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Kirkham & Wesham Scouts – Go Postal

This Christmas, residents of Kirkham and Wesham can save money by having their Christmas Cards delivered locally by a special Scout Christmas postal service.

TROGZ Explorer Scout Unit have joined forces with 1st Kirkham & Wesham and 2nd Kirkham (St. Michael's) Scout Groups to run the local service during December 2005.

This type of local delivery already operates successfully in other areas of the country and was made possible in 1981 when the Government announced that charities could deliver Christmas cards in return for a small charge.

The project is also supported by local businesses that put up brightly coloured Scout Post boxes inside their shops.

The Explorer Scouts will be working together with the businesses to empty the post boxes daily. The Christmas Cards will then be sorted, stamped with a specially designed Scout Post Christmas Stamp and delivered by the Scout Groups within a few days of posting. Collection Starts on the 1st December and last collection is 17th December to ensure delivery by Christmas Eve.

Trogz explorer scout leader, Ed Clinkscapes, can't wait for the unit to start its new venture: "The Scout postal service is a fantastic opportunity for us to really 'Shout for Scouting', raising our profile in the local community, *and* do some fundraising at the same time"

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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.

- 1st Kirkham & Wesham and 2nd Kirkham-St.- Michaels with their Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been operating for over 50 years.

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