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Top local Scouter receives top National award

Chorley District D.C. (District Commissioner) Mr Chris Moss has received a top award in Scouting's St. George's day Awards.

He received his award from Roy Fisher M.B.E. President of Chorley District Scouting, during the Districts, St. George's Day ceremonies, held in St. Georges Church, Chorley. In front of a host of Civic and Scouting dignitaries, family and friends along with Scouts and Leaders from Scout Troops from throughout Chorley District.

Having received his Silver Acorn award in 2000, Chris (scouting name "Chief") is now the recipient of Bar to the Silver Acorn. Which is awarded to those who have gained at least a further 5 years of similarly distinguished service following award of the Silver Acorn.

Chris's role as a Scouter started in 1974, when persuaded by a colleague from the Fire Service to try his hand at being a helper in a local Scout Troop, this he did and became attached to Chorley Healey Scout Group (where he remains today). During his time as a Scouter, "Chief" has taken on many different roles. Within Chorley Healey he has been, Assistant Scout Leader, Scout Leader, Beaver Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader (twice) and within Chorley District he has taken on the roles of D.D.C (Deputy District Commissioner) and for the past 10 years has been D.C. He is also active at County level, being a member of the County Training Team, and frequently can be found acting as Voluntary Warden at one of West Lancashire Scouts campsites.

He said "It's particularly pleasing to be the recipient of such an award during Scouting's Centenary Year. When asked what his motivation was for his continued outstanding contribution to Scouting, he simply replied "I enjoy working with young people and despite all the bad press, there are a lot of good kids out there". When asked of his plans for the future he said" Scouting is moving forward and I aim to be a part of that progression, as long as I am able. I intend to be here for a while yet, helping Scouting to move on".

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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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