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## ***SCOUTS JET OFF TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY***

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August twenty six Scouts from West Lancashire will be heading to Uganda to build a community centre in Uganda.

The team, Project Uganda 2005, are set to work with local villagers and Scouts in the Kabale region, South Western Uganda. Until now the village has only had a corrugated tin shed for the travelling medical teams to work from.

Dave Marsh, Leader of the Project, said "This month's report from Kabale shows just how much work has already been done. The Scouts and Leaders have worked very hard to learn the skills needed to complete this project. We hope to re-roof some homes and re-paint the village school too, This is not a one off project. We have formed such good links with the people we will return to help with other projects."

The people in this remote region of Uganda have no formal programme for immunisation against childhood killers such as measles and mumps. Ugandan Scouts are taught to administer vaccines to help with the fight against disease. The new Centre will enable the 1,500 villages to be educated in basic health care, cleanliness and aids prevention and care. It will also serve as a medical and community centre.

Donations can still be sent towards the £17,000 build cost via the Project Uganda 2005 web site : <http://www.uganda2005.westlancashirescouts.org.uk/> or by calling West Lancashire Scouts County Office on 01995 61336

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### Editor's Notes:

1. Photograph of Project Uganda 2005 team departing from Manchester Airport on Friday 5 August 2005.
2. David Marsh, Project Leader, was granted a prestigious Winston Churchill Fellowship for his work on the Project. Further details from 020 7584 9315 or [www.wcmt.org.uk](http://www.wcmt.org.uk).
3. 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.
4. Members attending this project are from all districts and include
  - 23 members of the Explorer Scout Section (Aged 15-17) and Scout Network (Aged 18-24)
  - 6 Leaders (Over 25)
5. The Project being run in association with
  - The Uganda Scout Association
  - The UK-Uganda Scout Network
6. The Project is endorsed by
  - The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Patron: HM The Queen,
  - The Young Explorers Trust
7. And has also been supported by (in no particular order)
  - **The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund**
  - United Nations Fund for Population Affairs
  - **Dr Ruhanka Rugunda, Internal Affairs Minister for the Republic of Uganda.**
  - **David Bahati, Head of Finance & Administration for the Population Secretariate in the Republic of Uganda.**
  - **West Lancashire District Council**
  - **W.M Santus & Co (Uncle Joes Mint Balls)**
  - **International Aid Trust**
  - **Poulton Football Club**