

GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
ASSOCIATION OF  
BOYS' CLUBS



ANNUAL REPORT  
1947-1948

## FOREWORD.

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It is acknowledged by all who have the future welfare of this Country at heart that the formation of more Boys' Clubs is of the highest importance. It is satisfactory to note, therefore, that the first annual report for this County records a substantial increase in the number of Clubs affiliated. The report shows too that Clubs and Members have taken part with success in many activities.

So far so good, but in so large a County there is ample scope for the formation of many more Clubs and more trained Leaders. It is up to every one of us, therefore, to give our utmost support and encouragement to the Gloucestershire Association of Boys' Clubs.

BEAUFORT,

*President.*

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

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H. E. HALL,

131 ST. GEORGE'S ROAD,  
CHELTENHAM.

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

During the first year of its existence, the Officers and Committee of the Gloucestershire Association have been largely occupied with exploratory work, spying out the land, discovering struggling and unattached clubs, taking the initiative in starting new clubs, and seeking to make contact with the great number of people of goodwill who are interested in the boy problem but lack either the experience or the opportunity for tackling it.

During the year, the number of affiliated clubs in the Association has increased from twenty to thirty, to which must be added four clubs in Herefordshire, which, for the time being, are associated with Gloucestershire, and although this increase in numbers is gratifying, it represents the least significant aspect of the work in the opinion of the Executive Committee, who attach far more importance to the training of Leaders and Senior Boys with a view to raising the standard of the existing clubs and promoting a sense of solidarity between them. Nevertheless, the County map which hangs in the Secretary's office still shows far too many and too great blank areas and there is ample room for another hundred clubs; it will be the policy of the Executive to assist in the promotion of these as opportunity offers.

Finally, we should like to place on record our warm appreciation of the unfailing help and support of the Gloucestershire Local Education Authority, with which we have established the happiest of relationships, and our thanks to the N.A.B.C. for their generous financial help and moral support.

A Brief summary of the year's work is appended.

### NEW AFFILIATIONS

Two clubs, one in each County, ceased to be eligible for affiliation through becoming wholly mixed, but the following clubs became affiliated to the N.A.B.C. through the Association during the year:—

Down Hatherley Youth Club  
Fairford Youth Club  
Longlevens Youth Centre  
Ruspidge Boys' Club  
Spa Boys' Club (Cheltenham)  
St. Mark's Youth Club  
Upton St. Leonards Boys' Club  
Winchcombe Youth Centre  
Spartans Club (Gloucester)  
Pille Lane Boys' Club  
Bisley Boys' Club

There is one newly affiliated club in Herefordshire:—

Bodenham Boys' Club

The number of boys belonging to the clubs now affiliated to the Gloucestershire Association totals approximately, 1,750.

## TRAINING

*Senior Boy Training.* Eight Senior Boy Training weekends have been held in the following Clubs for members of clubs in the surrounding areas:—Dursley, Cirencester, Campden, and Old Sodbury. A total of 70 boys, representing 18 clubs, attended. Instruction was given in Music, Handicrafts, P.T. Leadership, Club Management and Discussion Group Leadership. Religious instruction and discussions have been included, and the co-operation of the Bishop's Youth Chaplains should here be acknowledged, as should the assistance of Club experts who gave their services as tutors.

*Leader Training.* 1. In co-operation with the Ministry of Labour and the N.A.B.C., it has been possible for three men to attend courses of a month's duration either at St. Pierre (Chepstow) or at Ford Castle.

2. A one-night-a-week course has been run for Cheltenham Leaders during the winter in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Association of Girls Clubs and Mixed Clubs and the Cheltenham Youth Committee. A second series of eight has begun. An effort is being made to institute similar courses in other parts of the County as part of the Association's training policy.

## DEVELOPMENT

*General.* The Development Committee acts in the closest co-operation with other bodies concerned with youth activities, especially the L.E.A., in order to avoid duplication. Agreement on co-operative development has been reached in discussions with the County Committee of the Gloucestershire Association of Girls Clubs and Mixed Clubs, and the Army Cadet Force

Particular attention has been given to the needs of boys in mixed clubs and many of the new affiliations are in fact Boys' sections of mixed clubs.

*Forest of Dean.* A plan for club development in the Forest has been drawn up by G.A.G.C. & M.C. and the Association. This plan has been approved by the District Youth Committees concerned and also by the County Youth Committee.

## COUNTY ACTIVITIES

### Boxing

1. *Buften Trophy.* The first annual tournament for this Trophy presented by Mr. W. R. Buften J.P., Chairman of Hereford Boys' Club, resulted in Gloucestershire beating Herefordshire 8 bouts to 3, in April, 1947.

2. *County Boxing Championships.* Ninety boys from 16 clubs entered for the 1947-48 Championships. Twenty boys won their county colours. The help and co-operation of the A.B.A. should be acknowledged.

3. *National Boxing Championships (N.A.B.C.).* The first round with Somerset resulted in a victory of 14-5 bouts on February 28th, and eight of the 14 boys won area championships at Weston-super-Mare on March 6th. Two of the eight held their titles in the inter-area match at Slough on March 13th. K. Midwinter of the College Club in Whaddon reached the final at Belle Vue, Manchester, where he lost on points.

## Football

1. *Col. Godman's Cup Competition.* Ten teams played in a Knockout competition. Longlevens Youth Centre holds the cup for the first year after a Cup Final replay, in which St. John Bosco's Club (Blaisdon Hall, Longhope), was defeated.

Owing to travelling difficulties, it is not possible to organise league football on a County Basis but many Clubs play in local leagues.

2. *National Football Championship (N.A.B.C.).* A representative team drawn from seven clubs played Somerset at Exeter, and after a close match lost, 2-1.

## CAMP

The Annual Summer Camp was held at Ladram Bay, South Devon, in co-operation with the Devon Association of Boys' Clubs. The camp provided a week's holiday for 55 boys from many clubs in the County and also from Herefordshire.

The fine weather and splendid conditions contributed largely to the success of the camp.

## CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

The first Conference of Management Committees was held in February. This enabled the County Executive Committee and Officers of the N.A.B.C. to discuss with members of the governing bodies of clubs problems of management, administration and development.

It is the Committee's intention to make this conference an annual event, as it was found to be of great help to everyone who attended.

## FINANCE

The attached statement shows that our first year's work has been considerably helped by the generous support of voluntary subscribers, and while we have every confidence in the continued assistance of the Local Education Authority and of the N.A.B.C., that confidence must be reinforced by the weight of local contributions.

We are sure that friends and subscribers will find in this report proof that their money has been well invested, and we hope we may look for a continuation of their support. We would like to record our warmest thanks and our appreciation of the generous help of some 150 Gloucestershire firms and individuals who have contributed to our funds during this first year.

GEOFFREY HOYLAND,  
(Chairman of Executive Committee).

HENRY E. HALL,  
(County Secretary).

List of Clubs affiliated or associated to the N.A.B.C. through the Association.

CLUB.	LEADER.
Baker St. Boys' Club ..	V. Dymock, 85 Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.
Bisley Boys' Club .. ..	Rev. F. A. Giles, The Vicarage, Bisley.
Bream Youth Club ..	Alan Hirst, Parkend Road, Bream.
Broadwell Boys' Club ..	G. Lodge, The Firs, Berry Hill, Coleford.
Campden Boys' Club ..	B. Winward, Clifton Cottages, High St., Campden.
Chalford Boys' Club ..	W. D. Young, Middle Hill Farm, Chalford.
Cirencester Boys' Club ..	R. Davis, Highfield, Chesterton, Cirencester.
Whaddon Boys' Club ..	R. C. Batchelor, 2 Cheltondale Villas, Orrisdale Terrace, Cheltenham.
Down Hatherley Youth Club .. . . . .	H. D. Priday, Peacock Cottage, Down Hatherley, Glos.
Fairford Boys' Club ..	F. Cuss, East Gloucestershire House, Fairford.
Longlevens Youth Centre	R. Rodger, 38 Brooklands Park, Longlevens, Gloucester.
Lydney Boys' Club ..	Appointment to be made.
*Newent Boys' Club ..	G. W. Farrow, Mantley House Farm, Newent.
*Newent L.S.A. Boys' Club	G. Shirt, 3 The Scarr, Newent.
Newton Corner Youth Club	A. Small, 64 Stanway Road, Coney Hill.
Old Sodbury Boys' Club	F. Wintle, 2 Cotswold Villas, Old Sodbury.
Pilley Lane Boys Club ..	W. Barrett, Bath Road, Cheltenham.
Ramblers Lads' Club ..	R. C. Pockett, 21 Tudor Street, Gloucester.
Ruspidge Boys' Club ..	J. A. Worsfold, 16 Church Road, Cinderford.
Spa Boys' Club (Chelt.)	J. L. Hawley, 30 Hewlett Rd., Cheltenham.
Spartans Boys' Club ..	J. Brely, Bishopston, Coronation Grove, Gloucester.
Stroud Boys' Club ..	J. MacArthur, Frome House, London Road, Stroud.
St. Gregory's Boys' Club (Cheltenham)	C. S. Gollidge, 326 Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.
St. Mark's Youth Club (Cheltenham).	Miss F. Beatty, 3 Albion Street, Cheltenham.
Upton St. Leonards Youth Club	W. W. Spragge, Valley Farm, Upton St. Leonards, Glos.
Whitcroft Youth Club ..	R. C. Aldridge, 39 Templeway, Lydney.
Wickwar Youth Club ..	K. G. Hall, High Street, Wickwar.
Winchcombe Youth Centre	E. E. Hughes, Youth Centre, Winchcombe.
Wotton-under-Edge Boys' Club	Rev. W. E. Dane, Venns Acre, Wotton-under-Edge.
St. John Bosco's Boys' Club	Brother T. Doherty, Blaisdon Hall, Longhope.
<b>HEREFORDSHIRE</b>	
Bodenham Lads' Club ..	G. T. W. Phillips, Fairview, Bodenham, Hereford.
Hereford Lads' Club ..	R. Williams, Hereford Lads' Club, Widemarsh Common, Hereford.
St. Michaels Boys Club (Ledbury)	F. Hawcutt, c/o Church House, Ledbury.
Unity Boys' Club (Leominster)	J. F. Clingo, 17 Caswell Road, Leominster.

\*Temporarily inactive.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 13 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948**

INCOME	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GRANTS to County Association Development and Training	550 0 0	
Grant from Jubilee Trust Fund	232 10 0	
From Local Education Authority ..		782 10 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS ..		110 6 6
SPECIAL APPEALS ..		411 6 9
PROFIT ON BOXING MATCH, 17th February, 1948 ..		37 1 9
PROFIT FOOTBALL MATCH, 4th February, 1948 ..		2 17 11

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GENERAL:		
Salaries, Secretary's and Office expenses including Lighting, Heating and National Insurance and Rent ..		870 5 1
Printing, Stationery and Equipment ..		50 14 5
Telephone Account ..		34 13 3
Subscriptions and Donations ..		3 11 6
Travelling, Car Expenses etc. ..		100 8 10
Bank Charges and Cheque Books ..		1 18 6
Hire of Rooms ..		5 9 0
COMPETITIONS, ENTERTAINMENTS, ETC.:		1067 0 7
Loss on Boxing Tournament, April 28th, 1947 ..		5 10
Loss on Football Tournament ..		15 10
Entertainments Tax not recoverable on Boxing Tournament ..		5 3 5
Loss on SUMMER CAMP, 1947 ..		6 5 1
DEPRECIATION:		25 6 1
Car at 15% per annum on cost ..		36 0 0
Office Furniture at 10% per annum on cost ..		9 8 9
BALANCE: being excess of Income over Expenditure ..		200 2 5
		£1344 2 11

N.B.—These accounts are printed subject to audit by the Association's Hon. Auditors Messrs. Duart Smith, Baker and Price.

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1948**

ASSETS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Car at Cost: 1938 Hillman Minx FGH148 ..	240 0 0	
Less Depreciation 15% ..	86 0 0	
Office Furniture & Equipment at cost ..	204 0 0	
Less Depreciation 10% ..	94 7 6	
	84 18 9	
	£288 18 9	

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance due to Lloyds Bank Ltd., Glos. Cheques—issued but not yet presented ..	47 18 2	
Balance of Income over Expenditure ..	41 3 2	
	88 16 4	
	200 2 5	
		£288 18 9

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BANK LIMITED.

Please pay to Lloyds Bank Limited at Gloucester for the Credit Gloucestershire Association

of Boys' Club the sum of .....

and continue to pay that amount on the .....

day of

..... in every year, until further orders from me in writing, and debit my account with you from time to time.

£ .....

2d.  
Stamp

Name .....

Address .....

Date .....

A Deed of Covenant will enable the Association to reclaim income tax on the amount given without extra cost to the subscriber and a form can be supplied on request.