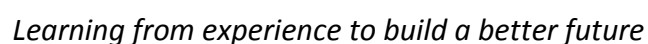




For year ended 31 March 2016



Our Mission Statement

To inspire and enable all young people, especially those considered to be disadvantaged, to realise their potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Our Vision

- To assist and support member clubs in providing a safe and exciting place for young people in which they can participate in a range of activities and develop through positive experiences.
- Where they can make new friends and learn about themselves and realise their potential as responsible citizens in their community.
- To maximise the resources of the Association by working in conjunction with its member clubs and the national organisation to achieve its purpose.
- When available, we will share our experience and facilities for the benefit of youth organisations throughout Lancashire.

Our Core Beliefs

By supporting member clubs, together we will be able to provide young people with:

- An attractive and planned programme of affordable activities and events
- A safe place to learn and grow
- Ongoing voluntary relationships with caring adult

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

Status: The Association was established in 1934 by Earl Peel and is registered with the Charity Commission Number 521362

Principal Address: South Place, 1 Meeting House Lane, Lancaster. LA1 1TQ

President:

Steve Finnigan OBE QPM
Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary

Vice Presidents:

Pauline Clare CBE, QPM, DL, BA (Hons) CIMgt
Bill Beaumont CBE
Gary F Ellis
Don Sidebottom MBE
Wendy Walker QPM

Executive Committee:

Gary Stephenson – Chair
Graham Howse – Honorary Treasurer
Philip George
Nick Eckersley
Tom Norton MBE
Peter Riley
Dr Robin Graham
Michael Gibson
Peter Maddock
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Jane Nolan (Ambition)

Auditors: Moore & Smalley, Priory Close, St Mary's Gate, Lancaster, LA1 1XB

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Solicitors: Oglethorpe, Sturton & Gillibrand, 16 Castle Park, Lancaster, LA1 1YQ

Senior Management:

Adrian French County Director

Staff Delivery Team:

Lou Andrews	Partnership Development Officer
Andy Gunn	Sports Development Officer
Phil Longbottom	Ormside Mill Centre Manager (Nov 2015 – present)
Jon Ginesi	Ormside Mill Centre Manager (April 2015 – October 2015)
Kevin Sweeney	Club2Go Project Leader
Steve Lawrence	Fundraising Events Coordinator
Louise Woodall	Sports2Go Youth Activity Worker
Nik Blair	Club2Go Youth Activity Worker
Leon Dove	Quadsquad Instructor (Sessional)
David Howard	Driver and quad bike assistant (Sessional)
Jane Patel	Club2Go Youth Worker (Sessional)
Stacey Logan	Club2Go Youth Worker (Sessional)
Val Sweeney	Club2Go Youth Worker (Sessional)
John Raven	Club2Go Driver (Sessional)

Staff Support Team:

Matt Logan	Admin Support Officer
Reeta Roberts	Finance and Payroll Officer (part time)
Raymond Reay	Housekeeper (part time)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2016. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out on page 18 and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 1993 and Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS

The Lancashire Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (LABGC) were established in 1934 and are constituted under a trust deed dated 12 November 1953. It is a registered charity, number 521362.

The objectives of the charity are to inspire all young people, especially those who are disadvantaged, to realise their potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The charity aims to achieve this through assisting and supporting clubs to provide a safe and exciting place for young people in which they can participate in a range of activities and develop through positive experiences.

The charity works in conjunction with its member clubs and Ambition and the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (NABGC) in order to achieve its purpose.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Board of Trustees meet bi-monthly to consider the business of the association. Sub-committee and action groups are formed to undertake work on behalf of the board where necessary.

At least one trustee will represent the board on such groups.

The day to day responsibility for the provision of services rests with the County Director.

RELATED PARTIES

LABGC is affiliated to Ambition and the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (NABGC) to whom it pays an annual subscription.

The trustees have, in association with Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Manchester (BGCGM) and in furtherance to their objectives, formed a charitable company in 1999, Ormside Mill Residential Centre Ltd. It is a company, limited by guarantee and its purpose is to provide residential learning opportunities through Ormside Mill Residential Centre, which is located near Appleby-in-Westmoreland, Cumbria. The registered office is 1 Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TQ.

RESERVES POLICY

Notes 13 and 16 to the financial statements show the assets and liabilities attributable to the respective funds by type and the balances of the charity's restricted funds.

The reserves show a total of **£400,834** at 31st March 2016, however approx. 70% is tied up in tangible fixed assets and investments leaving **£144,345** in more liquid form. The trustees have felt it reasonable and continue to be of the opinion that the following resources be designated for the following purpose: £10k redundancy, £15k repairs and maintenance of HQ, £15k vehicle fleet replacement and repair– total £40k.

The trustees are of the opinion that to maintain unrestricted reserves of **£104,345** at this level (net current assets less proposed liabilities of £40k and £50k Ormside loan), appears to be a prudent course of action, especially during the continuing economic downturn.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

RISK MANAGEMENT

As part of their evolving corporate governance duties, the trustees have examined the major risks that the Association faces. A plan to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact has been developed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies followed are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it's inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Association's constitution and charitable status. Trustees are recruited from a wide range of backgrounds to reflect the diverse membership and the skills required to provide the necessary resources and the effective management of the charity. Special consideration is given to ensure 'full member clubs' or adequately represented.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

Potential trustees receive an informed interview prior to joining the board, following which they are given an induction pack. This contains appropriate information about the association along with a trustee registration form, in line with Charity Commission guidelines.

AUDITORS

Moore & Smalley were re-appointed as the charity's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Trustees of LABGC and signed on their behalf by:

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Graham Howse (Honorary Treasurer)

Date:

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REVIEW

Eighty two years ago on 14th April 1934 an inaugural meeting took place at County Hall, Preston to form the Lancashire Association of Boys Clubs, a county organisation of the National Association of the Boys Clubs.

The meeting was presided over by the first elected President and Chairman, Lord Clanfield which agreed the following objects of the Association.

- To promote the establishment of clubs
- To assist existing clubs
- To secure workers
- To train leaders
- To arrange inter-club activities
- To arrange weekend camps for leaders and senior boys

Upon examination of the association's archives it is clear that the above objects have and continue to underpin our work.

While the membership has become more diverse, the work of supporting full time member clubs goes on, as does the programme of activities, training opportunities and residential experiences/camps via Ormside Mill Residential Centre.

Throughout the past 82 years a common theme has emerged, that there is never enough volunteers or money. However this has never detracted from the tremendous work and achievements over this long period of time.

Each year presents its own challenges and this year was no different to any other with many changes, developments and challenges afoot.

LABGC STAFF TEAM

The year saw quite a turbulent time with staff coming and going which began with the need to replace the office manager Lauren Lindsay who left the association in March 2015 following 3 years of service. Lauren was an integral team member and a valuable asset to the association. She was enthusiastic, dedicated and able to turn her hand to most jobs including hands on work with the Golf event and co-ordinator of our Clubs Got Talent and Awards evening.

Such were her skills that a review of her post led to a decision to split the post into 2 x 0.5 fte posts of an Administration Support Worker and a Fundraising & Events Co-ordinator in a hope to appoint 2 people to continue where Lauren left off.

In April we appointed Matt Logan to the post of Administration Support Worker and Steve Lawrence to the post of Fundraising and Events Co-ordinator.

Disappointingly both posts came to an end within the financial year and the review and recruitment process started over where we subsequently appointed Victoria Muir as a full time Administration Officer.

Ormside Mill's centre manager, Matt Benson regrettably submitted his resignation in April to pursue a new career as an expedition paramedic. Matt had been at Ormside Mill for over 2 years and during his tenure had made a significant contribution to the work of the centre.

The subsequent appointment of Jon Ginesi as the new manager, proved to be an interim 6 month arrangement and was succeeded by Phil Longbottom who commenced duties in November 2015.

Phil's skills and experience were immediately put to the test as he worked tirelessly to secure new bookings and bring essential continuity to the mill's operation and I am extremely pleased to acknowledge Phil's efforts which has resulted in an increase in bookings for 2016.

Funding from the Monument Trust for the “Linked in Together” project in Blackpool allowed for the appointment of 2 part time workers, Louise Woodall working alongside Andy Gunn on Sports2Go in the Blackpool area, and Nik Blair working alongside Kev Sweeney on Club2Go in Blackpool. Both staff have made a significant contribution to the delivery of work in Blackpool with vulnerable groups of young people.

June saw the departure of yet another integral member of staff within the organisation when Becky Hedgecock submitted her resignation from her post of Deputy County Organiser. Becky was keen to pursue her career in the voluntary sector and moved on to a post with Spice. Thankfully Becky agreed to stay on as a sessional worker to support Burnley and Newton clubs achieve their Ambition Quality Mark Award. We would like to thank Becky for all her hard work over the 4 years with the association and wish her well in her future career.

September brought with it the appointment of Lou Andrews as our Partnership Development Officer to develop member, partnership work such as NCS, Ambition and more and develop our work within the world of the Arts and Culture. Lou brought with her a plethora of experience of developing partnerships, work with young people and the arts.

Shirley Green stepped down from her position of trustee due to increasing demands on her time. However, she has not gone too far as she remains an active trustee on the board for Blackpool Boys & Girls Clubs. We would like to thank Shirley for her invaluable support over the years and wish her well in her future career.

CLUB SUPPORT/MEMBERSHIP

Government funding cuts to local authorities continued to provide issues through spending reviews and service redevelopments with more and more services being teased out into the private and voluntary sector and saw less money available to support the voluntary sector to delivery universal provision and personal social development opportunities for young people.

With more and more voluntary sector groups applying for funds it became increasingly more difficult to secure the funding required to operate at the same level, therefore impacting on service delivery and in some cases leading to the possible closure of some voluntary sector provision.

During the course of the year, full member clubs continued to be supported through their management meetings, as well as additional support provided as required.

The club leaders meetings continue to provide valuable support and include external input on subjects such as substance misuse, consequences, child sexual exploitation, funding bid writing, equality, and national initiatives, the meetings have grown and continue to be a popular and well received forum.

BLACKPOOL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Blackpool Boys & Girls Club experienced a very difficult year with the imminent closure of the club looming over them for several months due to the Queens Park housing development. Promises of support in relocation from the local council was very short in coming and were eventually given notice to vacate the premises at Laycock Gate in Dec and given temporary accommodation in porta-cabins alongside the Sports Barn.

Nevertheless, the team continue to hold their heads high and have remained very optimistic and are determined to identify and acquire new premises for their work with some of the most vulnerable young people to continue.

Work at their second base, Mereside Youth & Community Centre continues to develop and a team of strong determined trustees and supporters are exploring all options and focusing on strategy planning, aspirations and plans for the future.

SHEVINGTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Shevington Junior Club continued to be operational just one night per week throughout the year due to the limited availability of funding.

A new potential trustee Stephen Dougherty visited the club and subsequently compiled a very comprehensive development plan demonstrating how the club could utilise the centre further, expand its services to the wider community and develop income streams. This is still under review as a lot of work takes a lot of work.

NEWTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Newton Boys and Girls Club had another productive year led by a very conscientious and enthusiastic volunteer club leader who ensured the building and services operated efficiently and effectively, so much so, that she was promoted to the post of volunteer Centre Manager later in the year.

The improvements saw the development of their policies, procedures and working practices in order to gain the Ambition Quality Bronze Award to demonstrate the good work of the club.

Later in the year the club managed to acquire the internet radio station WA12 based on site from which they broadcast a regular programme of shows each week with volunteer DJs.

Newton are very active members of LABGC and get involved in many of our activities including leaders meetings, Clubs Got Talent, National Conference, Ormside Mill and over the summer entered a team and won our Club Dine with Me competition.

Newton was approved as the base for the LABGC's NCS autumn programme, with the group using the centre for workshops and planning meetings to deliver their social action project in the local community.

The future of the club is looking very positive with a successful bid to UPS for a new sports hall floor and the engagement of a new trustee Graham Chisnall of the Hamilton Davies Trust who is committed to supporting the club develop further. Graham has allocated up to £100,000 from the Trust for the redevelopment of the centre to provide a more modern building design, making it more accessible and user friendly.

The club is very aware that the clubs existence solely relies on volunteer involvement therefore with the support of LABGC are in the process of identifying funds to employ a full time Community Development Worker to sustain the development of the centre, its user groups and benefit to the local community.

BURNLEY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Burnley continues to be a very pro-active club, with a dedicated staff team continuously looking for new opportunities to support young people's positive participation and development.

The takeover of a local allotment allowed young people to get down and dirty and begin nurturing the soil to cultivate their own produce.

The construction of a memorial garden was underway on the club site which will eventually commemorate the fallen soldiers of the First World War. The young people continually learn about the soldier's lives and what they went through during the war. Support from local businesses had been very positive with donations of materials, use of machinery and skilled time being offered.

As with all the clubs Burnley struggle with volunteers to cover certain aspects of delivery, therefore the club leader is often stretched to the limits. The influx of funds to support the club leader and other staff salaries was not as forthcoming as required, therefore the club found themselves dipping into their reserves to sustain the clubs operation and youth work delivery. Despite this the team operate a very active club and are keen participants in the LABGC activities programme with regular visits to Ormside.

LANCASTER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

A positive year of operation, with a range of services being delivered from the centre which help support the core costs of running the building. Football, Karate and Kids club all seem to have sustained good attendance, but the Boxing struggled to recruit a suitably qualified Boxing coach to run the sessions. Attendance at the youth club was steady over the year with the young people actively engaged in the LABGC activity programme, including delivering the Lions Quest (Skills for Adolescents) programme with LABGC and Ambition.

The committee continue to direct efforts on building local partnerships to develop aspirations for developing sports facilities for the club and wider community, in addition to seeking new trustees to support development of the centre. Beth Tilburn stepped down from her position of chair and was succeeded by Joanna Young (Fatmedia) who has been on the committee as a trustee for a couple of years.

MEMBERSHIP

LABGC membership was at 46 over the year with 4 local new projects joining us along with a further 3 boxing clubs. This was a slight increase from the previous year by 5. The last 4 years has seen a total of 79 clubs sign up to our membership offer. This is made up of around 30 regular member clubs who sign up year on year and the rest fluctuate their membership, sometimes joining and sometimes not.

The 30 regular members take full advantage of our menu of services and whilst some may join simply to have access to our minibus others join to enjoy discounted access to activities, Ormside Mill, county events, national events and leaders network meetings.

The reason for clubs being inconsistent with their membership year on year is due to several contributing factors from funding, change in leadership, closure or non-engagement in the LABGC programme of activity.

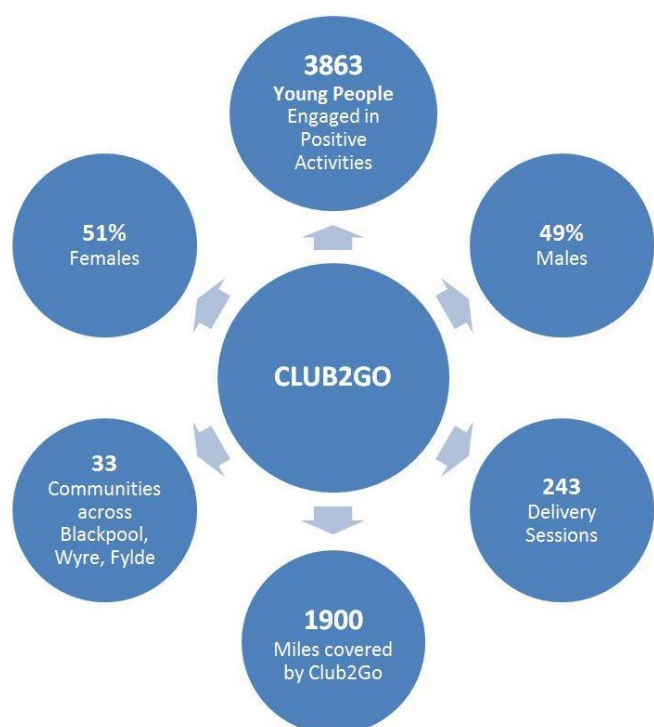
Nevertheless, LABGC staff team continue to promote our services and encourage new and previous groups to join. The Membership format is still under review, with a new format to be implemented by the end of the year.

PROJECT DELIVERY

CLUB2GO

Five years on and we are still supporting some of the most vulnerable and at risk young people living in highly deprived areas of Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde in an attempt to steer them away from involvement in anti-social behaviour, juvenile nuisance and crime. Last year Club2Go engaged with over 3863 young people, 1889 Males and 1974 Females in 33 different communities mainly in the Blackpool West / South areas.

Once again Lancashire Police Crime Commissioner visited the bus at Kinraig in Bispham. He welcomed the continued reduction in the crime figures wherever Club2Go visited, so much so that he agreed to fund the 6 week summer programme between July and August. Club2Go was deployed 3 times per day for 6 weeks. He also welcomed the



partnership working between the Blackpool Police, PCO's and Blackpool Coastal Housing, as well as funding from Monument Trust at a time of cutbacks and reduced budgets from local authorities.

During term time the Club2Go Bus is deployed up to 4 times per week in the evenings between 6-8 pm, and Fridays in particular are very popular sometimes attracting over 40 young people on a regular basis.

The Young People enjoy exciting and stimulating activities such as Archery, Music, Dance, themed and general Arts & Crafts, as well as various outdoor games and sports.



SPORTS2GO & TRAILBLAZERS

The Sports2Go project's aim is to get young people active by providing opportunities to participate in traditional sports such as football and cricket and reaching out to others through alternative sports like Dodgeball and archery. The project continues to be attractive and popular with clubs leaders and young people due to it being delivered within clubs and the activities being engaging and used as a tool for development.

This year has seen the successful delivery of activities for The Monument Trust, The Harris Charity and Lancashire County Council Local Initiative Fund for Wyre funds. This saw the delivery of sessions at further subsidised rates during 2015-16. Work has also been completed on the Subway & Heart Research UK, Healthy Young Hearts Project with courses delivered at Burnley B&G, Tommy's CYP, Newton B&G, Pilling YC, Blackburn YMCA, Blackpool B&G, Stanley's Youth Club and Preston Police Cadets. The 7 week programme utilised sport and physical activity to educate young people about heart health and the main effects on it.

Also, as part of the Monument Trust funding we have been able to employ an additional member of staff on a part time basis to aid delivery. Utilising Louise's fitness and dance background, dance has been introduced into the Sports2Go offer which has been popular with the clubs and sees them being able to opt for taster sessions, a 'Fun' 3 week course or 5 week 'Performance' course.

Trailblazers is the mountain bike project that introduces young people to off road riding. Groups meet at Lancashire's largest forest, Gisburn Forest and develop personal riding skills and confidence through experiencing an exhilarating trail riding session at one of the country's best trail centres.



SPORTS2GO FACTS

Sessions	No of YP	8-13 yrs.	14-19 yrs.	Male	Female	BME	SN
94	1587	874	713	841	746	173	261

TRAILBLAZERS FACTS

Sessions	No of YP	8-13 yrs.	14-19 yrs.	Male	Female	BME	SN
5	35	10	25	31	4	15	0

SPORTS2GO COMMENTS:

THE CUBE

"This activity was absolutely brilliant. All of the young people were engaged for the whole of the activity. It got them thinking and working together as a team. Andy was excellent as he delivered the activity brilliantly and interacted with the whole group" **Club leader from Teen Seen, Kirkham**

SMOOTHIE BIKE

"Fab activity! Young people really enjoyed making their own smoothies on the bike"

Club leader - Ribble Valley ACE,

5 WEEK PERFORMANCE DANCE COURSE

"Louise has been great to work with and we have had good fun and learning has been good"

Young person - Romero Action Group, Preston

"The Sports2Go is a great informal education learning tool that includes teamwork, communication and social skills in a fun session"

Club leader - Wicked Dynamic Youth

Trailblazers:

"Great day out, and able to accommodate for a wide range of abilities. Would love to come again"

Club leader - Blackpool Police Cadets

"Amazing, tiring and great teacher. Can't wait to come again"

Police Cadet - Blackpool Police Cadets

"It was a great opportunity for young people to experience mountain biking. They all learnt skills that will help them in the future"

Club leader - Fishwick Rangers

QUAD SQUAD (Motor Education Project)

Quad Squad comprises of 6 quad bikes with associated safety kit. A theory session that develops a foundation awareness of the hazards faced by YP as drivers and passengers is followed by a structured riding session where young people develop skills in controlling a motorised vehicle whilst learning about the hazards and consequences of driving without due care and attention and or reckless driving.

10 Quad Squad sessions were delivered throughout the year with 100 young people from across Lancashire.

Young people demonstrated excellent awareness of the level of responsibility required to be in charge of a motorised vehicle and following sessions youth workers reported having observed positive changes of attitudes in the young people when on the minibus journey home. Although there is no practicable way to evidence it, it would be fair to say that they would probably continue to be aware of what they have learned and think twice before engaging in potential hazardous behaviour and encourage them to challenge inappropriate driving in their peer group.



All the Quads received a full service in the year and are in a safe state of repair with minor cosmetic wear and tear.

TURF SURFERS

Turf Surfing is a relatively unknown activity, but is one that is growing and is well received by groups of young people. Turf Surfing (Mountain Boarding) and Dirt Scootering is Skateboarding and scootering down grass hills and rough terrain.

Eight Turf Surfer sessions took place at Forrest Hills with 80 young people receiving instruction from a UK Professional Mountain Boarder from basic controls, gentle slopes and onto developing their skills and abilities to take on more challenging runs. The activity encourages an active lifestyle as young people are required to use most parts of their body to remain balanced and sturdy over the uneven ground.



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

2015/16 has been a difficult year for the programme of events after the success of the previous three years and the 'high' of the 80th anniversary year. A number of events / activities had to be cancelled due to low numbers which was very disappointing. Steps are being taken to help address the low participation and hopefully see a return to positive participation in the events. In total ten events took place including Coarse Fishing, Summer Camp and the highlight Clubs Got Talent plus the National Boys & Girls Clubs, National Pool finals held in Preston which Lancashire Boys & Girls Clubs hosted.

As usual, Clubs Got Talent was the culmination and celebration of young peoples talents and achievements throughout the previous year. Acts from Wigan Youth Zone, Clitheroe Youth, Stanley's Youth Club, Newton Boys & Girls Club and Blackburn YMCA made it through the auditions to perform at the final in front of an audience of over 180 people at the fantastic Empire Theatre, Blackburn.

Club leaders meetings have continued throughout the year and have seen guest speakers such as StreetGames and Every Action Has Consequences talk about their work and how it can be used by clubs. We have a regular 8-10 clubs represented at each meeting.



Summary of Events

Have A Go Series including | Caving | Fishing |
8 Ball Pool | Clubs Got Talent | Club Dine with Me | Young Volunteer of the Year |
Summer Camp | Clubs Got Talent | Skiing | NABGC Pool

CLUB DINE WITH ME



In its second year the 'Club Dine with Me' competition again proved a highly enjoyable and worthwhile project, enabling young people to develop skills in food preparation, menu planning, budgeting, cooking and service. 5 clubs entered the competition and being first off Fleetwood managed to pull off a great job and set the standard high. This was followed by 4 other clubs all providing a 2 course meal for a panel of 3 judges.

The final club to entertain the judges was Newton Boys & Girls Club, who started their evening by giving the judges a very warm welcome on the door, showing them to their seat at a very professional looking decorated table, background music, menu's, drinks, fabulous service and delicious home-made food.

For their efforts, the team from Newton won a visit to the Cliffs Hotel in Blackpool where they would meet the kitchen staff, experience a 'service' on the 'pass' before sitting down for a meal and resetting the table for breakfast. This prize was kindly donated by Choice Hotels.

ORMSIDE MILL

At the beginning of the year, centre manager, Matt Benson regrettably submitted his resignation to pursue a new career as a paramedic. Matt had been at Ormside Mill for over 2 years and during his tenure had made a significant contribution to the work of the centre. His enthusiasm, commitment and positive relationships with young people and user groups was acknowledged by the board of directors.

The impact of government austerity measures continue to pose financial and resource challenges which effect many strands of the economy, of which the voluntary sector is no exception. This has again resulted in reduced bookings during the past year, as member clubs understandably struggle to raise the subsidised fees required to book the centre. Yet, the importance of providing residential and learning experiences, especially to disadvantaged young people, remains a high priority for the Ormside Mill board of directors.

The subsequent appointment of Jon Ginesi as the new manager, proved to be an interim 6 month arrangement and was succeeded by Phil Longbottom who commenced duties in November 2015.

Phil's skills and experience was immediately put to the test as he worked tirelessly to secure new bookings and bring essential continuity to the mill's operation. However, a significant new challenge emerged, as the winter floods had a devastating effect in the north west of England. A 'friends of Ormside' volunteer weekend was taking place at the mill, when one of the worst floods in its history enveloped the barn and grounds, causing substantial damage.

We are pleased to acknowledge Phil's efforts which has resulted in an increase in bookings for 2016.



We remain most grateful for the many individuals and organisations who supported the work of Ormside throughout the year, either through financial or 'in kind' contributions. A special mention is appropriate for the Clothworkers charitable trust who supported the creation of a learning zone in the barn. In addition many thanks go to the continued support of The Friends of Ormside volunteers who supported a mill makeover earlier in the year providing the mill with a deep clean and fresh coat of paint.

After 15 years as the volunteer chair/treasurer, Gary Ellis, decided to retire from the board in September.

Gary was a founding director and played a major role in establishing Ormside Mill as a new residential and activity centre for young people.

During his time on the board, he played an active and guiding role that included attending many working weekends, which ensured the ongoing development of the centre.

We all thank Gary and his wife Jean for their magnificent contribution and wish them a long and happy retirement. The search for a replacement hon treasurer raises a new challenge, which we intend to meet in the near future. Meanwhile, we are appreciative of director Andrew Johnston's assistance in providing temporary financial guidance during this period.

PARTNERSHIP WORK

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS (NABGC)

We continue our affiliation and active participation with the National Association whose membership has now grown to include Scotland. Information sharing at National meetings has shown that all the county associations have been severely hit by local authority cut backs and similar to ourselves have struggled to develop participation in their county programme of activity and subsequent progression onto the National programme. With reluctance we were forced to cancel the National Fishing tournament we were hosting due to their only being 2 counties involved, one of which was Lancashire. The National conference took place in Manchester and was very well received with representation from 3 Lancashire clubs in attendance.

LIONS QUEST

Lions Quest delivery came to an end for both Tommy's and Poulton Children's Centre with only Lancaster Boys and Girls Club managing to complete. Sadly, due to cutbacks in funding, the Children's Centre lost the staff that had been delivering the programme so it had to be cut short and finished at the end of March. Tommy's struggled with dwindling numbers and building closures due to flood damage to the building. The feedback we have had regarding the delivery of the programme has been very positive however and although Ambition are no longer able to fund future Lions Quest they are looking at developing a package for schools.

AMBITION QUALITY BRONZE AWARD

Funded from Garfield Western via Ambition, 2 clubs (Burnley and Newton) continued to be supported to achieve their bronze level award. Both clubs made excellent progress through the year and submitted their portfolios for assessment in early 2016. They have subsequently both passed and now have their certificate that demonstrates they are operating a high standard of youth work provision and that all necessary policies, operational procedures, safeguarding practice and legal requirements are in place

NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE (NCS)

Our first NCS programme ran successfully with 10 young people participating and completing. After a 4 day residential at Hagg Farm staffed by Andy and Lou the group went on to achieve a level 2 First Aid certificate and a Young Sports Leader qualification. With a social action project being one of the core aims of the programme the group worked with Lou for a further 3 weeks during weekends and evenings to design and deliver their project. After much debate they decided they wanted to try and tackle the issue of "food poverty" in their area (St Helens). A fund raising strategy was developed and collecting money in school, completing a sponsored group Iron Man challenge and a sponsored walk enabled the group to raise in excess of £600 which they used to create 20 Xmas food hampers for the Hope Centre (a local homelessness charity) and to contribute towards the running costs of the Food Bank minibus. This was a great start to the delivery of our current contract. Feedback from the young people has been very positive and one young person has been selected to become a Team Assistant for the summer delivery.

We have 2 further groups in 2016, Summer and Autumn, and are contracted to deliver until Summer 2018.

BIG ASSIST

Funding for Big Assist came via Ambition and Big Lottery and enabled LABGC to enlist the support of Social Enterprise Solutions to develop a corporate brochure. It was hoped this would help to enhance our reach to the corporate sector for both LABGC and Ormside to move towards a sustainable trading model of operations. This has been distributed to businesses around Lancashire.

FUNDRAISING

36TH BILL BEAUMONT PRO-AM CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Reported to be one of the longest running charity pro-ams in the northern region, thanks to the ongoing support from Hillside Golf Club, which comes within the top 20 courses in the UK.

The sun was shining on yet another glorious day and 22 teams enjoyed a warm welcome and brunch before heading out in the wonderful weather on the fairways. The LABGC catering trailer was most definitely well received on the 10th tee serving cold drinks and cakes to fuel the golfers around the last half of the course.

Golf was followed by a fantastic 4 course presentation dinner and auction hosted by our very own vice president Bill Beaumont.

Over £14,000 was raised on the day thanks to the generous support of all the team entries, sponsors, prize donors and volunteers.

MANY THANKS ALSO GO TO OUR CHARITY GOLF DAY TEAM SPONSORS

Andy Diggle | Arena Digital | Addies Solicitors | Barclay Plc | Bill Beaumont Textiles | Bonny Street Market | Brand Interiors | Choice Hotels | David Wilcock | Empire Supplies | Fairhaven Golf Club | Fenmead Properties | Franks Old Linkers | Graham Hood | Hillside Golf Club | Kimpton Ltd | LCM UK | Lloyds Autobody | Martland Mill | Victrex

And also a big thanks you to our supporters...

Hillside Golf Club | Lancashire PGA | A & B Christie Jewellers | Bonny Street Market | Choice Hotels | Fatmedia | Henri Lloyd | HSBC Premier Golf Network | Khan Boxing | Kimpton Ltd | Lakeland Segway | Lancashire Constabulary | Mr. Dennis Pearson | Mr. Michael Hawkins | North & West Lanc's Chamber of Commerce | Ormside Mill Activity & Residential Centre | Social Enterprise Solutions | Sports Shades Online | Tim Amor | Windermere Manor Hotel | Tradeline Shipping | Glasdon PLC | Hollinwood Homes

IT'S A KNOCKOUT & RAFFLE

LABGC hosted an "It's a Knockout" event in August that was delivered over 2 stages, a young person's event in the afternoon attracted 17 youth club teams made up of 150 young people from across Lancashire and a corporate event in the early evening attracted 7 corporate teams. Unfortunately, about 8 corporate teams pulled out last minute meaning the event just about broke even. A Raffle of prizes donated by local businesses ran in the lead up to and alongside the event and helped to raise £632 which was match funded by Barclays Lancaster raising £1264 for LABGC.

Many thanks for supporting the It's a Knockout and Raffle go to;

HiQ | ASDA | HSBC | Barclays | Citrosoft | Ethan Hull | River Island | Lancaster Chamber of Commerce | A&B Christie | Boots | Morecambe Bay Wines | Lancashire County Council

and not forgetting all the Youth Club teams who took part.

MANY THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS:

MONUMENT TRUST

Linked-In Together Project

Combining our Menu of Activities
Reaching deprived communities in Blackpool
Providing Positive Activities to disadvantaged young people
Enabling us to combine our activity services
Supporting Young People to access local youth provision

CRIME COMMISSIONER

Club2Go Summer Holiday Provision

Providing activities to disadvantaged young people in deprived communities across Blackpool.
3 Sessions per day / 5 days per week / 15 communities benefitting
Diverting young people away from involvement in anti-social behaviour

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL INITIATIVE FUND

Sports2Go Delivery

Providing subsidised activity sessions for disadvantaged young people across Fylde, Wyre, Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley including sports, quads, trailblazers and Mountainboarding.

HEART RESEARCH UK

in association with Subway

Healthy Hearts Programme

Delivery of our Healthy Hearts programme to groups of young people across Lancashire.
6 week programme | 10 groups | 10 young people each group

CUADRILLA

BLACKPOOL COASTAL HOUSING

CHILDREN IN NEED

Club2Go Delivery

Reaching deprived communities in Blackpool
Providing Positive Activities to disadvantaged young people
In a safe environment
Diverting Young People away from juvenile crime

AMBITION

in association Big Lottery

Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence

Skills for Adolescence, is a personal and social development programme It helps young people to make informed decisions, become an active member of the community, resist peer pressure and develop positive personal relationships. It also encourages them to resist drug and alcohol usage.

DONATIONS

HAMMARBANK TRUST | MOORE & SMALLEY |
GLASDON LTD | BARCLAYS PLC | RUSSELL
HALDANE TRUST

Core Funding

Providing LABGC with a stable financial footing from which to operate

GARFIELD WESTON

Subsidised programme of activities

Positive social development opportunities and subsidised activities to young people across Lancashire

NCS (NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE)
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INGEUS
NCS Autumn Cohort

A 3 Part Programme for young people aged 16 -17 yrs.
NCS is all about helping young people get ahead in life - learning new skills, meeting new people and finding out how they can make a difference in their local community.

FINAL COMMENT

Without the support and generous donations of funding from the people and organisations above Lancashire Boys & Girls Clubs would not be able to deliver the important and much needed work we provide for our member clubs, staff, volunteers and young people.

In these times of austerity with government reductions in funding of local authority youth services it is imperative that we are able to sustain our services.

It is voluntary organisation like Lancashire Association of Boys & Girls Clubs that need to be there as a "safety net" to capture those clubs detrimentally affected by limited funds and resources to ensure all young people still have access to safe positive social development opportunities and support services.

Signed	Signed		Date:
Gary Stephenson	Adrian French		31 st Oct 16
Chairman	County Director		