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Scouts get feel for hospital theatres

A troop of 25 scouts from Chorley Healey Scout Group, visited the Theatre Department of Chorley & South Ribble Hospital, part of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to learn about the hospitals role in the local community.

The troop toured the Theatre department and attended 3 workshops put on by members of the Theatre staff, they had "hands on" experience of Anaesthetics (how to put a patient to sleep and keep them asleep until the operation is over), Orthopaedics (how to, and why they do joint replacements), and they were treated to a visit to the new £3/4 million operating theatre which has been opened to undertake state-of-the-art keyhole surgery.

Dennis Benson Chair of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust said "We are delighted that the Scouts came to visit Chorley & South Ribble Hospital, I am assured they found their tour enjoyable".

"The Hospital is here to serve local people and I think it's important for the younger generation to understand the role that community institutions such as hospitals play in the local community"

Bryan Cocker, Chorley Healey Assistant Scout Leader who organised the tour said "Our visit to Chorley Hospital was part of a wider tour of local community establishments, as we want to help the Scouts to understand their importance. "The Lads were really looking forward to the visit and were not let down".

"The visit exceeded all expectations and the staff who presented the workshops deserve praise for their professionalism and expertise".

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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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