Weekend. Durham City are holding their recruitment event on the same day but this

shouldn't have too much of an impact. Mike agreed to arrange food for the event. Ian and Mike will think about the format of the information tent.

- i. AP/Oct05/13 – Jane to organise this event. **Ongoing**
- ii. AP/Jan06/03 – Mike to organise food arrangements. **New**
- iii. AP/Jan06/04 – Ian and Mike to organise the information tent. **New**

d. Great Tower – 14-16th April 2006

Mike Moran, Paul Middlemas and James Boyle are currently interested in attending but more are likely to be interested nearer the time. Booking can be completed online at <http://networkgathering.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/>.

5. Treasurers Business

We have received two payments using PayPal since the last meeting. Mike is to ask for everyone to pay their £6/£26 membership now that capitation is due. Mike also wishes to CRB all Network members again after they join.

AP/Jan06/05 – Mike to remind everyone to repay their membership and arrange for CRB checks to be completed on all members.

6. Local Networks

Phil reported that he will be helping to setup a District Network in Bishop Auckland. Mike has agreed to talk at the County Away Weekend about setting up district networks across the county.

7. AOB

George suggested that Network should produce a postcard which could be included in the Durham Post and the Leadership Pack mailings. It was agreed that we would select a suitable photo for the front at the next meeting. Mike also reported that there will be some Network members attending the Windsor parade this year but is not certain how many. Mike reminded everyone that we will be in the Market Tavern, Durham at 8pm on Tuesday 14th February.

8. Date of next meeting – 28th February 2006, 7:30pm, Moor House