

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND
NORTHERN COUNTIES
FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION
SOCIETY

Annual
REPORT

FOR 1952

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REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1952

ONE of the Society's most urgent needs is a greatly expanded income. A step towards its fulfilment will be the appointment of a Membership Secretary at the Annual Meeting.

Here are a few facts: from 1938 to the present day, there has been an intermittent series of deficits in the general working fund, which have been met by raids on reserve funds. In the past 15 years deficits were incurred nine times, and except for 1946 and 1951 the six surplus years were war years when activity was restricted to a minimum.

The deficits began quite modestly with a mere £8 in 1938, but with the exception of the years mentioned, peace time has shown a mounting rise in the deficits. In 1951 there was a surplus of £30. But if the cost of the Survey work done in that year, £47, had been charged to the account, there would have been a deficit of £17. For 1952, in spite of the subscription having been raised to 3/6d. the previous year, after having remained at 2/6d. for many years of peace and war, a phenomenal deficit of £119 was incurred (reduced as the Treasurer points out in his Financial Report, to £60, by raids on reserve funds). So a remedy cannot be sought in a further increase in the subscription rate.

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As the Society's work is continually expanding, its finances must increase proportionately, otherwise it will suffer stagnation and frustration, and much of the work that has gone into the footpath survey will have been lost. It is expected that the reserve funds which have been accumulated and created by bequests, now totalling about £1,500 will be required for the purposes for which they were given. Indeed, if challenges to rights of way which preliminary views of draft maps have revealed are to be fought and the public right preserved, that seemingly large amount will be inadequate. The issues will have to be fought out in the Courts, and no stipulation is made in the Act as to whether each side shall pay its own costs, or whether the loser pays all. The Society will have to enter the fray in the knowledge that some of the cases will be won and others probably lost. But if it only acts when the result is a foregone conclusion in its favour, the result will be a needless loss of footpaths on a large scale. Which would be a great reflection on the

Society, an anti-climax and a woeful reward to the volunteers who have conducted the survey with unstinted enthusiasm, patience and determination.

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On the reports of its volunteer surveyors, dossiers of obstructions, ploughed-up footpaths, illegal diversions, etc., are being compiled. In one parish alone, Charlesworth in Derbyshire, a list of 32 paths interfered with has been prepared, but although this was brought to the notice of the local authority last November, action has yet to be taken in any one case.

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In Cheshire, in the area around Ashley, Agden, Dunham and Rostherne, 67 paths, in the Alsager and Church Lawton area 24 paths, in Sale and neighbourhood 25 paths, and in Hyde, Dukinfield and Longendale 57 paths have been reported as requiring attention—205 paths in a comparatively small part of our area. Each of these paths will have to be treated separately, and when it is considered that 15 Cheshire paths have been on the Agenda for several months, that the County Surveyor has been twice interviewed at Chester by the Secretary about them, and that only in one or two cases has effective work been undertaken, it will readily be seen that the 205 paths mentioned constitute a challenging problem to the Society's clerical side.

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The need for more income to enable this problem to be solved could scarcely be shown more plainly. Before the middle of 1952, the Agenda of the bi-monthly meeting of the Council had seldom exceeded about 30 items; towards the year's end, it expanded to over 60, and the bi-monthly meeting seems this year to becoming monthly. What will it be when legal procedure on a large scale is being taken? And how can a programme—let it not be called an agenda—of 205 items be tackled? There's material enough for the next ten years, and the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act proposes no automatic remedy for this problem.

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It will be noticed that honorariums are costing more. This is because there are more footpath inspectors. What each individual receives is the same as before the war, although by the rise in the cost of living its value to him has diminished to one-third. Members who have read the foregoing carefully, will realize that to run the Society in spare time nowadays is all but impossible—it occupies full working days.

This should be taken to heart by individuals and clubs. There are far too many clubs and their delegates who are indifferent to the Society's work. Some often pay the minimum subscription to the funds and ignore all appeals for help, personal or financial. Perhaps this frank statement will move them to action. The appointment of a Membership Secretary is long overdue, but his efforts will only succeed if backed by individuals and Clubs alike. It will be noticed that in his financial statement, the Treasurer asks for a Target of 1,000 members to be achieved this year as a first milestone on the road to a greater income.

OBITUARY.—The Society deeply regrets to record the death of Mrs. Ward, the lifelong companion of "G.H.B.W." without whose continual help that sturdy upholder of public rights would not have been able to carry on his good work. Our deepest sympathy goes out to him in his sad bereavement.

H. E. WILD TESTIMONIAL.—One of the pleasantest functions of the year was the gathering at Mellor on the 20th September to do honour to the retiring Secretary, Mr. H. E. Wild. It was of course his work as Footpaths Inspector for over 30 years that was being commemorated. The presentation took the form of a fireside chair and a cheque.

FOOTPATH INSPECTORS.—An additional inspector for the Peak District, required to replace Mr. Wild, was appointed soon after the last A.G.M., and we now have four, in addition to Mr. Ward, all of whom have rendered vital service during the past year. For the information of Members who wish to avail themselves of their services they are:

Mr. R. T. Watson, 18, Kensington Grove, Timperley, Cheshire, who has charge of our Cheshire area (excepting that which is in charge of Messrs. Ewart and Nash), including Lymm, Carrington and Ashton-on-Mersey, Knutsford, Peover, Holmes Chapel, part of Macclesfield, Gawsworth and Bosley. But excluding the part covered by the Alderley and Wilmslow Society.

Mr. A. E. Nash, 130, Northwich Road, Weaverham, Cheshire, has charge of Northwich, Warrington, Daresbury, Whitley, Crowton, Delamere and Little Budworth, and districts west of those places.

Mr. H. King, 1, Sycamore Crescent, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, has charge of Lancashire and North Derbyshire, i.e. north of a line New Mills-Chinley-Chapel-Edale-Hope, (M.R. Line).

Mr. T. Ewart, 148, Beresford Road, Manchester, 13, has charge of Derbyshire and of Lyme Park, High Lane, Disley and Cheshire in that neighbourhood—all south of the M.R. line.

THE FOOTPATH SURVEY.—As in previous years, Mr. Redford has been exceptionally busy, arranging and attending conferences of workers in various parts of the Society's area, and in doing work that ought to have been done by others. Promises of help too often have not been fulfilled, and volunteer surveyors have in some cases sent in their 6" Ordnance Sheets sometimes a complete blank and sometimes insufficiently marked and described in the log sheet. Consequently he has had to fall back on the good offices of Mr. L. G. Meadowcroft to motor him and other helpers into the countryside to make good the omissions.

The next step is now upon us, and the first official Draft Map and Statement, relating to the West Riding of Yorkshire, have been deposited for public inspection at the offices of the County Engineer and Surveyor, Wakefield, and at his sub-offices at Skipton, Harrogate, Doncaster, Barnsley and Elland. The documents mentioned can be inspected at those offices between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturdays until the 6th June next (except between 3rd and 7th April, 1953 and on the 25th and 26th May).

All representations and objections respecting Draft Maps and Statements have to be sent in writing to the Clerk of the County Council, on or before 20th June, 1953, stating the ground on which they are made. Mr. Hubert King has already attended an unofficial view at Saddleworth of the section relating to that parish, but the Marsden, Meltham, Holmfirth, Langsett and Derwent sections all need careful checking.

With the view to this checking being thoroughly done, before there was any intimation that this Draft Map was on the way, we sent letters to over 300 authorities and newspapers. The letters to the Press pointed out the desirability of the checking and of obtaining evidence to champion our right to footpaths omitted from the map and to maintain our right to footpaths that will be challenged by landowners, farmers and others. The necessity of our Members doing as much of this work as possible, in the parts of the five counties we cover—Cheshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Yorkshire (West Riding) and Lancashire, cannot be too strongly stressed. Although at the time of writing, the West Riding map is the only one to have been put up for inspection, it is certain that the others will not be far behind. Therefore Members and helpers are advised to keep a good lookout and go to the Offices to see whether the paths they have used appear on the maps, and to report to Mr. Redford accordingly.

ACCESS SURVEY.—Since the year ended the Secretary has viewed at Chester and Bakewell the proposals put forward by the Cheshire and Derbyshire County Councils and the Peak Park Planning Board, for Access in the two counties mentioned and the Peak National Park.

As far as Cheshire and Derbyshire are concerned, the proposals are complete, and the Secretary observed several omissions in Cheshire which he has notified to the County Council. The suggestions for the Peak Park Area are in a more tentative state, as the parts of the Park that lie within Yorkshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire have not yet been surveyed.

The Authorities' next step is to get into touch with land-owners to obtain Access Agreements. In Cheshire 39 Access areas are proposed, and in Derbyshire 23. The Cheshire Authority will proceed to agreement or order by progressive stages. Derbyshire intends to seek four agreements as a preliminary sample—all within the vicinity of Buxton. The Peak Board's efforts will be concentrated first upon the Kinder area, where ownerships numbering over 20 have had to be discovered, and now agreement amongst them will have to be sought.

If this seems to be off the line of footpath work, a little reflection will show that adequate footpath approaches to access lands will have to be sought, and footpaths preserved even over those lands to give the public a permanent right of way wherever this has been enjoyed in the past or is desirable for the future. In this latter respect, the Society hopes to resuscitate three paths on the Derwent side which the land-owners have always strenuously opposed, but which have been known to exist centuries ago.

Among the very many footpaths dealt with are the following:—

PETTY POOL FOOTPATHS.—The paths in this area continue to exercise the mind of the Council. In spite of persistent pressure on the authorities, the task of proving the rights of way, which are now like a barbed wire entanglement, will rest upon the Society. Mr. Nash the Inspector for this area has worked untiringly in this cause, and is now obtaining signatures of prospective witnesses.

FOOTPATH FROM ILAM TO OKEOVER BRIDGE.—This path formerly one of the most delightful in the Peak District, having for some time been obstructed and also allowed to become boggy by the trampling of cattle, has been pressed upon the Staffordshire County Council for attention. With scanty result so far, except that one farmer has agreed to reinstate the path when next ploughed, another has agreed

to repair one stile and to provide another, and a third has agreed to move his stile farther from the river to avoid danger. The main difficulty, however, of the boggy stretch has yet to be removed.

FOOTPATH FROM STALLINGTON HEATH TO FULFORD VILLAGE.—This is a very distressing case—also in Staffordshire. Two people bought a cottage in 1927 and required this path as a means of communication. The general public also use it frequently. What happened here shows how indifferent the authorities are where no Society exists to champion public rights. The people complained to the police about barbed wire. The police argued with the farmer who refused to remove it. They applied to the Stone R.D.C., who said it was a matter for the Staffordshire County Council, who said it was a matter for the R.D.C., who then told the people to apply to the Parish Council. Seeing the Society's name in the paper, the victims wrote to us, since then we have steadfastly pursued the matter with the County Council. So far the way is still closed, but we are persevering.

FOOTPATHS NEAR SPARROWPIT AND BAKEWELL.—Several paths in these areas observed by Mr. Ewart, our Inspector for the area, to have been obstructed and diverted, have been dealt with and the subject of complaint remedied.

ISLE OF SKYE INN.—The threat of closure hangs over this ancient house of refreshment. And we ask all members who wish to have it kept open, to write to the Huddersfield Corporation accordingly. They are wanting to close it for water-pollution reasons, that can easily be met by sewage diversion on a small scale.

PLATTWOOD ESTATE, LYME HANDLEY.—The paths here (vide the map in last year's issue) are in a state of suspense awaiting the publication of the draft map. Meanwhile they remain unobstructed. We have taken the names of people who have used them for over 40 years, but it would be useful if Members would consult the map in last year's Report, and send in a brief line to the Secretary, saying which paths they have used for more than 20 years, without let or hindrance.

FOOTPATH FROM HASSALL TO SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.—This path having been obstructed by barbed wire fences by a recent purchaser of Sandbach Vicarage was investigated by Mr. Nash. In spite of a documentary history of nearly 300 years—the first mention of it being in 1681—the Congleton R.D.C. took a lot of persuading to act upon it, the Secretary having to make a special visit to the Clerk. However, they are now acting vigorously and the future is hopeful.

CHESHIRE FOOTPATHS.—During the year, Mr. Watson has investigated and brought to the Society's notice many Cheshire paths which are receiving attention. But remedies for illegal ploughing, barbed wire, tottering stiles, hawthorn obstructions are slow to be taken by authority.

CANAL TOWING PATHS.—Attempts are being renewed by the Bridgewater Canal Company and the Peak Forest and Marple Canals to convert these pleasant walks that have been enjoyed "time out of mind", into private tracks. They are being resisted.

SIX FOOTBRIDGES.—Nothing exists more essential to footpaths than footbridges. Yet there is nothing more difficult, generally speaking, than to have them replaced when decayed or storm-destroyed.

In the last Report attention was focussed on to the **Foot-bridge at Rowarth**. Since then representations have been made to the highway authority, the New Mills U.D.C., which maintains its attitude that when the link between the bridge and the land was destroyed by an Act of God in the changing of the course of the stream by a storm, the path ceased to exist. It has proved useless to argue that in fine weather large numbers of rambles use the footpath, in spite of the lack of a satisfactory bridge.

First of all the Council argued that as its replacement would cost £200 they could not afford it. Next they refused to consider paying anything at all on its reconstruction—supposing we had been willing to meet them half way. At our request the Peak Park Planning Board took up the matter with them, but without success, and we have also sought the assistance of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Footbridge No. 2, is at Bentley Hall between Bury and Radcliffe. Last year's Annual Report criticized the Ministry of Transport for its readiness to rubber stamp its approval to the closure and diversion of footpaths regardless of the inconvenience to the public. This year we criticize the same Ministry for their unwillingness to grant materials for the replacement of this footbridge. The Bury and Radcliffe Corporations and the landowners concerned are all willing for this bridge to be replaced. It was closed eight years ago after the Radcliffe Corporation Surveyor had declared it to be unsafe, but a steel licence was then and has repeatedly since been refused by the Ministry of Transport, although it is essential to what was a favourite summer walk for rambles and villagers.

Footbridge No. 3, crosses the River Dean at Handforth, Cheshire. The Wilmslow U.D.C. had promised originally to have the bridge reinstated as soon as the steel position

improved, but nothing has been done. Suggestions were made to change the position of the bridge in order to reduce its cost, and enable a plank bridge to be substituted, but the Wilmslow Council seems immovable.

Footbridge No. 4, is part of an ancient footpath from Agden to Reddy Lane, Bollington, near Altrincham. This footbridge disappeared in 1929 and the path of which it is part has been subject to obstruction since at least that time. The Society agreed that the bridge could be left over until the war ended. After the war, matters became worse, stiles went, sections of the path were ploughed, the footbridge was not restored, in spite of our protestations. When the Parish Councils surveyed the path recently, (it is in the area of two), one marked it as public, the other discarded it. The Surveying Authority asked them to get together and decide whether to put it on or to leave it off both maps. They decided to leave it off. Your Secretary has found the path, including the bridge, described as public in documents belonging to the Surveying Authority, nearly 90 years ago, and has demanded that the path and the bridge shall be fully reinstated.

Footbridge No. 5, is a pleasant piece of news to record. The crossing of Cadshaw Brook, Green Lowe Clough was by a log. Until it broke under a rambler's weight. Information passed by the Secretary of the Society to the Bolton Water Works Engineer, brought their staff to the spot and a concrete crossing was up in a fortnight, and a crossing lower down stream was strengthened.

Footbridge No. 6, is in Middlecale Wood, mentioned in last year's Report. This has not been renewed yet, although responses from the Cheshire County Council are hopeful.

As far as four out of the six cases are concerned, this record of footbridges is pathetic indeed. Two U.D.C.s, the Ministry of Transport and an R.D.C. all failing to provide for the simple needs of walkers, and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government indifferent.

And so we could continue for many pages describing what has been attempted, where we have succeeded and where we have failed—or nearly so. The Council's Agenda like a river in winter is continually swollen—it has touched the 66 item mark—and as fast as one batch of obstructions goes on to the file, another takes its place. But the Council isn't submerged yet!

DIRECTION POSTS.—Direction Posts have been dealt with as follows:—

Repainting: Abney Grange, (2) Alport Castles, Ashop Head, Barber Booth, Bradfield Gate Head, Combs Lane Chapel,

Foulstone Delf, Grindleford (2), Jacob's Ladder (2), Kinder Road, Moscar Cottage, Sir William Road, Tunstead Lane.

New Post: Slippery Stones.

New Plates: Alport Castles, Bradfield Gate Head.

Mile Plates refixed: Hayfield-Snake Inn path.

The first and third mile plates from the Snake Inn have been repainted, and the second mile plate and stump have been renewed. A new direction post and plate have been erected to mark the commencement of the footpath near the Snake Inn.

Of the four direction posts erected by the Society in 1948 to define the new footpath conceded between Cumberland Plantation and the Cat and Fiddle Inn, only one post remains, namely the direction post near Clough House, Wildboarclough. The Society has no knowledge as to who is responsible for the removal of these three posts.

FOOTPATH LIBRARY.—Thirteen books and reports, nine maps, and the Peak National Park Designation Plan have been added to the Society's "Footpath Library", housed in the Special Collections Department on the Fourth Floor of the Manchester Central Library. Books and maps may be borrowed from the Footpath Library on presentation of the special Library Ticket, at any time between 9-0 a.m. and 6-0 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 9-0 a.m. to 4-0 p.m. Saturday.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1952.—It is to be regretted that after being able to declare a favourable balance in the last Report, the first in four successive years, we now have once again an excess of expenditure over income for the year 1952.

As predicted, certain variable items of expense have jumped considerably over last year's level. These are sign-post provision and maintenance, printing and stationery, postages and honorariums.

The increase in honorariums has been dealt with earlier in this Report.

The provision and maintenance of direction posts is a matter of some concern to your Council as this avenue of expense is inclined to show an increase as the number of posts and their age increases. As this activity is considered to be at least as necessary as footpath preservation, the financial burden is one which must be provided for.

It will be noted that the "Post War Reserve Fund" has been closed and the balance standing to its credit set against direction post expenses thus reducing the deficit on the General Fund. The cost of "Footpath Survey" work, now in its fourth year, amounting to £39 18s. 1d. has been covered by transferring funds from the "Special Reserve Fund" and

the receipt of £5 17s. 0d. being the total of contributions made towards this item of expense, by members and societies. The total cost to date of the four years' work on this project is £179 5s. 6d.

The nett deficit on the General Fund after making transfers from the "Post War" and "Special" funds amounts to £60 12s. 6d. and has been carried forward to next year instead of being drawn from our reserves as in previous years. This places the responsibility for the liquidation of this deficit on both the Council and the members in the form of an increase in our membership or an increase in the membership subscription. Your Council prefers to increase the membership while maintaining the subscription at the present level, which calls for a very great effort by all concerned to obtain as many members as possible for 1953. It is felt that a society of this standing should be supported by a membership of at least 1,000 which in effect means the doubling of the present figures. That then is the target for 1953!

Subscriptions for the year under review have been slow in coming to hand and the figures shown in the Income and Expenditure Account will be seen to be considerably below those for the previous year. However, it is heartening to be able to report that since the accounts were closed a great many of the arrears have now been made up and the resulting numbers should not be much below those for last year.

New members enrolled during the year number 43, there having been no new societies obtained. The most lucrative source of new members has once more been the untiring efforts of those who act as "collectors" and acquire newcomers by their personal contact. The average contribution per head is approximately 5/8d. for members and 19/- for affiliated societies. The exception is again in the case of our friends of the Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club who have once more given truly magnificent support, and to whom we are greatly indebted for their continued good work.

The Defence Fund has been increased by contributions amounting to £10 11s. 0d., while the Special Reserve Fund has received a bequest of £50 from the late Mrs. J. A. Rowcroft. There have been no contributions this year towards the provision and maintenance of direction posts.

The Council again appreciates the efforts of the Membership which has continued its generous support of the Society and hopes that this will not diminish in the future when our commitments will be likely to increase with the extra work being continually undertaken.

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION.—The terms of membership are simple, involving no more formalities than the payment of a minimum subscription of 3s. 6d. per annum

for individuals, 2s. 0d. if under 21 years of age, and a minimum of 10s. 6d. per annum for Clubs and Societies.

Subscriptions and donations to the Defence Fund may be sent now, for 1953, to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. G. S. Cooper of 13, Duffield Road, Salford, 6, Lancs.

This is Coronation Year, and as an especial effort let us go forward to achieve the Target set us by the Treasurer. It can be done. And a year hence we can all look back on a Year of Achievement. Now for the first **THOUSAND MEMBERS.**

Affiliated Rambling Clubs and Societies, 1952

- Accrington Naturalist & Antiquarian Society.
Art Museum Field Club.
Ashton-under-Lyne & District C.H.A. and H.F. Rambling Club.
Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Barnsley Mountaineering Club.
Bolton C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Bramhall Ratepayers' Association.
Bury & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Camping Club of Gt. Britain & Ireland, North-West Region.
C.E. Holiday Homes.
Central Rambling Club.
Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes, Manchester Section.
Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes, Oldham Section.
Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes, Stockport Section.
Co-operative Holidays Association.
Crescent Rambling Club.
Derby C.H.A. & H.F. Rambling Club.
Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
Eastwood Ramblers.
Eccles C.H.A. Social & Rambling Club.
Friendship Holidays Association (Manchester), Rambling Club.
Hallamshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
Hallé Club, South Manchester Branch.
Holiday Fellowship Ltd.
Holiday Fellowship Rambling Club, Bolton Group.
Holiday Fellowship, Manchester Group.
Holiday Fellowship, Oldham & District Group.
Holyrood Ward, Ratepayers' & Electors' Association, Prestwich.
Macclesfield & District Field Club.
Manchester A.E.I. Rambling Club.
Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.
Manchester Association Rambling Club.
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "A").
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "C").

Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "D").
 Manchester C.H.A. Social Club.
 Manchester & District Rambling Club for the Blind.
 Manchester Fellowship (Ramblers' Section).
 Manchester H.S.C. Languages Rambling Club.
 Manchester Field Naturalists' & Archæologists' Society.
 Manchester Pedestrian Club.
 Manchester Rambling Club.
 Marple Residents' Association.
 North Staffordshire Field Club.
 North-West Naturalists' Union.
 Oldham & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Oldham Photographic Society.
 Ramblers' Association (Liverpool & District Federation).
 Ramblers' Association (Manchester & District Federation).
 Ramblers' Association (Sheffield & District Federation).
 Rochdale C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Rucksack Club.
 Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "A").
 Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.
 Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club.
 South-East Lancashire County Scout Council.
 Stockport C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.
 Stockport Field Club.
 Stockport Seconians Association Rambling Club.
 Stockport W.E.A. Rambling Club.
 Sutton-in-Ashfield & District Rambling Club.
 United Field Naturalists' Society.
 Wesley Guild Holidays.
 Workers' Travel Association.
 Youth Hostels Association (Altrincham Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Burnage & Levenshulme Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Manchester & Salford Sub-Regional Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Prestwich Area Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Sheffield Sub-Regional Group).
 Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.

POST-WAR RESERVE FUND at 31st DECEMBER, 1952

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
23 14 5½	Balance Brought Forward from 1951	24 6 11½	— — —	Transfer to General Fund against Part Cost of Signpost Maintenance	24 6 11½
0 12 6	Add Donations Received During Year	— — —	24 6 11½	Balance Carried Forward to 1953	— — —
£ 24 6 11½		£ 24 6 11½	£ 24 6 11½	Fund Closed	£ 24 6 11½

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

G. S. COOPER, Honorary Treasurer, 26th February, 1953.

DEFENCE FUND at 31st DECEMBER, 1952

1951		£ s. d.		1951		£ s. d.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
502	5 7	526	9 3	526	9 3	537	0 3
24	3 8	10	11 0				
Balance Brought Forward from 1951				Balance Carried Forward to 1953			
Add Donations Received During Year							
£526	9 3	£537	0 3	£526	9 3	£537	0 3

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND at 31st DECEMBER, 1952

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
1,075	8 0	1,019	17 11	46	10 1		
1	0 0					34	1 1½
Brought Forward from 1951				Transfer to General Fund to cover Cost of "Survey"			
From Alport Bridge Fund				Contribution to "Quarries in the Peak Defence Fund" and Treasurer		40 0 0	
Bequest Received from Estate of Mrs. J. A. Rowcroft		50 0 0		Contributions to Alport Planting Scheme			
(Original Bequests:—Arnold Wilson Legacy £713 16s. 8d.; G. H. B. Ward, Esq., F.R.G.S.: Gift towards erection and maintenance of signposts £50; Anonymous: £12 10s. 0d.; Edwin Royce Legacy: £500.)				10 0 0			
				1,019 17 11		995 16 9½	
Balance Carried Forward to 1953							
£1,076	8 0	£1,069	17 11	£1,076	8 0	£1,069	17 11

MANCHESTER & SALFORD SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS at 31st DECEMBER, 1952

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
596	8 5	611	6 5	1,570	4 6	1,470	12 6
14	18 0	16	16 1				
Balance Brought Forward from 1951		628 2 6		Balance Carried Forward to 1953			
A/c. 54487							
Interest Received for Year							
985	4 4	958	18 1				
23	13 9	23	12 9				
Balance Brought Forward from 1951							
A/c. C.4984							
Interest Received for Year							
1,008	18 1	982	10 10				
50	0 0	140	0 10				
Transfer to General Fund		842 10 0					
£1,570	4 6	£1,470	12 6	£1,570	4 6	£1,470	12 6

CASH POSITION at 31st DECEMBER, 1952

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
1,570	4 6	1,470	12 6	1,019	17 11	995	16 9½
8	13 0	32	9 5½	24	6 11½		
Cash at Bank		60 12 6		Balance at Credit of Defence Fund		537 0 3	
Cash on Deposit with the M. & S. Savings Bank				Balance at Credit of Special Reserve Fund		995 16 9½	
Cash in Hand				Balance at Credit of Post-War Reserve Fund			
Deficit on General Fund				Treasurer and Suspense A/c.		20 9 4	
				Subscriptions Paid in Advance for 1953		3 6 0	
				Balance at Credit of General Fund			
				Honorariums Accrued		12 10 0	
£1,604	15 9	£1,569	2 4½	£1,604	15 9	£1,569	2 4½