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### **Scouts to Celebrate Centenary by giving “100 Gifts to Lancashire”**

The worldwide Scout movement will be 100 years old in 2007. A variety of events are planned throughout the year long celebrations..

One of the themes for the year will be community involvement and to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting, Lancashire Scouts have pledged to complete 100 community projects during the course of the year. Scouts between the ages of 6 and 25 along with their leaders will be taking part in the “100 Gifts to Lancashire” project. Organisations who support health, education, environmental, elderly, disabled, faith and all community groups can apply for help.

The idea was the brainchild of Bill Roberts, Scout Leader from Chorley, “Anniversaries are usually times for receiving gifts and we want to turn this on its head and give something back to our communities. This could be the opportunity that a group needs to turn a piece of waste ground into a garden, for a community to have a newsletter written and distributed for a year or for a disabled group to have a weekend camp with local scouts.”

Lancashire Scouts would therefore like to invite applications now for potential projects so that arrangements can be in place for the start of 2007. For more details see the web site [www.westlancashirescouts.org.uk](http://www.westlancashirescouts.org.uk) / [www.eastlancashirescouts.org.uk](http://www.eastlancashirescouts.org.uk) or to request an application pack contact County Scout Office on 01995 61336 / 01254 884551

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## Editor's Notes:

- Scouting is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK with a total of 476,992 members (March 2002 figures)
- The Aim of the Association is "To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.
- Scouting in Lancashire has a membership of just under 14,000 members made up of the following: East Lancashire has the following 7 Districts: Blackburn, Darwen, Clitheroe, Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale, Hydeburn. West Lancashire has the following 8 Districts: Chorley, Blackpool, Preston, Ormskirk, South Ribble, Fylde, Wyre and Lonsdale.
- 28 Million scouts from over 216 countries will be celebrating the centenary of Robert Baden Powell's first camp for boys in 1907.
- A World Jamboree will be held in August 2007 at Hylands Park in Essex, UK. 40,000 Scouts and their leaders will attend from throughout the world.

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