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## **Scout Power Radio**

Scouts and Guides will take to the airwaves of Lancashire this summer after securing funding from The Harris Charity to operate their very own radio station.

Communications watchdog, OFCOM, have granted the youngsters a Restricted Service Licence to operate 'WaddecarFM' on a fully commercial basis for one week from 7th August, to coincide with the Red Rose 2004 International Scout and Guide Jamboree.

Broadcasting live on 87.7FM and streamed over the internet, the station will feature a mixture of current and classic hits and celebrity interviews, competitions, local traffic reports and up-to-the-minute national and international news bulletins.

A team of experienced professionals have been drafted in to help manage the station and radio neighbours 'Radio Wave' and 'Rock FM' are providing technical assistance and support.

Youngsters will have the opportunity to work alongside professionals, taking on the jobs of DJs, Producers, Traffic and Travel Presenters or as part of the News Team. 80's Red Rose Radio legend Sally Moon will be dropping by to present her own afternoon show, and Radio Wave's Lionel Vinyl will take over for the Sunday afternoon slot.

Messages of support are already flooding in from celebrities all over the country including Suzy Quatro, Dale Winton, Jenson Button, and local MP Hilton Dawson.

Station Manager and local Scout Leader, Andy Mitchell from Blackpool's Radio Wave is looking forward to a hectic week; "I really hope that as many young people as possible will take up the challenge and get involved. It'll be tremendous fun and a fantastic opportunity to experience just what it takes to keep a Radio station up and running 24 hours a day."

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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.
- Red Rose International Scout & Guide Jamboree is a special event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Waddecar Scout Camp Site
- Waddecar FM will be broadcasting from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> August on 87.7 MHz and streamed live on the internet through it's web site at [www.waddecarfm.co.uk](http://www.waddecarfm.co.uk)
- Waddecar FM will be operated by young people aged from 10 to 25 supported by talented professionals including those involved in the radio industry.
- Local celebrities and dignitaries will be interviewed by young people on the station
- Photo opportunities will be available by arrangement from the 6<sup>th</sup> August on-site. We do have a stock of high resolution photos of Scouts at Radio Wave available on request.
- Local businesses and organisations have been invited to support the project with commercial advertising, sponsorship or donations of suitable items for use as prizes and giveaways.
- Waddecar Scout Camp Site [www.waddecar.org.uk](http://www.waddecar.org.uk) was donated by Albert & Alice Waddecar 50 years ago and is now visited by tens of thousands of young people from Scouts, Guides, Schools & Colleges each year from Lancashire, the UK and abroad.

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