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Green light for West Lancs Eco-scouts

Scouts in West Lancashire are all set to 'go green' with the launch of their very own 'Eco-dome' project based at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre in the Forest of Bowland. The ground breaking project will centre around a new 40 foot Polytunnel, dubbed "Granddad's Greenhouse", where Scouts will grow their own fruits and vegetables. The idea behind the project is to give young people the opportunity to explore and learn more about where their food comes from and to promote the use of fresh produce as a healthier alternative to processed foods.

Principal Officer for West Lancs Scouts, Pete Sturgess, wants to attract volunteers willing to work alongside the scouts to offer help and advice and pass on their horticultural skills and experience; "I have great memories of helping my Granddad grow tomatoes in his greenhouse when I was younger and I really want this project to give similar experiences to many of the hundreds of young people who pass through Waddecar each year. We can't do this on our own though, and we're looking out for people with green fingers who may be able to help us out by teaching young people or by helping to maintain the Eco-dome throughout the year."

Anyone interested in supporting this project personally or as a supplier of horticultural equipment should contact Pete at Waddecar on 01995 61336 or read more about the project at www.waddecar.org.uk

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Attached Photo: shows “Tom”, a Cub Scout from Chorley Red Bank Group receiving the plans and drawings from Tim Blythe, Lancashire County Council’s Community Design scheme Project Manager along with Tracy Everett the designer and a representative from Barclays who sponsor the Community Design Project

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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