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***This is
Berkshire
Scout
Enterprises
Ltd***



serving the community

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Berkshire Scout Enterprises
was formed in 1985
by Adult Members of the Scout Association
in response to growing unemployment
amongst young people

CHALLENGES MET HEAD ON

This time last year, the company faced a serious threat to its very survival.

This was no fault of our own but changes to funding by government meant that contracts for which we had previously been in a position to tender for were now available only to larger companies.

I am pleased to report however that the company, despite being greatly reduced in size, in contracts, personnel and accommodation, is still functioning successfully. In the reports it will be seen that our major strands of business, Support Worker Ltd, Modern Apprenticeships and providing employment and services for Berkshire County Scout staff have all performed well, in no small part due to the hard work, commitment and flexibility of our staff.

Times are still difficult and the assistance we have been able to give to Scouting, locally, nationally and internationally has been limited but you will see that we have still been able to make some meaningful contributions.

Alan K B Beavis OBE - Chairman

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

SUPPORT WORKER LTD

For those working with a disability

This new company which we set up after the liquidation of Scout Enterprises Western has continued to operate successfully. It has grown slightly over the past year and we now have fourteen clients. As a reminder of the services offered, we provide support for people working with a disability. The key role of our company is to recruit competent and suitable support workers to help them carry out part of their duties which they could not otherwise fulfil because of their disability.

Although we accept clients who personally or through their company will pay us for our services more normally payment will come from the government's Access to Work scheme. The recruitment and administration of the Support Workers is carried out by Jacqueline Meakes assisted by Cathryn Knight who looks after the accounts.



MODERN DAY APPRENTICESHIPS

We are in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council to provide training for apprenticeships. Much of our training is involved with those working in care homes and we offer apprenticeships levels two and three in Health and Social Care as well as Team leading, Customer Service and Management. Our clients must be in apprenticeship for at least a year and the number of apprentices recruited in the year has been thirty eight. Alan Hester is responsible for the training, assisted with administration from Jacqueline Meakes.

SKILLS SUPPORT FOR REDUNDANCY

We have been in partnership with Chichester College for this programme which is funded by the European Social Fund. Although Alan Hester who is responsible for this programme has continually pursued Job Centre Plus for referrals, not enough have come forward to make running courses financially viable.

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OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS WE WERE INVOLVED IN DURING THE YEAR

BIONIC - NACRO

This was a government funded programme for young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEETS). We have been in partnership with NACRO who operated a Building Trades Workshop in Bracknell for Foundation to Learning Courses in the construction industry. Our role, carried out by Cathryn Knight, has been to transport trainees.

JOB CLUB

We continued with training workshops in Northcourt Avenue in association with Graft Thames Valley. These helped unemployed people with disabilities in CV preparation and job search. It was run for us by Pat Farr and came to an end in September 2013 when Graft moved to new premises.

SOLD - SURREY DWP

We provided a mini-bus service and a Course Supervisor for long term unemployed clients who were mandated by DWP Job Centres Surrey to attend character building days in Surrey.

SUPPORTING SCOUTING



Locally

Berkshire County Scout Council

We have provided office accommodation and employment services to two Local Development Officers and a part time administrator. We are pleased to note that these initiatives have resulted in increased membership of the Scout Association in Berkshire

MIDAS

We continue to offer the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme where a MIDAS certificate is required for Leaders and others in charity organisations who transport people in minibuses. Thirty four have successfully completed our courses this year.



Nationally

Toys for Smiles

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We have also given administrative assistance, marketing and publicity as well as storage facilities for the ISGF anniversary project 'Toys for Smiles'. Working with UNHCR the first consignment of toys collected for children in the Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan was made in December.



• Boxes of smiles being loaded.

International Scout Active Support

We supported the work of this unit and their participation at the annual Gilwell Reunion by providing an international café. We also prepared a display and attended the ACC (International) conference in London.



• International Cafe at Gilwell.

Scout and Guide Fellowship

We hosted the 60th Anniversary celebrations of the International Scout & Guide Fellowship in October when using Skype and the large television in Gravelly Training Centre we were able to make contact with other Fellowships around the world. In the evening Toys for Smiles was launched by Burghfield Scouts bringing in the first donations



Internationally

Project Africa, Uganda



We have continued to support the work initially undertaken in 2011 at two special schools in Uganda, Bukeka Children's Centre and Kavule School for the deaf. They are now planning a trip for 2015

Mityana Community Development Foundation, Uganda



Community Development Foundation

UGANDA

AFRICA

We have continued to support this charity, which works in partnership with the people of the Mityana district, providing education and resources to promote health, enterprise, education, Scouting and economic development.

UK Uganda Network

The company continues to support their work in Uganda developing Scouting and community activities.

Bambang Sunshine Project

We have produced a newsletter for this charity which supports carers and provides disabled children in the Philippines, the necessary resources to enjoy a happier, more normal and meaningful way of life.

