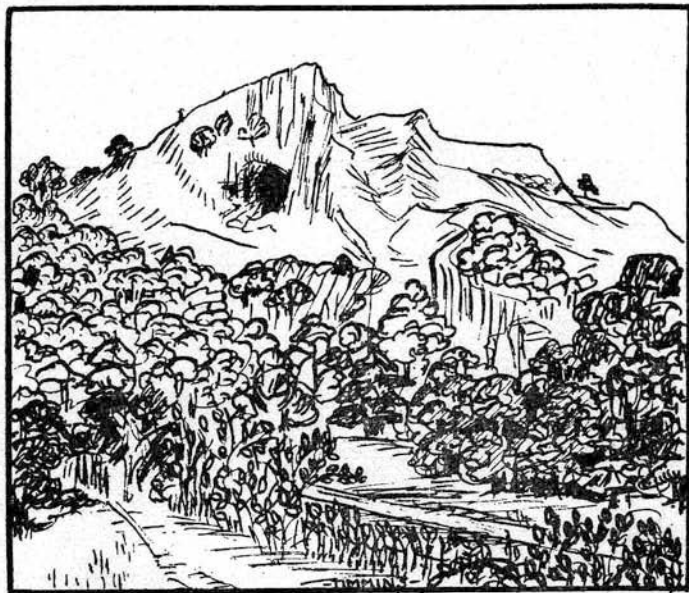


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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959

TEN years has now passed since the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949 became law.

One of the important objects of this Act was to implement that section of the Hobhouse Report which pointed out that many footpaths were falling into disuse and that unless something was done many of them would be lost for ever. It recommended that a survey be made at once of all footpaths and that highway authorities should be responsible for the maintenance of public rights of way in the same way as other highways.

The Act laid down that a survey should be made in three stages within five years, and reviews should take place at further five year intervals. To date, none of the County Councils within our area have published a Provisional Map—the second stage of the procedure. Many County Councils are adopting the policy that before the sections of the Act referring to footpath preservation—e.g. of footpaths, or the repairing of footpaths, etc., are implemented, the Definitive Map must have been published and the footpath included.

The prompt legislation to implement the Report is being defeated by the slow progress of the Footpath Survey.

Section 43 of the Act enabled Highway Authorities to apply for orders for the closure of footpaths that are no longer of use to the public. Because of this, it is very important that we use as many footpaths as possible otherwise we will lose footpaths even if they are shown on the Definitive Map. Two orders have recently been made under this Section, one by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, to close two footpaths which give access to a Cheshire beauty spot—the Peckforton Hills. We will fight these orders as vigorously as possible.

A programme of walks over such footpaths has been arranged and it is hoped you will support these rambles and continue to use the footpaths regularly.

Many orders are being made referring to the closure and diversion of footpaths. If you see any notices in your local paper please send them to the Secretary.

Sections of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, referring to Rights of Way have now been incorporated into the Highways Act, 1959.

## FOOTPATH SURVEY

Much of the officers' time has been taken up with the Footpath Survey. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Redford for his unceasing efforts to collect statements from local people to support our claims.

**Lancashire.** The Provisional Map was to be published before the end of the year, but it has been delayed so as to include Ministerial decisions. It is to be published early in 1960.

**Staffordshire.** The Society is still awaiting the confirmation of the determinations of Staffordshire County Council respecting the counter objections by land owners to the inclusion of paths on the Modified Draft Map added as a result of the Society's representations.

**Cheshire.** Hearings have still not been held in connection with the Society's objections to the omissions from the Draft Map.

**Derbyshire.** During the year, a series of hearings have been held in respect of nearly all the Society's representations for omissions from the Draft Map for the Chapel-en-le-Frith area. The hearings have all been conducted on Saturday mornings by Mr. R. N. Hutchins, Assistant Solicitor to the Derbyshire County Council, in a cordial atmosphere.

Of the Society's original claims, some were withdrawn, but the majority are awaiting the County Council's determination. Many noteworthy paths have already been won. These include one in the Dimpus Clough area, south of Hayfield, a path on Pike Low, Hope Woodlands, a new footpath along the River Ashop between Haggwater Bridge and Elmin Pits Farms and a footpath by the River Alport.

We are indebted to local people and members of the Society who have appeared as witnesses at the hearings or signed statements.

More statements are required in connection with the following footpaths :—

The Courses ...	... Chapel-en-le-Frith
Coal Pit Hole ...	... Chapel-en-le-Frith
Crookhill Farm	... Hope Woodlands
Deepdale ...	... King Sterndale Chelmorton

If you are able to give any evidence about the use of these footpaths or about walking on Thursdays along Cheedale, please write to the Secretary.

Early in 1960 hearings are to be held into the former Hallamshire Society's representations, followed by representations concerning omissions from the Bakewell Draft Map.

## SIGNPOSTS

Our thanks are due to the Signpost Secretary, Mr. Frank Higgins, who has done a magnificent job in maintaining the Society's signposts. Below is a list of some of the work he has carried out during 1959. We must emphasise once more the cost of this work and ask members and clubs to send a donation to the Signpost Fund.

- No. 2. Middle Moor, Hayfield. New post erected and repainted.
10. Snake-Hayfield path. Post repainted.
  12. At Alport Bridge. Repainted.
  15. Near Snake Inn. Repainted.
  19. "Dogs on Leash" Post. New post and plate erected.
  24. Near Eccles Pike. Repainted.
  25. Near Win Hill. New plate fixed.
  27. On Eccles Road, Chapel. Repainted.
  36. At Hope. Post re-erected.
  37. At Hope. New post erected.
  38. At Brough. Repainted.
  39. On Eccles Road, Chapel. Repainted.

- 56. Glossop-Ashopton Road. Repainted.
- 58. At Doctor's Gate. Repainted.
- 67. At Alport Bridge. Repainted.
- 68. At Hope. Repainted.
- 69. Ashway Brook, Greenfield. Repainted.
- 70. Bills O' Jacks, Greenfield. Repainted.
- 71. Near Alport Bridge. Repainted.
- 84. At Thornhill, Hope. Re-erected and repainted.
- 91. Arley, Knutsford. Re-erected and repainted.
- 94. At Thornhill, Hope. New post erected.
- 96. Near Bakewell. Repainted.
- 102. At Higher Disley. Re-erected and repainted.
- 114. On Doctor's Gate. Repainted.

### **Fingerposts**

- No. 27. At Alport Hamlet. Repainted.
- 28. At Alport Hamlet. Repainted.

### **Foot-bridges**

Two memorial plates were fixed on the Cheedale Foot-bridges.

The Alport Memorial Bridge was repainted.

A new post paid for by an anonymous donor was erected on Rushup Edge at the beginning of the year.

The memorial post to the late Mr. William Taylor is to be erected shortly at Bowstonegate.

Mr. G. F. Staniforth of Manchester, has asked us to erect a post near Plattwood Farm as a memorial to his late wife. It is hoped that this will be arranged during the coming Spring.

Mr. C. B. Harley, of Sheffield, has made a request for two signposts to the memory of his late wife to be erected in the Hathersage area.

It has been agreed that from the money made available from the Edwin Royce Memorial Fund the Society should erect signposts at each end of the footpath from Kettleshulme via Old Matt's Farm to Clough Farm, and finger-posts at points where the line of the footpath is in doubt.

We are indebted for the work done by the Derbyshire

County Council in signposting footpaths. Again the Society was approached for suggestions. If you consider a particular footpath in Derbyshire should be signposted, please send details to the Secretary.

### **FOOTPATHS INSPECTORS**

Mr. Holness resigned at the end of 1959 and Mr. Keane has taken over his area.

The areas now covered by the Society's inspectors are shown below :—

**Dr. A. J. Bateman, 9 East Meade, Manchester 21**, has charge of the area lying west of the Macclesfield Canal to a line from Lymm to Sandbach (the east boundary of the Runcorn and Northwich R.D.C.'s) and from Mr. Estill's area in the north running south to the end of the Society's area.

**Mr. H. Dickinson, Lhotse, Burgh Lane, Chorley**, has charge of an area in Lancashire including Chorley R.D.C. and the area eastward (including Bolton).

**Mr. G. R. Estill, 23 Ambleside Road, Flixton, Urmston, Manchester**, covers the Lymm, Sale, Altrincham, Bowdon, Partington, Carrington, Warburton and Dunham Massey districts.

**Mr. T. Ewart, 148 Beresford Road, Manchester 13**, has charge of Derbyshire and Cheshire south of the Romiley—Hathersage railway line and east of the Macclesfield Canal.

**Mr. M. Keane, 12 Beckett Street, Manchester 18**, covers North Derbyshire (Chapel R.D.C.), Tintwistle, Longdendale, Saddleworth, and the adjoining areas north of the Romiley—Hathersage railway line.

**Mr. A. E. Nash, 130 Northwich Road, Weaverham, near Northwich**, has charge of our area from a line from Lymm to Sandbach (the east boundary of the Runcorn and Northwich R.D.C.'s) running westward to the end of our area, and going southwards from Warrington.

**Mr. H. Stott, 2 Dunsters Avenue, Brandlesholme Road, Bury**, has charge of Lancashire north and west of the River Tame to Mr. Dickinson's area, commencing south of Bolton

**Mr. C. Sanderson, 59 Long Henry Row, Sheffield 2**, covers the southern part of the following area—the River Derwent to the Woodhead Road—Flouch Inn, Pennistone—

Barnsley—Doncaster—Bawtry—Worksop and, within Derbyshire, the Rural Districts of Clown and Chesterfield.

**Mr. F. Travers, 12 Fairfax Road, Sheffield 2**, is responsible for the northern portion of the above area.

### **LIBRARY**

During the year 83 members borrowed 131 items, and 232 books and maps were used for reference in the Library. No great use seems to have been made of the collection as never more than 20 items were on loan at the times when checks were made. Later opening might help to bring about a greater use, and steps were taken during the year, in concert with other societies, to persuade the Central Library authorities to keep the Special Collections Section open until 9 p.m. like the Reference departments. We were told that this might be possible when the third stage of the library reorganisation was complete, but no date was given for this.

Additions to the Library have been few this year, only 13 items having been received. The largest gift came from Mr. E. Hurwell, of Birmingham. The "Cambrian Forests" guide was presented by the Forestry Commission. The total stock of books and maps is 672.

We had to 'write off' three books which could not be recovered from those who had borrowed them. We were fortunate in that the most important title, "Moors, Crags and Caves of the High Peak" by Baker, was replaced by the kindness of another member.

Present hours are : Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

During the year the membership has shown an increase; this is no doubt the result of the efforts of Miss Rowland, the Membership Secretary, and the Collectors.

Our membership is still below 500 and we feel that if more delegates from clubs would undertake to collect a few subscriptions within their clubs it would soon be increased.

### **H. JONES MEMORIAL FUND**

We are pleased that the response to this Fund has been so good. It is hoped that with a few additional donations it will be possible to erect two signposts during 1960 in Lancashire. At 31st December, 1959, the fund totalled £17.



## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

For the past three years part of the cost of the Annual Report has been off-set by advertisements on the cover. We wish to express our thanks to the advertisers and hope our members will support them.

We are indebted to Mr. T. Ewart who, in addition to his tasks as Footpath Inspector, has also acted during this period as our "Advertising Manager."

## **FRONTISPIECE**

We are indeed grateful to Miss M. H. Timmins who once again has drawn the frontispiece for the Annual Report, which this year shows a section of the Manifold Valley Track with Thor's Cave and Wetton Hill in the background.

## **OVERHEAD SUPER GRID LINE**

The Society lodged objections against proposals made by the Central Electricity Generating Board to erect the following 275 Kv overhead lines—

Littleborough to Stalybridge;

Stuart Street, Manchester, to Stalybridge;

Stalybridge to Stockport.

If erected, these lines with their 136 foot high towers would dominate nearly every footpath and moorland track on the moors east of Manchester.

Other bodies objected to the first two proposals, but the Society and the Manchester Area of the Ramblers' Association together with the Longdendale U.D.C. were the only objectors to the line between Stalybridge and Stockport.

At public inquiries held by the Ministry of Power to consider objections to the first two proposals, the Society was represented by Mr. P. A. Barnes of the Lancashire C.P.R.E., whilst at an inquiry held in connection with the proposed Stalybridge to Stockport line, Dr. F. S. H. Head represented the Society.

The Minister's decision is now awaited.

## **MANIFOLD VALLEY FOOTPATH**

Along with other amenity organisations, the Society protested against the proposal of the Staffordshire County Council to convert another mile and a half of this footpath into a motor road. A Draft Order was published and the

Ministry of Housing and Local Government was to hold an inquiry before it was confirmed, but the Staffordshire County Council reconsidered the matter and withdrew the Draft Order. Information from our pre-war files proved useful to other bodies in preparing the opposition.

The Society challenged the ruling of the County Council that as the footpath was considered to be a county road it was not to be included on the Draft Map as a public footpath. We informed the County Council that if necessary we would appeal to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government against their decision and request that a public inquiry should be held—in accordance with Section 29 of the National Parks Act, 1949.

The County Council replied that the ruling was considered to be in order. The main argument was that as the footpath was repaired at public expense prior to the 1949 Act it must be other than a public footpath, viz. a County road. The Society was very disappointed that the County Council should advance this argument as there were many cases of footpaths repaired by County Councils from public funds prior to 1949. Indeed, if the repairs were of such a nature that they could not be carried out by the Parish Council, in accordance with Section 13 of the Local Government Act, 1894, because the cost was excessive, it was the duty of the County Council to do the repairs.

The County Council pointed out that the Society had not made written representations against the omission of the footpath from the Draft Map during the prescribed time. The objections to the Draft Map were considered at a meeting held at the request of the County Council prior to the objections being submitted. It was at this meeting that the County Council's ruling was given.

After careful consideration the Society informed the County Council that the reasons for the footpath not being included on the Draft Map were unacceptable, but in view of the fact that written representations had not been made the Society would not pursue the matter at this stage. However, the whole question would be reconsidered at the revision stage.

#### **PROPOSED CLOSURES OF FOOTPATH ON PECKFORTON HILLS, near NANTWICH**

The Staffordshire Potteries Water Board has tried for some time to close the footpaths near its waterworks in the

Peckforton Hills area on the ground that there was a danger of contamination of the water supply, but the Nantwich Rural District Council and the Cheshire County Council have resisted the attempt.

However, the Minister of Housing and Local Government in accordance with his powers under the National Parks Act, 1949, i.e. where a local authority refuses to make a closure order, issued a Draft Order to close a footpath situated west of the Bulkeley to Peckforton Road. Then the Nantwich Rural District Council applied for a Draft Order to close a public footpath which runs from the bottom of Gap Road in a westerly direction.

Although the footpaths are a means of access to a local beauty spot, both the Draft Orders were made under the National Parks Act, 1949, which lays down a procedure for closing or diverting footpaths "not needed for public use". The Society protested against both Draft Orders and a public inquiry has been arranged. To support our case a petition has been organised to prove that these footpaths are widely used. Other bodies, including the Commons Society and the Ramblers' Association, have objected to the Council and the Nantwich Rural District Council object to the Order made by the Ministry.

**Derwent Packhorse Bridge.** We welcome the re-erection of the 17th Century Bridge by the Sheffield C.P.R.E. as a memorial to the late John Derry. A few members of the Council attended the Dedication Ceremony on 26th September, 1959. The bridge had been carefully dismantled and stored before Ashopton was submerged by the Ladybower Reservoir, and in its new position it replaces the old footbridge at Slippery Stones.

Difficulty was experienced at first as the new site was off the line of the old footpath, but Derbyshire County Council readily agreed that the footpath should be diverted in accordance with Section 2 of the Bridges Act, 1803, and we are pleased that the West Riding County Council has now also agreed to this proposal.

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disuse and be lost. We therefore supported the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council's campaign against the closures.

The British Transport Commission has now stated that the service will be continued for an experimental period. Members are asked to visit the area as much as possible this season so that the service may be continued and the footpaths used more frequently.

**Ford at Shatton, near Bamford.** The Society supported an objection to a proposal that the water at a ford on a lane near Shatton be piped underground. It was considered that if the proposal was carried out more motor traffic would use the lane. Consequently, another of the far too few lanes along which pleasant, less-strenuous walks could be taken would be lost.

The project has now been abandoned.

**Harpur Hill, Hartington Upper Quarter.** The Society supported Derbyshire C.C.'s opposition to closures of footpaths in this area, and new footpaths were proposed around the R.A.F. station and dump to give access to the Dowel Dale area from the Buxton Road.

The Society is corresponding with the Rural District Councils about many obstructed footpaths within their areas. The following are a few instances of success or otherwise. The Society will continue to pursue each case to a satisfactory conclusion.

**Path, Gag Lane (near Hollington Barn) to Ashbourne-Buxton Road, Tissington.** Barbed wire obstructions and an electrified wire fence have now been removed, but two stiles are still in need of attention.

**Path north of Coffin Well to Bent Lane, Tissington.** The stone step stile is blocked with stones on top and barbed wire.

**Flooding at Harpurhill.** The Town Clerk, Buxton, has given us his assurance that this matter will receive attention in the near future.

**Harrington Upper Quarter.** The owners of Turncliffe Farm and Countess Cliff Farm have undertaken to remove the obstructions.

**Path north-east of Doveholes to Sparrowpit.** Obstructions have been removed.

**Path east of Doveholes (Quarries).** Barbed wire has been removed.

**Footpath on Matley Moor, near Rowarth.** Many complaints were received about misleading notices on footpaths in this area. The Society has contacted the owner, and a diversion has been agreed which will give the public a more commodious footpath and satisfy the owner.

Objection was made to an order to divert a footpath in Carr Lane, **Dronsfeld**. After correspondence with the Minister and Dronsfeld R.D.C. the order was amended.

We are in correspondence about a footpath at **Brompton** near Chesterfield.

## **FOOTPATHS IN CHESHIRE**

**Footpaths at Plattwood Farm, Lyme Handley.** Many complaints have been received from people prevented from using the track from Middlecale Farm to Plattwood Farm.

The owner of Plattwood Farm has approached the Society and Macclesfield Rural District Council about the diversion and closure of certain footpaths.

At a meeting arranged with the owner and his solicitors, it was pointed out that their proposals were unreasonable. A compromise was reached which might be acceptable to the Society, but it was dependent upon the status of the track from Middlecale Farm to Plattwood Farm being determined. The farmer was adamant that this was a private way, but the Society has much evidence to prove otherwise. If you are able to sign a statement that you have used this track for 20 years or more without hindrance, or if you can supply any other information that would be useful, please contact the Secretary.

It is hoped that this matter will be settled at a nearly date.

**Whitegate Common.** The status of a footpath on Whitegate Common was considered by Cheshire County Council after the owner had objected to it being shown as a right of way on the Draft Map. Mr. Nash collected 29 statements from local people to prove it was a public right of way.

**Whitegate, Pettypool.** A member of the public was threatened with prosecution by the Forestry Commission for cutting wire on a footpath in this area. Mr. Nash was present at an interview between the Police Inspector and the person concerned, after which the charge was not proceeded with. A meeting is shortly to be held between the Forestry Com-

mission, Winsford Rural District Council, the Society and members of the public.

**Ploughed Footpaths.** The following cases of ploughed footpaths have been reported to the County Surveyor :—

At **Mere**, from Winterbottom Farm to Hollowood Farm.

At **Adlington**, from A523 across the railway to Whiteley Green.

At **Pickmere**, from Wallhill Farm to Tanyard Farm.

At the suggestion of Dr. Bateman, the County Clerk has asked the County N.F.U. to draw the attention of all farmers to their legal obligation in this connection.

**Obstructed Footpaths.** Obstructions have been removed from the path from the 'Swan with Two Necks' to Lymm Road, **Bollington**. The three farmers concerned have agreed to respect the right of way.

A stile was freed from obstruction on the path from Ardern House Lodge eastwards to the railway bridge, **Ashley**.

Two stiles which had been overgrown near Providence Cottage, **Pickmere**, were cleared. This action exposed the dilapidated state of one, and it has now been partially repaired.

A stile by the Society's Signpost near Hollowood Farm, **Tabley Superior**, has been cleared.

Barbed wire near Dodgsley Farm, **Kingsley**, has been replaced by a stile.

Near Brook House, **Whitegate**, the barbed wire has been removed, trees trimmed back and the stile replaced.

Obstruction by hedging has been removed from the path east of Newhay House to the lane at **Kettleshulme**.

When the playing fields of The **Cheadle** Grammar School for Girls were fenced in, the path from Turves Road to Cheadle Road was cut at two points. Provisions have now been made to keep the path open.

**Footbridges.** Many planks are reported missing on the footbridge in the wood near Ardern House, **Ashley**.

A thick branch of a tree has fallen across the footbridge over the Mobblerley Brook near Birtles Farm, **Mobblerley**.

There are two wide and deep ditches without any planks

across them on the path from Lowerhouse Farm to Blackshaw Heys Farm, **Ashley**.

The Cheshire County Surveyor has been asked to take action about the above footbridges.

The footbridges across the stream on the right bank of the Bollin, **Hale**, and over the Bollin along the footpath from the Priory, **Altrincham**, have been repaired.

On the path east of Newhay House to a lane at **Kettleshulme**, the footbridge requires handrails on one side.

**Macclesfield Rural District.** The Society has complained about the condition of over 20 footpaths in this area because of obstruction, stiles in need of repair, etc., and has urged that immediate action be taken to have them put in order.

## FOOTPATHS IN LANCASHIRE

**Footbridges at Coppull.** After representations by the Society two footbridges have been repaired on the footpath from Burgh Lane to Coppull Hall Lane.

**Heskin Old Hall.** A diversion of a footpath near Heskin Old Hall has been investigated.

**Haughton Green.** The Society is in communication with Manchester Corporation about the proposed development in Haughton Dale, to ensure the preservation of the river side path.

**Footpath from Stenner Lane to Stenner Farm, Didsbury.** At our request Manchester Corporation has provided a stile alongside a gate which was sometimes locked to prohibit vehicles from using the occupation lane to the farm.

**Footpath along River Mersey—North Bank.** During the construction of the new Kingsway extension, the Society approached Manchester Corporation suggesting a new section of path joining up the two existing paths and giving access to the new bridge. A new path along this line has now been made.

## FOOTPATHS IN STAFFORDSHIRE

**Footpath along the River Dove.** At the request of the Society, the Staffordshire County Council have, as a special



concession, constructed a stile in the fence near Fishponds Wood on the footpath from Ilam to Okeover Bridge.

**Tittesworth Reservoir.** We are in communication with Leek Rural District Council about a footbridge in need of repair near Tittesworth Reservoir, and about the proposed extension to the Reservoir.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1959

### MEMBERSHIP

There has been an encouraging trend upwards in the figures for 1959 over the previous year, all classes of membership having shared in this increase as the following figures indicate :

	1959	1958		Increase
Ordinary members .....	460	411	...	49
Husband/Wife members ...	39	32	...	7
Junior members.....	2	1	...	1
Affiliated clubs and societies	66	63	...	3

The total membership now stands at 501 and 66 Societies, which, while an improvement, is still only half way to that 1,000 referred to so many times in previous Reports.

### FINANCE

For the third year running it is possible to announce a surplus on the Income and Expenditure Account amounting to £181 which is nicely swelling the reserve of current funds. This surplus now amounts to £318 for the three years during which surpluses have been recorded which is a healthy sign.

What, however, is not so healthy, is the fact that of the total income of £520 only £241 came from the subscriptions of the membership and societies, the remainder being made up of interest, contributions by local Authorities, various donations, and once again, a fortuitous receipt of £155 from the now extinct Hallamshire Footpaths Society.

Against the income of £241 from subscriptions, the cost of the day to day running of the Society amounted to £339 which means that the normal subscription income is not keeping pace with our ever increasing activities and their cost.

It is well appreciated that the proceeds from subscriptions at £241 from a membership of 567 shows a most generous effort by those concerned and this emphasises the very great need of the doubling of the membership figure, as without the so-called "fortuitous windfalls" with which your Society is so very fortunately blessed almost yearly, there would be little surplus to report : in fact for the year under review the sum quoted of £181 would shrink to a mere £26 if the transfer of the Hallamshire funds had not materialised. This is a most precarious position for a society of this standing.

In spite of this the work of the Society has not only been maintained but expanded as shown in the body of the "Report" which in turn reflects the increase in expenditure over last year from £315 to £339 and which should increase still further during 1960.

The Survey and Signpost Funds are still benefiting from the William Holland legacy of 1958 which has enabled the work performed under these two headings to go forward unabated, but the contributions received during the year are well below the expenditure at £37 14s. 0d. and £4 17s. 0d. respectively. As a result the surpluses carried forward to 1960 are most inadequate and will place a further burden on the General Expenses Account.

Unfortunately only two Local Authorities supported the Society this year out of the 25 who contributed to our funds for 1958, which has resulted in a loss of income of some £60.

#### **P. M. OLIVER MEMORIAL FUND**

The deficit on this fund which has been temporarily financed by the Defence Fund is now reduced to £49 by the receipt of £13 in contributions during 1959.

#### **HAROLD JONES MEMORIAL FUND**

The Harold Jones Memorial Fund has received a total of £17 in subscriptions during the first year of appeal.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Council extends its thanks to all those who have so generously given their financial support particularly the Clarion Rambling Club and the Ramblers' Association both of which have for so long now maintained a most appreciable contribution to the various funds.

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION**

The minimum annual subscription rates are as follows :

	s.	d.
Ordinary membership for individuals.....	5	0
Junior membership for those under 18 years of age .....	2	6
Husband/Wife membership .....	7	6
Affiliation fee for clubs and societies .....	10	6

Subscriptions, Affiliation fees and donations to the Sur-

vey, Signpost and Defence Funds are now due and may be sent to the Membership Secretary, Miss B. Rowland, 14 Woodleigh Street, Blackley, Manchester 9. All subscriptions are normally due on 1st January.

### **AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

Accrington Naturalists' Antiquarians' Society.  
Altrincham & District Rambling Club.  
Altrincham & District Natural History Society.  
Ashton-u-Lyne C.H.A. & H.F. Club.  
Barnsley Mountaineering Club.  
Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
Bolton C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
Boy Scouts' Association, S.E. Lancs.  
British Naturalists' Association.  
Bury & District C.H.A. Club.  
Buxton H.F. & C.H.A. Club.  
Camping Club of Great Britain & Ireland, N.-West Region.  
Cheadle Hulme W.E.A. Group.  
Chorley & District Rambling Club.  
C.E. Holiday Homes Ltd.  
College of Adult Education Rambling Club.  
Comradeship of the C.E. Holiday Homes, Manchester Section.  
Comradeship of the C.E. Holiday Homes, Stockport Group.  
C.H.A. Birch Heys.  
C.P.R.E. Sheffield Branch.  
Crescent Ramblers.  
Derby C.H.A. & H.F. Club.  
Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.  
Derbyshire Pennine Club.  
Eastwood Rambling Club  
Eccles C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
Fellowship of Young Ramblers.  
F.H.A. Manchester Rambling Club.  
Good Companions Rambling Club.  
Goyt & District Boy Scouts' Local Association.  
Halcyon Rambling Club.  
High Lane Residents.  
Holiday Fellowship Ltd.  
H.F. Bolton Group.  
H.F. Manchester Group.  
H.F. Oldham & District.  
H.F. Rochdale Group.  
H.F. Sheffield Group.  
Leigh & District C.H.A. Club.  
Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.  
Manchester Associates Rambling Club.  
Manchester & Salford Council of Social Services Benevolent Fund.  
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club, Section A.  
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club, Section C.  
Manchester C.H.A. Club, Section D.  
Manchester C.H.A.  
Manchester Rambling Club for the Blind.  
Manchester Fellowship.

Manchester Pedestrians' Club.  
Manchester Rambling Club.  
Manchester & Stockport Catholic Rambling Club.  
Manchester Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.  
Marple Residents' Association.  
Melandra Field Club.  
Metro-Vickers, Staff Motor Drawing Office.    Donation.  
Moor & Mountain Club.  
North Western Naturalists' Union.  
Oldham C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
R.A. Services Ltd.  
Ramblers' Association, Liverpool.  
Ramblers' Association, Manchester.  
Ramblers' Association, Sheffield.  
Rochdale C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
Rucksack Club.  
Sheffield Clarion Ramblers.  
Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.  
Sheffield C.H.A. Club. Section A.  
Sheffield Rambling Club.  
Stockport C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.  
Stockport Corporation Transport Club.  
Stockport Field Club.  
Stockport W.E.A. Rambling Club.  
Stoke-on-Trent C.H.A. Club.  
Stoke-on-Trent H.F. Club. Section D.  
Sutton in Ashfield & District Club.  
207 Rambling Club.  
United Field Naturalists.  
W.T.A. Ltd.  
Y.H.A. Burnage & Levenshulme Group.  
Youth Hostels' Association.  
Y.H.A. Manchester & Salford Sub. Regional Group.

# The Peak District and Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959

1958				1958			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
37	3	5	TO EXPENDITURE:—	34	5	2	BY INCOME:—
10	0	10	Annual Report: Printing, less Advt's.	6	13	0	Subscriptions:—
			Distribution ... ..				Paid in Advance as per 1958
				40	18	2	Statement ... ..
13	10	0	Hire of Rooms ... ..	14	12	6	Ordinary Members ... ..
41	10	0	Printing and Stationery ... ..	29	15	3	Junior Members ... ..
5	6	0	Insurance Premiums ... ..	5	14	0	Husband/Wife Members ... ..
			Subscriptions to Commons Open				Affiliated Societies ... ..
			Sp.ces & Footpaths Preservation				
2	2	0	Society ... ..	2	2	0	215 0 Donations ... ..
2	2	0	Affiliation to Four Branches of the	1	1	0	90 19 0 Grants from Local Authorities ...
			C.P.R.E. ... ..				Transfer of Hallamshire Society
							Funds ... ..
			Advertising ... ..	3	3	0	Sundries ... ..
2	15	6	Sundry Expenses ... ..	3	5	5	
2	12	6	Cost of Annual General Meeting ...	14	14	0	54 15 9 Interest on Deposits ... ..
30	0	0	Honorariums: Secretary ... ..	30	0	0	52 1 3 Interest on P. M. Oliver Trust Fund
68	15	0	Footpaths Inspectors ... ..	100	0	0	
12	10	0	Signpost Inspector ... ..	12	10	0	1 13 0 Subs. Paid in Advance for 1960
5	5	0	Treasurer ... ..	5	5	0	
				147	15	0	
			Travelling Expenses:				
4	16	0	Secretary ... ..	4	4	0	
24	18	3	Footpaths Inspectors ... ..	22	18	5	
-	-	-	Signpost Inspectors ... ..	-	-	-	
-	-	-	Other Officials ... ..	2	2	10	
				29	5	3	
42	5	0	Postages and Telephones ... ..	36	8	3	
12	6		Cheque Books ... ..	16	8		
3	0	0	Bank Charges ... ..	1	1	0	
				1	17	8	
4	5	1	Maps and Plans ... ..	8	15	5	
1	13	0	Subs. Paid in Advance for 1960	3	0	6	
				339	4	5	
315	2	1	Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure	178	6	0	
96	4	5	Carr.ed to Expense Account ... ..				
				£517	10	5	
411	6	6					



