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Scouts dig the Countryside

Over the weekend, 38 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts from the 1st Garstang (Castle) Group worked hard to transform Waddecar Scout Activity Centre near Beacon Fell into a lush oasis of greenery.

Supervised by their dedicated leaders, the young people cleared undergrowth, pruned trees, laid new turf and planted bulbs and Lavender plants so that in Spring, the centre would be more appealing to its visitors.

Scouter Tony Banks who organised the weekend said “Group Camp 2005 will be remembered as one of the most physically challenging camps completed by the Group”

Pete Sturgess, Principal Officer for West Lancashire Scouts said “Supported by Lancashire County Council to help develop Waddecar, we were able to purchase new tools and the materials for the young people to use. They did a fantastic job and even wanted to carry on with the gardening rather than take part in the “fun” activities of Archery, caving and canoeing that we’d laid on for them”

Waddecar is open to all youth organisations and is able to offer a programme of environmental projects such as this with a little notice. For further information, visit www.waddecar.org.uk

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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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