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West Lancashire Cub Scouts World Record Breaking Prize

West Lancashire Cub Scouts were awarded the Biggest Individual Sleepover Prize for 2006 at the BT Giant Sleepover Award Ceremony held at the BT Tower in London recently.

The Cubs beat off stiff competition from over 900 sleepovers that were held all over the Country and took the top prize by having over 1000 cubs camping at Waddecar Scout Camp site in June this year.

Joseph Hargreaves, a cub scout from Chorley said "It was a great camp. I really love being on camp but taking part in the Giant Sleepover made it even better."

Paul Harris, Assistant County Commissioner for Cub Scouts organised the Waddecar sleepover and received the award on behalf of the Cub Scouts of West Lancashire. "It was an honour to receive the award on behalf of the Cubs. We had a fantastic weekend and the fact that we have won this during our 90th Anniversary makes it even better." He said.

On Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th June during the BT Giant Sleepover, children aged 6-11 years established two Guinness World Records - one for the largest simultaneous sleepover and another for the Biggest Simultaneous Teeth Brushing Event (The Aqua fresh Minty Mouth Challenge). Participants in this year's event raised thousands of pounds for Child Line as well as charities of their choice.

The awards were presented by Adrian Hosford (BT Group Social Responsibility Director) & Steve Malkin (Event founder). Also present at the ceremony were Esther Rantzen OBE & Saul Heselden from Child Line.

During the ceremony Scott Christie (Records Manager, Guinness World Records) presented the giant sleep over team with the two world records for the largest simultaneous sleepover and the Biggest Simultaneous Teeth Brushing Event (The Aquafresh Minty Mouth Challenge). The total number taking part was over 33,000.

After the ceremony everyone had lunch in the revolving restaurant at the top of the BT tower to compete what was a very memorable day

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A photo archive of this event can be found at <http://press.westlancashirescouts.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.
- 2007 sees the Centenary celebration of 100 years of Scouting

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