

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN
AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual Report
2009 / 2010

"The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities."



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From the Area Commissioner and Area Chairman ...

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Area Scout Council



Hello,

What a challenging year the last one has been, the retirements of both Sue Ryan as Area Commissioner and Alan Williams as Treasurer, meant there were gaps in the provision of support we were able to offer across the Area. Our thanks must go to Alan who held the reins until November when we were able to recruit Bob Voisey as the new Area Treasurer. This was followed shortly after with the news that the Chief Commissioner had, following the work of a search group, confirmed the appointment of Richard Edwards as Area Commissioner. Both Bob and Richard have settled into their respective roles and the business of the Area is progressing well.

Congratulations must go to all those Sections, Groups and Districts that have raised their membership figures in this year's census returns. The increase in membership is 3.2%, which almost mirrors the National average. The recruitment and retention of young people and adults is crucial to the future of our Movement and is a task that we must work at in a consistent manner.

Following an active year we pay thanks to all those people involved in Scouting, who often work in the background, to ensure a wide and diversified programme is provided for all our members. This includes our campsites at Jubilee and Misken, the Activities Team, (mountain, water, archery and target shooting) Gang Show, Swimming Gala, and Training. It is only the dedication and commitment of all our outstanding leaders and adults that makes Scouting possible. The support provided by the various Executive Committees at Group, District and Area level is vital to the successful provision of Scouting at each stage. Their support together with that of the District and Area Teams can never be under estimated.

We need to sell Scouting to the wider public if we are to continue to be successful. The appointment of Ommelyla Gilani as our Media Development Manager was an important step in our drive to increase public relations. 'Omm' who has a degree in Media Studies is building a network of contacts in the media world. The success of her work will depend on the members of Scouting providing her with the information to pass on to the media.

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St George's Day Award Recipients 2010

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

The following Awards and Decorations were recognised on St George's Day for outstanding and exceptional contributions made in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.



Bar to the Silver Acorn
Michael Lewis



Silver Acorn
Geoffrey M Davies, Christine A Davies,
Alan L Davies, Patricia M Dicks, Iris M Owen,
Thomas R M Walters, Neil A Wicks

Highlights of 2009/10 ...



24 Cub Scouts gathered at the Senedd where Jane Hutt, Minister for Education, Children, Lifelong Learning and Skills presented them with a special certificate to acknowledge their gaining the Chief Scouts Silver Award.

The position of Assistant Area Commissioner for the Scout section was filled by Martin Evans.

Many members took part in the Annual Swimming Gala run by the Scout Fellowship (Active Support).

The 'Jubilee Service Team' have continued to improve the facilities of the Area's campsite, with the recent addition of an assault course.

A farewell dinner party was held to mark the retirement of our longstanding treasurer Alan Williams and Area Commissioner Sue Ryan.

The 56th Annual Barry District Scout & Guide Fete took place at Romilly Park, bringing together over 1,000 members in an arena and raising valuable funds.

The Lord Mayor's Own Troop continue to support the Lord Mayor at all major civic functions. It is great to see Scouting represented at such prestigious events.

The Vale District took part in 'The Big Adventure' programme by running a training weekend for leaders covering the back to basics of Scouting.

East & South District saw an increase of nearly 900 nights away from the previous year to 3,400.

160 Beaver Scouts and over 50 Leaders descended on Tredegar House near Newport for a full day of activities that launched the new look Welsh Beaver Scout Award.

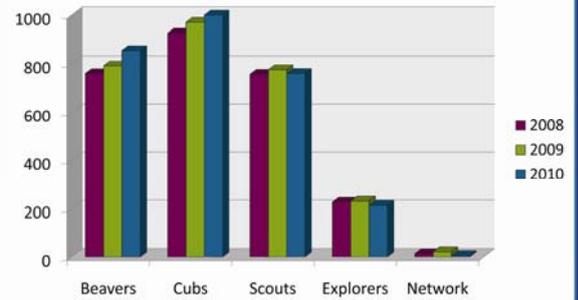
A mixture of 30 Explorer Scouts and Network members took part in 'Explore Italy' where they completed the Expedition section of their Explorer Belts.

Tŷ Hafan Scout Group continues to provide the Scouting experience for those children and young people who receive care and support at Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice. In 2009 the Group redesigned its neckerchief and badge to fit in with the new Tŷ Hafan logo which was launched for the 10 birthday of Tŷ Hafan.

In Wales a total of 647 new members joined in the past year – that was a rise of 4.4%, which is 1% more growth than the UK average, taking Welsh membership to 15,395.

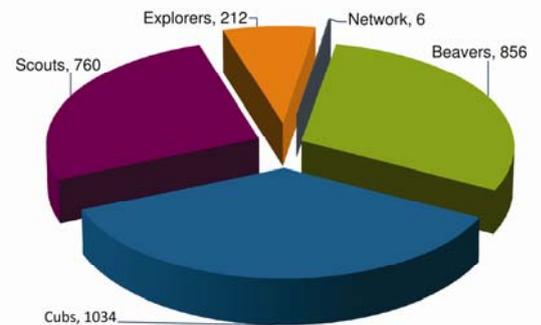


Youth Membership



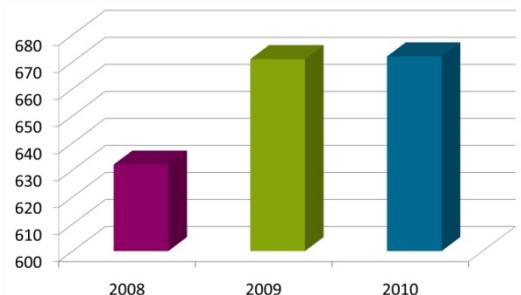
For our fifth consecutive year we have increased our overall youth membership by 2.91%. The Beaver Scout section grew the most with an increase of 8.22% followed by the Cub section of 6.49%. The remaining sections showed a slight decrease in overall membership numbers.

Sectional Membership



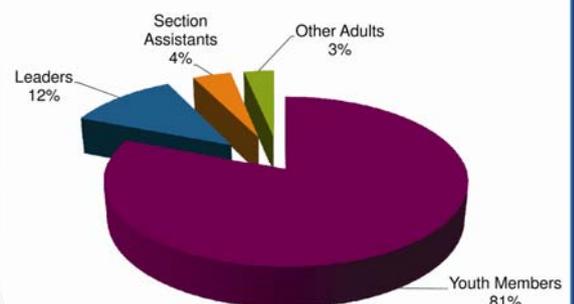
Youth membership spans from 6 to 25 years, enabling 19 years of Scouting. Most of our youth membership comes from our two youngest sections, Beavers (29.85%) and Cubs (36.05%).

Adults in Scouting



The number of Adults in the Area has also increased this year by 0.15%, making a total of 672. This follows on from an increase of 6.17% last year.

Area Membership



A YEAR OF ADVENTURE

Images showing some of the many activities that were carried out during 2009/2010.



A full set of our accounts can be obtained by contacting our Area Office or by visiting <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/> and searching using our charity number 512034.

More Highlights from 2009/10

- ❑ The Area ran another successful pantomime 'Aladdin' at the New Theatre in partnership with Cardiff & East Glamorgan Guides.
- ❑ The Annual Lord Mayor's Own presentation evening took place at Cardiff County Hall. The presentation recognised the achievement of over 60 young people throughout the Area who gained Scouting's highest Awards within their age group and section.
- ❑ 2009 saw the review of The Scout Fellowship resulting in a name change to 'Scout Active Support'.

- ❑ Excellent attendance at training open evenings and mornings resulted with an increase of members being able to have their training assessed and validated. We have also increased our number of Training Advisers. Our first weekend of Training was extremely successful and we will be holding more, watch the website for information. Thank you to everybody for all your hard work and support.
- ❑ Scout post was yet again a huge success, providing valuable income to enable groups to fund activities and development.
- ❑ And finally, thanks go to everyone who has contributed to keeping Communications going in the Area – through the Area Office, Courier, CATVOG+ and the Website.



11th Barry Sea Scouts



Barry Scout Fete



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