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healthy situation is due to the past support from Lloyds TSB Foundation in Scotland, and the Co-op Community Dividend Scheme, and we are also grateful for all their support.

However, in the longer term the project does need an increase in regular giving from local supporters and churches, and if you are able to review your giving, or start to help us financially, we would very much like to hear from you, and provide any information that you may require.

The work is associated with Scripture Union Scotland, and I value their on going input, especially in the personal representation of Colin Carmichael who joins us for many of our committee meetings, and who also meets up with Dave, when it is practical for them both to do so.



In my previous contributions to the COOL newsletter I have quoted before the following verse from the Bible, which still remains very relevant: 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up' (Galatians 6 v 9).

*Malcolm Gardiner, Chairman to COOL*



As always you can access the newsletter as well as Dave's diary on the website at:

[www.coolscotland.org.uk](http://www.coolscotland.org.uk)

*COOL is an interdenominational Trust employing a youth and schools worker to share and support young people with the Christian message. COOL is a part of the Scripture Union Scotland Associate Worker Scheme and is a Recognised Scottish Charity (No. SCO31455)*

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**H a p p y  
New Year  
to you all! This  
month we bring  
you an update  
from our chairman  
as we look forward  
to, amazingly, our fifth  
annual celebration on  
February 16th. Christmas  
was a busy period with  
almost every school being  
visited and youth clubs  
supported in their festivities, and  
we thank God for all He is doing  
as we befriend young people so  
that may know and experience  
Jesus revealed in the Bible.**



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**...news in brief...**

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*As we start a new year, COOL has now had the privilege of having Dave working in the area for five years. From my perspective as chairman, those five years seem to have passed very quickly with much so happening in area. My first response to the last five years is one of gratitude. Firstly to God, that we have a task to fulfil at all, in seeking to tell the young people in the area that there is a God who created them, and cares for them so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, into this world to die for them, so that they may have the opportunity to become part of His eternal family, and live life to the full. Secondly, I am so grateful to God that He provides for us to fulfil this task, by sending people who have been gifted and enabled by the Holy Spirit, who that same Jesus, raised from the dead, sent to us.*

Dave has become a well known face in our catchment area, and has been granted access to all the primary schools, and the High School in Plockton. I am thankful to all of the head teachers, and the many staff, who make Dave so welcome. This means that all the young people in our area see Dave on a regular basis. Dave has been able to develop relationships with these young people, and is able to help them in a variety of ways, often by just being there for them.



Perhaps a good way of summing up what Dave has meant to the schools is by quoting a

comment made by a local head teacher in the past year: 'Dave's presence and his enthusiasm for his work along with his energy and knack for making meaningful connections with pupils of all ages, make him a valued asset, and we are grateful for all his contributions, and hopefully his work in schools will continue'.

Outside the schools, Dave has been able to help, train and encourage many voluntary youth leaders and workers, to become involved in projects among the young people in their own areas, fulfilling many of the objectives that were set in the 2005 Annual Report. One youth leader wrote: 'Dave is a fantastic resource of information on Youth Work and Worship, and it is great help to be able to call him and ask his advice and help in youth work matters'. You will have read in the newsletters over the past year of new clubs started locally, and the many other activities that have taken place, including the very successful visit to Peru.

I wish to thank Dave for his untiring work, and thank his wife Ruth for her personal support, and the use of their home for some of the meetings involved in the work.

Dave can only continue in his work, because he is ably supported by a Management Committee, consisting of various gifted people from the different local churches, who freely and ably



provide administrative, financial and other oversight of the project. All of the committee provide valuable support, but in particular I would like to thank Jill Clayton for her secretarial support, and Alison Beaton as treasurer, and the valuable support that Phil Picking has given to the Finance Sub Committee and Newsletter Sub Group, and the use of his home for various meetings.

Whilst mentioning finance, the project has only been able to continue due to the generous giving of many local individuals, and some who live further away, as well as three local churches supporting us on a regular basis. My thanks goes to you all for your faithful support in giving and in prayer. COOL has also continued to receive support from the Church of Scotland Parish Development Fund, and one of the reasons COOL is still in a financially

When you pray for COOL and Dave's work, please...

#### **give thanks for**

- God's continued blessing on the work
- the warmth with which COOL is received in the communities
- increased numbers at Friday Night's @ Dave & Ruth's
- the success of 'Soundwaves' on Skye
- new opportunities continually opening throughout the district

#### **pray for**

- future funding for COOL
- discernment to know the direction that the day to day work should follow
- this term's big events: a weekend to Alltnacriche and a YFC 'Kick' football school
- wisdom to present the gospel faithfully yet relevantly in our multi-faith society
- God's Spirit to touch the young people whom we work with

