

County Explorer Scout Forum Minutes

Minutes for Meeting of 8th November 2011, 7.30pm at County Hall

District's Present:	Blackpool, Chorley, Fylde, Lonsdale, Preston
Apologies:	Kat McCluskey (Ormskirk), Tom O'Brien (Preston), Sarah Barnes (Fylde), Shona Hill (Ormskirk), Izzy Ferdiani (South Ribble)

Topic	Discussions
Events Recently Happened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Weekend – Was a great weekend and many jobs including a mass of painting and cutting down bushes/trees and a general tidy of the site got completed well. However, a number of people commented on the fact that the disco on the Saturday night wasn't as successful as it could have been and have suggested that maybe it either needs to be improved or changed to something else such as silly, competitive little games/challenges run by network. Overall everyone said otherwise it was a great weekend.
Events Due To Happen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crew Challenge – Saturday 12th November at Waddecar/Beacon Fell. For more information speak to your leaders or your district descoms. Getting Organised – 18th-20th November at Guys Farm. Was only originally available to certain districts however due to there still being places left it is now open to all districts. For more information speak to your leaders or visit the West Lancs website. Snow & Ice – 14th 19th February 2012 Cairngorms, Scotland. The closing date for forms is the 30th November so if you still want to take part then you need to send off your form and money as soon as you can as places are filling up fast and don't forget their only doing one phase this time. To apply online go to www.scouts.landactivities.com/snowice
Talking Point	<p>West Lancs County Strategic Plan 2012-2018. The strategic plan that the county as a whole puts together last around 6 years however our current plan we have finishes next year, 2012. This means we need to put together a new plan to take us from 2012 up to 2018. This needs to include both our thoughts and prospective as well as our leaders thoughts and prospective. As County Explorer forum as a whole we were given a set of a number of different questions asking what we thought about things and how we think things can be changed or improved to help take us through to 2018. Feedback from these questions will be given next month and there will be a second round of them given out in March next year. Action will be taken at the County AGM in September 2012.</p>

<p>Network Reports</p>	<p>Blackpool – Have sorted their AGM out, won a local swimming gala, took part on an activity called Maze maze and held a bonfire for bonfire night. Chorley – Have applied for a grant in order to improve the equipment and facilities they are able to use and have completed a chippy survey. Fylde – Have chosen a new executive and have also created a new programme. They have had linking activities with Blackpool and have just recently had a new climbing centre opened near them called Chaos. Lonsdale – Had Network members that took part in both Splash ‘n’ Dash and Connected which a one of Network’s annual camps. Preston – Also have a new executive and are currently doing a number of different things to link with their local explorer groups. They have also took part in ice skating and bowling. Ormskirk – Have sorted out weekly drinks so they can all easily keep in contact, have had fireworks, been swimming and bowling. They have their executive elections coming up soon.</p> <p>The network representative present at the meeting was unsure as to what the other two districts had done. However, Network as a whole have now got a new website so why not take a look.</p>
<p>Hugh’s Bits</p>	<p>Due to unforeseen circumstances the Christmas meal has had to change venue to Buffet @ Preston. If needed by anyone the address is 126 Friargate, Preston, Lancashire PR1 2EE.</p>
<p>A.O.B</p>	<p>As a forum we were asked by County to come up with a short list of roughly 5 themes that could be used for County Explorer Camp next year. We wrote down a number of ideas between us and decided the best ones are the ones in the list below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Olympics 2) Super Heroes 3) Children’s TV 4) Medieval/History 5) Sci-fi/Fantasy

<p>Action Required</p>	<p>Who</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Linking Events being carried out between all sections 	<p>All districts</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booking of County Forum Christmas Meal 	<p>Gemma Pascoe</p>

County Explorer Scout Forum occurs every 2nd Tuesday of the month except August. The meeting is held at 7.30pm at County Hall unless specified in advance. The next meeting will be: Tuesday 13th December at Buffet @ Preston for our annual Christmas meal.

