

The Peak District
and
Northern Counties

FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Annual Report for 1961

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY — 1961

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ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Lancashire County Council is shortly to publish its Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way prepared under the provisions of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949. This is the first Definitive Map covering a section of the Society's area. Many footpaths are being lost because they are falling into disuse and one of the reasons for this is that people are often doubtful which are rights of way. We consider that copies of the Definitive Map should be available for sale so that individuals and clubs could purchase sections covering the area in which they walk. Copies of the map will be kept in the District Offices, but we consider that it should also be deposited in each public library, and in rural areas should be exhibited in a public place.

We hope that after the publication of the Definitive Maps each County Council will draw up a programme for signposting of footpaths like the work being carried out by Derbyshire County Council. In the meantime, the Society is to carry out an extensive programme of signposting worthwhile but little-used footpaths. We have drawn up a programme of public rambles over such footpaths which we hope will be well attended. We appeal to all walkers, especially club leaders to use 2½" to the mile maps when planning their routes and to include footpaths that they have not previously used.

FOOTPATH SURVEY

1961 proved an important year as far as the footpath survey was concerned. We had many disappointments, but there were also many successes.

Staffordshire.—The Minister of Housing and Local Government decided that the Society had failed to prove that the thirteen paths deleted from the draft map of the Dane Valley and Hollinsclough were public footpaths. This was a great disappointment as we felt that in some instances we had presented a strong case, but there are many lessons we can learn from this. It is essential that at coming inquiries we should be able to produce witnesses who will testify that they have used the footpaths without let or hindrance for twenty years or more. It has been decided that the Society should be legally represented at future hearings. We are grateful to those people who supported us at the hearings at Leek.

Derbyshire.—During the year the County Council held hearings into the objections made by the Society to omissions

from the Bakewell Rural District Council's draft map. There was a total of 88 representations which were dealt with at six hearings held on Saturdays for the convenience of the Society's officers. Thirty-five representations are still to be determined by the County Council. This has involved immense work and sacrifice of time by Mr. Redford, the Survey Secretary, in collecting statements from ramblers and local people in the parishes of Curbar, Baslow, Froggatt, Elton, Birchover, Over and Nether Haddon, Harthill, Rowsley, Stanton-in-the-Peak, Winster and Youlgreave. The documentary evidence collected by Mr. Harold Wild helped to prove that many of our claimed paths were public rights of way.

Cheshire.—Hearings were held at Macclesfield, Romiley and Marple to deal with our claims in North-East Cheshire, and over two hundred footpaths were considered.

During the year, the Cheshire County Council published their determinations in respect of objections to the draft maps of the Nantwich, Northwich and Bucklow Rural Districts. As a result of the Society's representations over 50 footpaths have been added to the draft maps, but objections from landowners and tenants have led to the deletion of a further 14. The Society has appealed to the Minister of Housing and Local Government against the decision of the County Council not to add certain sections of canal towpaths, and also certain footpaths in the Pettypool Wood area and the Arley Bridge footpath, and we are now preparing to present our case at hearings to be held by the Minister's Inspector. In view of our experience in Staffordshire, it has been decided that the Society should be legally represented, and we appeal to members and the public to support us by coming forward with evidence of use of the footpaths involved. The Society has lodged counter-claims with the County Council against their decision to delete certain footpaths from the draft map, and we are now busy collecting evidence to support these claims. The County Council have also sent details of counter-claims they have received against their decision to add twelve of the footpaths which the Society had claimed. Joint hearings will now be held, and it is essential that the Society should be able to produce witnesses to support its case. These 12 footpaths are in Altrincham, Sale, Carrington (2), Mere (Raspberry Lane), Rostherne, Toft (2), Moreton-cum-Alcumlow, Odd Rode (2), Barnton, Cuddington and Marton (2).

Lancashire.—Various objections to the provisional map were heard at Quarter Sessions, and where possible the Society supported the County Council. It was a great disappointment when the

County Council decided that they were unable to submit a case to Quarter Sessions against the British Transport Waterways' objections to canal towpaths on the provisional map. Consequently, canal towpaths will not be shown as rights of way on the Lancashire Definitive Map.

FOOTPATH INSPECTORS

Because of ill-health, Mr. F. Travers has resigned and Mr. H. Stott has left the district. We are particularly indebted to these inspectors for the work they have done over the past years and we send them our best wishes.

Whilst preparing this Report, it was a great shock to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Charles Sanderson, and we extended our sympathy to Mrs. Sanderson in her bereavement.

Mr. T. Ewart has agreed to take over the position of sign-post supervisor and we are arranging for a new inspector to be appointed for his area.

Two inspectors have been appointed for the Sheffield area, but at the time of writing a vacancy exists for the Lancashire area previously covered by Mr. Stott.

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

Dr. A. J. Bateman, 9 Easte 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 14, 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 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. J. Parsons, 136 Sandford Grove Road, Sheffield 7, 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. P. J. Thornton, 5 Goldsmith Drive, Rotherham, is responsible for the northern portion of the above area.

Vacant: Lancashire north and west of the River Tame to Mr. Dickinson's area, commencing south of Bolton.

TRIBUTES TO MR. ARTHUR SMITH AND MR. HAROLD WILD

We wish to pay tribute to the work done by these two gentlemen for the Society over the years.

During the past year Mr. Smith has represented the Society at all the Cheshire hearings. Not only have we had the benefit of his unique knowledge of footpaths in North-east Cheshire, but he has gone to endless trouble collecting documentary evidence and statements to support the Society's claims. During the latter part of 1961 Mr. Smith spent several months in hospital, but continued to take an active interest in the Society. The Council hope that his treatment will be successful and that he will once more be able to enjoy outdoor activities.

Mr. Wild has, during 1961, inspected and copied details of rights of way shown on the Tithe Plans and enclosure awards of all the parishes in the Society's part of Derbyshire. This has entailed numerous visits to London, Matlock and other places. He has attended all the hearings of the Society's claims for Derbyshire, and his unparalleled experience of footpath lore has been of assistance not only to the Society, but also to the County Council's officials.

OBITUARIES

Mr. E. P. Campbell, who died early in the year, had been a member of the Society's Council for many years. He was greatly interested in our work and has bequeathed a considerable sum of money to further it. This bequest is, however, subject to a life interest and is not available at present.

Rev. H. P. V. Nunn, who passed away in December, 1961, was one of the first members of the Society. Recently he presented a number of his books and maps to the Society's library.

LIBRARY

The Society's collection in the Manchester Central Library is available to all members, free of charge, as follows:—

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A list of the maps is available from the Secretary and it is interesting to note that over eight feet of shelving is needed to house them, and they probably weigh over a hundredweight. The collection also contains many guide books and books of interest to the country-lover, and the maps include not only the area covered by the Society, but many districts visited by members when on holiday. Members are invited to make more use of the Society's library.

APPRECIATION

Our thanks are due to those local authorities which continue to give financial aid to the Society and those which secure the repair of stiles, footbridges, etc., and cause obstructions to be removed from footpaths.

FRONTISPIECE

We are most grateful to Miss M. H. Timmins for her drawing of the Log Bridge at Edale, which crosses Grindsbrook, at the commencement of the Pennine Way. As mentioned elsewhere in the Report, agreement has now been reached for the establishment of this section of the route.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Your attention is drawn to the advertisements in the Annual Report. They help to pay for the cost of printing it. Anyone wishing to take space in next year's Report is asked to contact the Secretary.

CANAL TOWPATHS

Many sections of canal towpaths within the Society's area form pleasant rural walks; others are important routes. The Society, therefore, welcomed the news that agreement had been reached between Derbyshire County Council and the Eastern Division of British Transport Waterways. The County Council accepted limited restrictions on the right of way in return for which British Transport Waterways gave an undertaking not to oppose the inclusion of the towpaths within its Eastern Division on the draft and provisional maps. Unfortunately, the North-Western Division of the B.T.W. is not prepared to enter into a

similar agreement with the County Councils, and denies that any of its canal towpaths are public rights of way. It has opposed their inclusion as such on the draft maps, and will go to Quarter Sessions to have them deleted from the provisional maps, if necessary.

This Division of the B.T.W. has also provided Derbyshire County Council with further evidence that the Peak Forest Canal towpath is not a right of way and should be deleted from the draft map.

It was a great disappointment when Lancashire County Council decided that the evidence of user at their disposal was insufficient to enable them to oppose the B.T.W.'s objections to the inclusion of canal towpaths on the provisional map. Consequently, towpaths will not appear as rights of way on the Lancashire Definitive Map.

During the year Cheshire County Council considered the Society's objections to the omission from the draft map of sections of the Macclesfield, Ashton and the Peak Forest Canals. Determinations were published concerning the Society's objections in respect of omitted sections of the Bridgewater Canal, the Manchester Ship Canal, River Weaver Navigation, the Trent and Mersey Canal and the Shropshire Union Canal. The B.T.W.'s objections to the inclusion of other sections of these towpaths were also dealt with. The County Council have decided that the towpaths should be included in some parishes, but not in others. Where the Society's claims have been disallowed we have appealed to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and where the B.T.W. has succeeded in getting sections of towpaths deleted we have lodged counter-objections with the County Council. Similarly, the B.T.W. has made counter-objections where the Society has prevailed upon the County Council to insert sections that were originally omitted.

This is a vital issue. Provided that members of the public are willing to come forward as witnesses there should be ample evidence that many canal towpaths are rights of way, but without the evidence they will certainly be lost. The Secretary attended the Annual General Meeting of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society to draw attention to the position, and that Society agreed to give urgent consideration to the matter.

The B.T.W. maintain that even though the towpaths are not rights of way, the public will enjoy the same privileges as at present, but two Transport Bills are at the present time before Parliament that would empower them to destroy various sections of canal, including some in the Society's area. As the towpaths

are not treated as rights of way in these Bills the public will lose the use of them if and when each section of canal is closed.

Past experience has proved that if we are to convince the Ministry of Housing and Local Government's Inspector that any path is a right of way, we must be able to produce witnesses to testify that they have used it without let or hindrance over a period of twenty years. The Society will be legally represented at such enquiries, but it is essential that members of the public should be prepared to come forward and support our case.

It is equally important that they should be prepared to support the Cheshire and Derbyshire County Councils at Quarter Sessions when the B.T.W. opposes the inclusion of canal towpaths on the provisional maps, otherwise the County Councils will be forced to withdraw like Lancashire did. In that event there would be no towpaths shown as rights of way on the definitive maps of Cheshire and Derbyshire except in the Eastern Division of the B.T.W.

SIGNPOSTS

During 1961, Mr. Frank Higgins, our Signpost Supervisor, has repainted and/or refixed the following posts and plates.

No. 36. At Hope.

No. 37. At Hope.

No. 76. At Foulstone Delf, Strines.

No. 118. Westend, Upper Derwent.

(Repainted and moved to new site.)

No. 125. Bagshaw, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

We regret that, because of domestic circumstances, Mr. Higgins is unable to continue as Signpost Supervisor. We are grateful to him for the work he has carried out so willingly over the years.

Mr. T. Ewart has agreed to become the Signpost Supervisor.

NEW SIGNPOSTS

Two signposts dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Harold Jones were erected in the Bolton area, one near Belmont and the other at the Old Green Arms, near Bolton. Another signpost has yet to be erected on the Belmont Moors from the Harold Jones Memorial Fund.

Mrs. A. Watson donated two signposts to the memory of the late Mr. Joseph Macaulay, and they were erected near Crag Hall, Wildboardclough, and on the Buxton-Congleton Road, Wildboardclough.

DIVERSION AND CLOSURE ORDERS

Diversion and Closure Orders brought to the notice of the Society are investigated by the Society's officers and if considered unreasonable an effort is made to amend the plan or, if necessary, an objection is sent to the Minister, who may then hold a public inquiry. Members are asked to keep a look-out for notices of such orders in their local press and pass to the Secretary.

FOOTPATHS IN DERBYSHIRE

FOOTPATHS AT ABNEY

Many disputed footpaths were originally included on the draft map of Abney, and were challenged by the then landowner. The Society collected documentary evidence to prove that most of them were public rights of way and we are glad to say that the present landowner has withdrawn the objections, and has asked the County Council to signpost some of these footpaths, the use of which had been denied to the public for years. The footpaths in question include the track from the Oaks at Highlow to Wolfs Pits on Abney Moor. Referring to the map published in last year's Annual Report, the footpaths which will now appear on the provisional map and the definitive map are Abney 8, 10, 11 and 12. The signposts will be erected shortly and the landowner earnestly requests walkers to keep to the paths.

PENNINE WAY AT EDALE

In June the Peak Park Planning Board announced that agreement had been reached with the landowner for the establishment of the Pennine Way over the Log Bridge route at Grindsbrook, Edale, and that the Minister of Housing and Local Government had approved the terms of the agreement. It was this Society that, prior to the formation of the Peak Park Planning Board, first arranged with the late Mrs. Follett for the provision of a permissive path to the Kinder Scout plateau starting from the Log Bridge.

The Society's signposts are to be replaced by the official Pennine Way signposts.

FOOTPATH AT CARTLIDGE FARM, EDALE

The Society received complaints that people had been turned off this footpath by men calling themselves "wardens." It transpired that the farmer had requested a group of regular campers

to prevent the public from using it. With the co-operation of the Peak Park Planning Board, the Society convinced him that the footpath was a right of way, and he has now asked the County Council to erect a signpost at the commencement and to provide a bridge over a stream near the farm.

PROPOSED ERRWOOD RESERVOIR, GOYT VALLEY

Stockport Corporation engaged a landscape architect to revise the plans for the proposed Errwood Reservoir. In addition to the rights of way already proposed, his plans provide for a high-level path going up the valley from Goyt Lane. This, at the Society's suggestion, will join the footpath from Burbage Edge near to the Memorial Bridge recently erected by the Manchester Area of the Ramblers' Association, and the construction of a new bridge over the River Goyt will be unnecessary. Although Stockport Corporation do not feel able to create a right of way along the east side of the existing reservoir, we hope it will be possible for the old mineral railway line to be used as a public footpath when the construction of the new reservoir is completed.

FOOTPATH IN MILLERS DALE

At a hearing into the Society's claim for a right of way between Litton Mill and Cressbrook Mill, the millowners stated that as the way had been originally constructed to connect the two mills and a toll had been collected for a period, they did not consider it to be public. They were, however, prepared to allow it to be included in the draft map on the understanding that their water rights allowed them to raise the weir a further 13 inches and that the Society was prepared to agree to a diversion of the footpath to avoid the mill yard. The Society readily agreed to this as the path is considered to be one of the finest of the Derbyshire riverside paths.

FOOTPATH DIVERSION — HARPUR HILL, BUXTON

Hillhead Quarries applied for permission to extend their tipping facilities on to part of the old R.A.F. Station at Harpur Hill. The County Council considered this most undesirable and suggested that the Company consider extending their present tip to join up with one belonging to an adjoining quarry, which would mean filling in the valley south of Hillhead Farm. As this would also involve the diversion of a footpath, the Secretary met representatives from the County Council, the Planning Board and the Quarry, and we are satisfied that the line of the proposed new footpath is better than the present route.

INQUIRY RE EXTENSION OF QUARRYING AT VIA GELLIA, MATLOCK

At an inquiry held in December, Mr. Wild presented the Society's case and objected to the proposed extension of quarrying in this area. The Minister's decision is still awaited.

It is pleasing to note that after numerous protests barbed wire around several stiles in the **Parwich** district has been removed.

Obstructions have been removed from footpaths in the **Tissington**, **Chapel-en-le-Frith** and **Peak Forest** areas and the person responsible for barbed wire on a footpath at **Sparrowpit** has promised to remove it.

Representations have been made regarding the gates at **Mitchell Field Farm, Hathersage**.

The Society objection to the omission from the Draft Map of a mile-long footpath from **Vincent House** to **Crowdecote**, in **Hartington-Upper Quarter**. The farmer has now agreed that this important link is a right of way and obstructions have been removed.

The bad state of the following footpaths caused by sewerage water was reported to the authorities concerned:—

From **Ash Farm** to **Cales Dale** and
from **Middleton-by-Youlgreave** to **Bradford Dale**.

The footbridge at **Povey, Ridgway**, was reported as in need of repair.

FOOTPATHS IN CHESHIRE

PLATTWOOD FARM, LYME HANDLEY

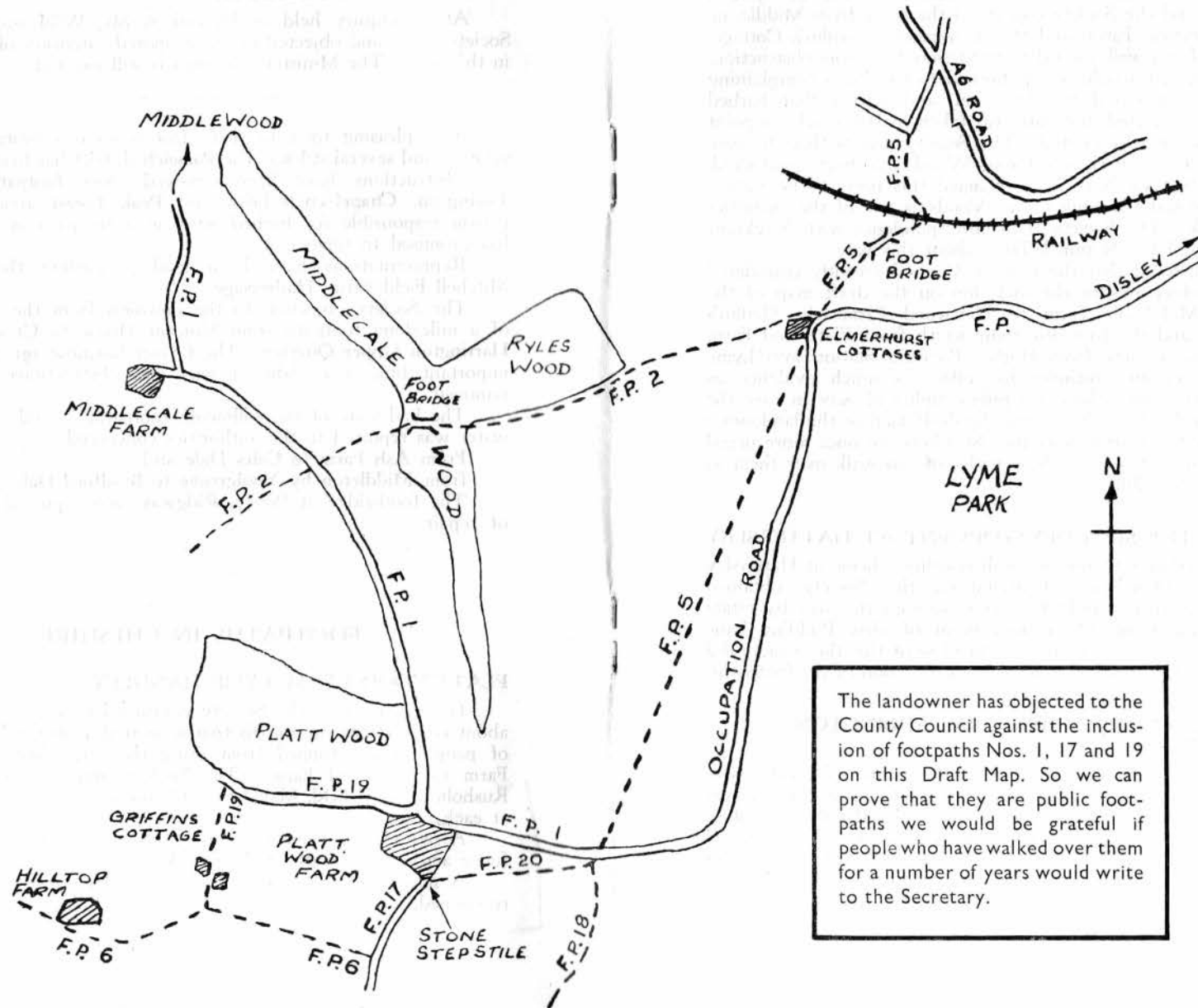
During the year the Society continued to receive complaints about obstructions on the footpaths around **Plattwood Farm**, and of people being stopped from using the track from **Middlecale Farm** to **Plattwood Farm**. The Society organised a walk over **Rusholme, Fallowfield**, **Manchester Corporation** had stumps erected at each end.

A request has been made for a stile to be replaced in a new fence across a footpath at **Anglezarke**.

A new footbridge has been built at **Anderton** and the path re-opened.

PLATT WOOD FARM, LYME PARK

Sketch plan showing the footpaths on this estate, which throughout living memory have been enjoyed without interruption as public rights of way.



LYME PARK

the footpaths during July and met the farmer. After discussion it became evident that the main difference of opinion between him and the Society concerned the track from Middlecale Farm to Plattwood Farm, and the path passing Griffin's Cottage. At the time of this walk the other paths were free from obstruction. At a later date an article was published in the Press complaining of vandalism committed on this farm, and stating that barbed wire was to be erected, but care was taken in the article to point out that rights of way existed. The Society regrets that the gate leading into Lyme Park via Crow Wood has been padlocked, because although we have never claimed this route to be public, we regard the walk through Crow Woods as one of the amenities of Lyme Park. The Society is in correspondence with Stockport Corporation and the National Trust about this gate.

We understand that the County Council recently considered the owner's objections to the inclusion on the draft map of the track from Middlecale Farm to Plattwood Farm, the Griffin's Cottage path and the footpath going south from Plattwood Farm to join the main route from Higher Poynton Station into Lyme Park. The Society continues to collect as much evidence as possible to prove that these are public rights of way in case the County Council deletes them from the draft map or the landowner takes the case to Quarter Sessions. Members are once more urged to give evidence of user of these paths and to walk over them as frequently as possible.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT HATTERSLEY

In connection with the overspill housing scheme at Hattersley proposed by Manchester Corporation, the Society obtained assurances that there would be access through the area by estate roads, and that from the amenity point of view Pudding Lane would be preserved as a footpath. In view of this the Society did not oppose the Order for the closure and diversion of the footpaths.

FOOTPATH AT YEW TREE FARM, ADLINGTON, CHESHIRE

Complaints were received that the above footpath was obstructed. The Society collected evidence to prove that it was a right of way and this was passed on to the Parish Council to assist them in opposing the farmer's claim that it should be deleted from the draft map. We were also able to inform the Parish Council of witnesses who were prepared to appear at a hearing at Bollington. The County Council's decision is awaited.

Following action by the Society, barbed wire was removed from paths in **Cuddington**, **Utkinton** and near Bryn Farm, Sandiway.

Following the construction of a new road at **Broken Cross**, **Reidheath**, negotiations took place between the Council and the Society for the replacement of the stiles. New stiles are now in position.

At **Crowton**, barbed wire was replaced by a wooden bar, and the County Surveyor promised to replace a dangerous bridge with a stone and cement bridge.

At **Kingsley**, Mr. Nash placed timber across a brook to make it passable.

The building of a shop at **Weaverham** caused obstruction on a footpath. The matter was taken up with the Northwich R.D.C. and a diversion arranged.

Investigations have been made into a complaint of barbed wire at **Broxton**.

Several stiles have been reported as needing attention in the **Kettleshulme** area.

The Society has urged the removal of obstructions from footpaths at **Ringway**, **Hale**, **Brereton**, **Macclesfield** and at Higher Heyes Farm, **Crowton**.

The ploughing of footpaths at **Agden** and **Dunham** has been reported to the County Council.

The footpath by the River Bollin at **Ringway** has been freed from obstruction and a new stile provided.

As a result of representations by the Society, misleading notices erected on a footpath across Bramhall Golf Course, **Hazel Grove**, were removed.

Footbridges.—Several footbridges have been reported to the County Council to be in need of repair or replacement at **Crowton**, **Agden**, near Arden House, **Ashley**, over Mobberley Brook, **Ashley**, over Sugar Brook, **Mobberley**, over River Croco, **Brereton**, and over Sanderson Brook, **Brereton**.

FOOTPATHS IN STAFFORDSHIRE

Several footpaths in **Mixon** and **Upper Elkstones** have been reported obstructed and one farmer has agreed to provide a signpost.

Obstructions have been removed from footpaths in the **Quarnford** and **Manifold Valley** areas.

FOOTPATHS IN LANCASHIRE

After complaints from the Society that a motorist was using the footpath from Old Hall Lane to St. James Church, Birch-in-

FINANCE

This year sees the first excess of expenditure over income for four years, amounting to £51, brought about largely because of the severe fall in donations from local authorities from £141 for 1961 to £33 for this year, causing the surplus brought forward from 1960 to fall by £51 to £55. As this surplus is so small, no transfers have been made to the special funds with the result that while the Signpost Fund is still quite healthy, that of the Survey is now reduced to some £4 to be carried to 1962. As the expenditure on this fund for the year was £107 against donations received of £14, the situation facing your Council will not be difficult to appreciate.

Once again we have an alarming discrepancy between the income received from the membership at £256 and the cost of running the Society at £457. This discrepancy has, in previous years, been disposed of by the use of funds made available from income from other sources which is made up of interest, legacies, local authorities' donations and donations from members. Unfortunately this source has produced only £148 this year against £541 for 1960, which has not been sufficient to absorb the discrepancy between income and expenditure, with the result that our reserves have been consequently reduced by some £51.

Contributions to the special funds at £75 have also proved inadequate to meet the expenditure incurred on these funds which amount to £175. The resulting deficit amounting here to £100 has been met by the surplus brought forward from 1960, but as already pointed out, in the case of the Survey Fund, only £4 remains as a surplus for 1962.

This graphically illustrates the weakness of relying on the proceeds of fortuitous bequests and grants instead of having an assured income from an adequate number of members which should at least be 1,000 or more.

The following table of financial information covering 1960 and 1961 may assist in a better understanding of the foregoing:—

	1961	1960
Income from membership and affiliations	£256	£263
Expenditure	457	448
Deficit	£199	£185
Income donated to special funds	£ 75	£ 88
Expenditure on account of special funds	175	156
Deficit	£100	£ 68

Income from other sources	1961	1960
Interest	£103	£ 93
Legacies	-	300
Local authorities' donations	33	141
Other donations	12	7
Total.....	£148	£541
Total Deficits on all accounts	£299	£253
These deficits have been met by :—		
(a) The "Income from Other Sources"	£148	£185
(b) Some of the 1960 surplus on the General Expense Reserve Account	51	-
(c) Surpluses on the special funds	100	68
	£299	£253
The remaining surpluses carried forward to 1962 are now :—		
Defence Fund	£1486	£1470
Signpost Account	239	261
Survey Account	4	96
General Expense Account	55	107
	£1,784	£1,934
Other surpluses available for use in special circumstances :—		
Edwin Royce Fund	£ 91	£ 91
Harold Jones Fund	22	22
	£113	£113

CONCLUSION

The Council again extends its thanks to all who have so generously given their financial support over the past years and trust that it may look forward to a continuance of that support in the future.

Members and Affiliation

The minimum annual subscription rates due on 1st January are as follows :—

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

Subscriptions, affiliation fees and donations to the Survey, Signpost, Defence and General Funds are now due and may be sent to the membership secretary, Miss B. Rowland, 14 Woodleigh Street, Blackley, Manchester 9, who will also be pleased to receive applications for membership.

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES, 1961.

Accrington Naturalists' Antiquarians' Society.
Altrincham and District Rambling Club.
Altrincham and District Natural History Club.
Ashton-under-Lyne C.H.A. and H.F. Club.
Barnsley Mountaineering Club.
Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Bolton C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Boy Scouts' Association, S.E. Lancs.
Boy Scouts 3rd Altrincham Group.
Bradford C.H.A. Club.
British Naturalists' Association, Manchester & District Branch.
Bury & District C.H.A. Club.
Buxton H.F. and C.H.A. Club.
Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, N.W. Region.
Chorley and 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.
Crescent Ramblers.
Derby C.H.A. and H.F. Club.
Derbyshire Pennine Club.
Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
The Disley Society.
Eastwood Rambling Club.
Eccles C.H.A. Rambling Club.
F.H.A. Manchester Rambling Club.
Good Companions Rambling Club.
Goyt and District Boy Scouts' Local Association.
Hanliensian Rambling Club.
Halcyon Rambling Club.
High Lane Residents.
Holiday Fellowship Ltd.
H.F. Bolton Group.
H.F. Bury Group.
H.F. Manchester Group.
H.F. Oldham and District.
H.F. Rochdale Group.
H.F. Sheffield Group.
Leigh and District C.H.A. Club.
Macclesfield and District Field Club.
Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.
Manchester Associates Rambling Club.
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club, Section C.
Manchester C.H.A. Club (Section D).
Manchester Rambling Club for the Blind.
Manchester Fellowship (Ramblers Section).
Manchester Pedestrians' Club.
Manchester Rambling Club.
Manchester and Stockport Catholic Rambling Club.
Manchester Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.
Mansfield C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Marple Residents' Association.

Marple Branch Cheshire County Federation of Ratepayers and Kindred Associations.

- Melandra Field Club.
Metro-Vickers Staff Motor Drawing Office.
Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society.
Moor and Mountain Club.
North Western Naturalists' Union.
Oldham C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Ramblers' Association, Liverpool and North Wales Area.
Ramblers' Association, Derbyshire Area.
Ramblers' Association, Manchester Area.
Ramblers' Association, Nottingham Area.
Ramblers' Association, Sheffield Area.
Ramblers' Association, Nottingham Area.
Ramblers' Association, West Riding Area.
Rochdale, C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Rucksack Club.
Sheffield Clarion Ramblers.
Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling and Social Club.
Sheffield C.H.A. Club Section A.
Sheffield Rambling Club.
Spires Rambling Club.
Stockport C.H.A. Rambling and Social Club.
Stockport Corporation Transport Club.
Stockport Field Club.
Stockport W.E.A. Rambling Club.
Stoke-on-Trent H.F. Club, Section D.
Sutton-in-Ashfield and District Club.
207 Rambling Club.
United Field Naturalists.
Wayfarers Rambling Club (Manchester).
Wayfarers Rambling Club (Nottingham).
W.T.A. Ltd.
Y.H.A. Ashton-under-Lyne Area Group.
Y.H.A. Manchester and District Regional Group.
Y.H.A. Manchester and Salford Sub-Regional Group.
Y.H.A. Manchester Sub-Regional City Area Group.
Y.H.A. North Midlands Regional Group.
Y.H.A. Chorley.
Y.H.A. Prestwich Area Group.
Y.H.A. Sheffield Sub-Regional Group.
Y.H.A. Stockport Area Group.

SURVEY ACCOUNT AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1961

(This account finances the work of the Society in connection with the Survey under the National Parks Act, 1949)

1960			£ s. d.			1960			£ s. d.		
1 16 4		Balance brought forward from 1960	96	5	1	65 16 6		Survey Expenditure	106	11	3
10 5 3		Add Donations received during year	14	1	8	96 5 1		Balance carried forward to 1962	3	15	6
150 0 0		Transfers from the General Expense Reserve Account	-	-	-						
162 1 7			£110	6	9	162 1 7			£110	6	9

HAROLD JONES MEMORIAL FUND AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1961

1960			£ s. d.			1960			£ s. d.		
17 10 6		Balance brought forward from 1960	21	15	6	21 15 6		Balance carried forward to 1962	21	15	6
4 5 0		Add Donations received during year	-	-	-	21 15 6			21	15	6
21 15 6			£21	15	6	21 15 6			£21	15	6

EDWIN ROYCE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE GRANT FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

1960			£ s. d.			1960			£ s. d.		
91 2 3		Balance brought forward from 1960	91	2	3	91 2 3		Balance carried forward to 1962	91	2	3
91 2 3			£91	2	3	91 2 3			£91	2	3

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31st, 1961

1960			£ s. d.			1960			£ s. d.		
3 13 3		Cash in Hand: Secretary	3	13	3	1469 18 9		Balances to credit of:	1486	6	5
2 0		Treasurer	77	6	3	261 14 8		Defence Fund	286	16	4
3 0 4		Petty Cash	6	6	6	96 5 1		Signpost Account	3	15	6
					81 6 0	106 15 10		Survey Account	55	14	10
549 15 9		Cash at Bank			257 19 8	91 2 3		General Expense Reserve Account	91	2	3
1498 8 3		Deposits			1564 5 2	21 15 6		Edwin Royce Memorial Committee Grant A/c	21	15	6
						7 7 6		Harold Jones Memorial Fund	6	0	0
								Subscriptions Paid in Advance for 1962.....			
2054 19 7			£1,903	10	10	2054 19 7			£1,903	10	10

GENERAL EXPENSE RESERVE ACCOUNT AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1961

(This account receives the surplus or deficit from the Income and Expenditure Account while providing additional sums for the support of the Defence, Survey and Signpost Accounts.)

1960 £ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
316 2 11	Balance Brought Forward from 1960.....	106 15 10	47 17 5	Transfer made to:—	
	Surplus brought forward from Income and		75 0 0	P. M. Oliver Memorial Fund	- - -
63 10 4	Expenditure Account for 1961	- - -	150 0 0	Signpost Account	- - -
				Survey Account	- - -
				Deficit brought forward from Income and	
				Expenditure Account	51 1 0
			106 15 10	Balance carried forward to 1962	55 14 10
<u>379 13 3</u>		<u>£106 15 10</u>	<u>379 13 3</u>		<u>£106 15 10</u>

DEFENCE FUND AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1961

(The purpose of this fund is to finance any legal actions which the Society may find itself obliged to undertake or defend, possibly at short notice, and to defray the costs thereof.)

1960 £ s. d.		£ s. d.	1960 £ s. d.		£ s. d.
1307 16 1	Balance brought forward from 1960	1469 18 9	1469 18 9	Balance carried forward to 1962	1486 6 5
13 2 3	Add Donations received during year	16 7 3			
49 0 5	Repayment of Loan to P. M. Oliver				
	Memorial Fund	- - -			
100 0 0	P. S. Edwards Legacy	- - -			
<u>1469 18 9</u>		<u>£1,486 6 5</u>	<u>1469 18 9</u>		<u>£1,486 6 5</u>

SIGNPOST ACCOUNT AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1961

(The purpose of this account is to finance the provision and erection of new Signposts and their consequent maintenance and replacement.)

1960 £ s. d.		£ s. d.	1960 £ s. d.		£ s. d.
12 18 1	Balance brought forward from 1960	261 14 8	90 16 5	Signpost Maintenance and Erection	68 5 0
64 13 0	Add Donations received during year	45 6 8	261 14 8	Balance carried forward to 1962	238 16 4
100 0 0	F. M. Duncalf Legacy	- - -			
100 0 0	A. Triffitt Legacy	- - -			
75 0 0	Transfer from the General Expense Reserve A/c	- - -			
<u>352 11 1</u>		<u>£307 1 4</u>	<u>352 11 1</u>		<u>£307 1 4</u>