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Chorley District Scouting Centenary Camp

For the first time in a long while (over 20 years) the whole of Chorley District Scouting assembled at one venue, Bibbys Farm Scout Camp at Heath Charnock. The occasion, to celebrate The Centenary of Scouting. Over 500 people from all sections of Scouts gathered for a weekend of fun and adventure, activities included Climbing, Abseiling, Archery, Pedal karting, Rope Bridges, Obstacle courses, and many many more. Even though it rained for part of the weekend, spirits amongst the Scouts was that high it would have taken more than a little rain to dampen them. A large village of canvas was erected as every troop from the district pitched camp, this was the largest contingent of Scouts Bibbys Farm had witnessed, but every credit must go to the campsites service team who managed the site magnificently. The other major event that the District has planned during the Centenary of Scouting is an international camp to Hungary at Chorley's twin town of Szekesferhavar. This event received a massive boost when at the opening ceremony of the District camp The leader of Chorley council Peter Goldsworthy, who was accompanied by MP Lyndsey Hoyle and County Councillor Alan Whittaker, presented Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts Alan Venn with a cheque for £500 from the Council that will go towards the cost of the camp.

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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)
- 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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