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Celebrating 25 years as a Leader

Red Bank Scout Group leaders and parents threw a surprise party to celebrate the long service of one of their Cub Leaders. Carol McWhinnie has been a leader with the group for twenty five years – a terrific achievement! The Scout Group presented Carol with some garden furniture and flowers as a token of thanks.

Group Scout Leader, Jackie Beesley, said 'we are very proud of Carol and grateful for all the work she has done with the Cub Scout Section over the years. Carol is our longest serving leader having been involved with the Group since it was first formed twenty-eight years ago. This is a great achievement for any volunteer. Many, many boys have passed through the group during this time and will remember 'Rikki', as she is known with great affection.'

The Scout Group meets at Red Bank Mission on Carr Lane and caters for boys from 6 – 14 years of age; Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, with a district Explorer Scout Unit for 14 – 18 year olds meeting in the same building. If anyone is interested in joining us, helping our leaders, or as a young member please contact Group Scout Leader, Jackie Beesley on 01257 270770.

Pictures show Carol with flowers and Carol being presented with her 25 year certificate by Chris Moss, District Commissioner (Group Scout Leader, Jackie looking on).

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Picture available at: <http://press.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/previous.htm>

Editor's Notes:

- Scouting is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK with a total of 476,992 members (March 2002 figures)
- Worldwide, there are well over 28 million members in over 216 Countries. Two thirds of the membership lives in developing Countries.
- 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 West Lancashire has a membership of just under 10,000 members in the following 8 Districts: Chorley, Blackpool, Preston, Ormskirk, South Ribble, Fylde, Wyre and Lonsdale.

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