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FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Annual Report for 1963

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY—1963

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Annual Report

Due to lateness in publishing the last Report, which included some of the activities of the Society during the first six months of the year, the current Report is smaller than usual.

The Council accepted with regret the resignation of the Technical Secretary, Mr. H. King, who had held office as Secretary for several years and had given much of his spare time to the work of the Society, for which we are most grateful. We are glad that he has agreed to act as a Consultant so that his knowledge of footpaths will be available to the Society.

To deal with matters outside the scope of the General Secretary, a Technical Sub-Committee has been formed, whose duties comprise the examination of Legal matters, hearings, footpaths, diversions and closures. The findings of this Committee are submitted to the Council for a decision on the action to be taken.

The General Purposes Committee, which advises Council on the organisational side of the Society's work, met ten times during 1963, and made many suggestions for dealing with the difficulties which arose during the year.

The Society has sustained a further loss due to the resignation of Mr. L. L. Ardern who has been our librarian for the past eight years. He could always be depended upon to give a report to the Council and we are very sorry to lose his services, but trust he will be happy in his new surroundings.

HEARING OF OBJECTIONS (Bucklow R.D.)

Cheshire County Council held a hearing at Knutsford on 18th October, 1963, to consider objections to the inclusion of the following footpaths on the draft maps and our objection to their deletion. Mr. A. Smith and the General Secretary represented the Society.

PARISH OF ASHLEY. F.P. 16 (Part), from bend N. of Lowerhouse Farm generally S.E. to Parish boundary near Blackshaw Heys Farm. Also F.P. 18 from Castle Mill Lane S. to Back Lane.

PARISH OF ASHLEY. F.P. 16 (Part), from bend N. of Lowerhouse Farm generally S.E. to Parish boundary near Blackshaw Heys Farm. Also F.P. 3 near Millington Hall; also F.P. 6 from Millington Lane N.E. to F.P. 7 and F.P. 8 from F.P. 7 to F.P. 6:

PARISH OF ROSTHERNE. F.P. 8 from road near Church and then S.E. back to the same road ; also F.P. 12 from road S.E. to F.P. 11.

The dates of further hearings and enquiries have now been fixed for Winsford U.D., Northwich R.D., Bucklow R.D., Congleton M.B. & R.D. and Stannington (Sheffield area).

Derwent Riverside Path

A site meeting was held by Derbyshire County Council at Outseats in the Bakewell R.D., on the 19th November, 1963, to consider the diversion of F.P. 25 from the bank of the river Derwent to a new lay-by on the A625 road (Hathersage to Bamford) and then on the footpath alongside the road to F.P. 28 (to Park Edge and Brookfield Manor). After objections by various persons, it was left with the landowner to make an application for a Diversion Order, for the F.P. to follow the river to the easterly boundry of the field and then up to the road near the commencement of F.P. 28.

Diversion and Closure Orders

BOROUGH OF HYDE. Station Road to Brookfold Lane Footpath.

The Society's counter objection to the deletion of F.P. No. 67 from the draft map was withdrawn as the path is on the Railway Board's land and was constructed in order to serve Railway property. A notice board at either end of the path states that the roadway is private property.

TISSINGTON ESTATE. Peveril of the Peak Hotel, Thorpe.

The Society agreed to the diversion of F.P.8 from the hard tarmac surface of the hotel drive to a grass path nearby.

MACCLESFIELD R.D.C. Yew Tree Farm, Adlington.

The Diversion Order has now been confirmed by the Ministry of Transport.

HARTINGTON Upper quarter

The Ministry of Transport has authorised the stopping up of a footpath and a length of footpath at Hindlow Quarry, Sterndale Moor and has required the provision of two new footpaths.

Central Rights of Way Committee

Particulars of Draft Orders made by the Ministry of Transport respecting public paths in the area which we cover are supplied to us frequently by the C.R.W.C. These are investigated by our members and Council then decide upon the action to be taken.

Footpaths in Cheshire

SHAWFIELD FARM ESTATE, Stockport. The Society inspected the proposed stopping up of two footpaths due to residential development and the provision of new highway in lieu, but decided that no action was required.

ARLEY ESTATES LTD. The Company withdrew their objection to the inclusion in the draft map for the Parish of Ashton-by-Budworth of part of footpath No. 4 (known as Sack Lane) between F.P.'s 1 and 3, on the understanding the Society claims no more than a public right of way on foot only i.e. not bridleway or right of way for bicycles or vehicles of any kind.

CHESHIRE C.C. We understand that the obstruction on F.P. No. 10 at Manley in the Runcorn R.D. is to be removed.

HARTFORD PARISH COUNCIL. A tree Preservation Order is to be made for Vale Royal.

NORTHWICH R.D. We have been told that the obstruction on F.P. 1 Cuddington is to be removed and the path left clear.

Footpaths in Derbyshire

FULWOOD STILE FARM TO HOPE CROSS TRACK. The making of newly-constructed turning places for agricultural reasons on the Roman road has been referred to the Peak Park Planning Board. If the road was surfaced and became a motor road it would be very regrettable, in view of the long-standing use of the track by walkers. The Society has suggested that the track be closed to vehicular traffic under Section 93 of the National Parks Act.

ASHBOURNE BRANCH RAILWAY, TISSINGTON. The Society accepted the proposal of British Railways to replace a footbridge on F.P. 11 by steps and a level crossing over the track to preserve the right of way.

Footpaths in Lancashire

Particulars of any paths that have been severed by the new motorway should be sent to the Society.

The surface of footpath No. 41 Burgh Lane/Barr Lane in the Chorley area is to be restored and the right of way preserved, after the Playing Fields have been made.

The rights of way on the new housing estates are receiving attention.

Footpaths in Yorkshire

The plans of the new Lancashire-Yorkshire motorway into Leeds have been published showing the footpath diversions.

Several diversions on building sites have received attention.

Sheffield Corporation have continued with the clearing of footpaths from trees, which were blown down in the gales of February, 1962.

The Redcar Brook culvert has been cleared by Sheffield Corporation, with the result the Houndkirk track is now clear of water.

The Moscar Lodge Farm and Heathy Lane right of way is now more clearly indicated, since the gate is left open and the nameplate removed.

Footpath Inspectors

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. 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 De went to the Woodhead Road — Flouch Inn, Penistone — Barnsley —

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

Mr. E. R. Scholfield, 17 Pollen Close, Sale; has charge of the Peak of Derbyshire from Edale south to Matlock, and Cheshire south of the Romiley — Hathersage railway line and east of the Macclesfield Canal.

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.

Dr. Bateman has resigned from the position of footpaths inspector due to being elected to the Manchester Council. We wish to record our thanks for the many years service given to the Society and although we regret the loss of his services we do congratulate him on becoming a councillor.

The Present Position of the Survey

After a series of informal hearings into objections to the draft map, held about two years ago, Cheshire County Council announced their findings, also informally. The canal towpaths were the subject of formal hearings some time ago, and after the County pronounced their decisions we appealed to the Minister against some of them. These appeals have yet to be heard at public inquiries. The County is now proceeding with formal hearings in respect of other paths, and has already dealt with some in the Northwich area. Some of our claims have had to be abandoned for lack of witnesses.

We anticipate that the County will be dealing with disputed paths in north-east Cheshire in a few months time, and possible appeals to the Minister apart, this should conclude the draft map stage of our part of Cheshire. The disputed paths fall into two categories: those whose deletion from the draft map at the instigation of the landowners has been opposed by the Society, and those whose addition at our request has been resisted by the owners.

In Derbyshire there have so far been informal meetings only to consider objections to the draft map, and formal hearings will have to be held later, but it is hoped that the informal meetings will have resolved some of the differences. Staffordshire has reached the provisional map stage and Lancashire has produced its final definitive map.

Once again the urgent need for witnesses must be stressed. Without them the Society is helpless, but they are far from easy to find.

Signposts

New signposts have been erected in Staffordshire, the Agden area, and near Knutsford, and on the Shuttlingslow footpath. The one in Staffordshire replaces the missing one on the Buxton-Allgreave road.

New fingerposts have been erected close to Slippery Stones, one added to No 15 post, and a new one close to the footbridge at Cranberry Clough presented by Mr. Fred Heardman B.E.M. of Edale.

The following have been provided with new angle iron posts. Nos. 1, 4, 5, 12, 23, 39, 50, 67, 90, 92, and 114, new plates have been fitted to signpost Nos. 20. and 25.

No. 112 and 113 have been erected once again on the accomodation path at Grindsbrook, Edale.

Posts repainted Nos. 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 51, 52, 56, 57, 58, 60, 68, 71, 80, 82, 94, 106; 107, 108, 118, 121, and 122.

No. 4 fingerpost at Birch Quarry has been replaced by a new sign.

Signposts inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition :- Nos. 1, 4, 27, 31, 33, 54, 61, 65, 89, 104, 105, 110, 115, 116, 119, 123, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, and 153.

May 26th was SIGNPOSTING DAY when 17 members of the Warden Guides Section Ramblers' Association (Manchester Area) assisted our Signpost Supervisor and Mr. Collier to paint 17 Signposts in the area from the top of Doctors Gate (Snake Road) to the Alport Bridge and in the vicinity of Alport Castles Farm and the footbridge itself.

The footbridge in Wildboardclough has been re-painted and and repaired.

Several of our signposts have been tampered with, and all such cases have been reported to the County Councils concerned. If at anytime you see signposts which require attention please report to Mr. Tom Ewart Signpost Supervisor, 129 Old Hall Lane, Fallowfield, Manchester, 14.

- No. 1 At Carr Meadow on the Hayfield-Glossop road, East side.
2 On Middle Moor Hayfield near the shooting cabin.
3 At Stonyford on the Hayfield-Edale road.

- 4 At the junction of Tunstead Lane Hayfield/Edale road.
- 5 Off the Chapel-Hayfield road near Peep-o-day farm.
- 7 On the South side of road at Tunstead Milton, Whalley Bridge Chapel -en-Le-Frith road.
- 8 On the roadside East of the above, No. 28 attached to this post.
- 9 At Tunstead Milton South side a few yards left of No. 7
- 10 On the Ashopton-Glossop road North of the Snake Inn
- 12 South side of Alport Bridge on the Sheffield-Glossop road.
- 13 and No. 20 near Hope Cross, Roman Road.
- 14 Edale Valley road N.E. of Nether Booth.
- 15 Dog Notice at commencement of the Hayfield path on the Snake Road.
- 16 Dog Notice in Ashop Clough by the shooting cabin.
- 17 Dog Notice in Ashop Clough between signposts No. 16 and 18.
- 18 Dog Notice at Mill Hill on the Hayfield Snake Inn path.
- 19 West of Kinder Reservoir at a point where path to Snake Inn leaves the Carr Meadow-Stonyford bridle path
- 20 See No. 13.
- 22 At Barber Booth Edale at commencement of road to Mam Nick
- 23 On the Chapel-Hayfield road near to Peep-o-day farm.
- 24 Near Lidgate Farm, Eccles Pike
- 25 On the highest point of the Hope-Ashopton footpath.
- 26 At the side of the road between Hathersage and Bamford.
- 27 On the Eccles road nearly opposite Pyke House, Whaley Bridge.
- 28 On the same post as No. 8 Tunstead Milton, Whaley Bridge Chapel-en-Ie-Frith Road.
- 29 Near Bummer Close Farm, Kettleshulme.
- 30 On the Kinder road Hayfield.
- 31 At Hartington village, on footpath near roadside.
- 32 On the main road between Bamford and Hathersage.
- 33 On the Hayfield-Chapel old road, near to Mount Famine, junction of ways.
- 34 Near Grindleford Bridge.

- 35 On Hope Road, Castleton.
- 36 At Hope.
- 37 In the lane from Hope to Bradwell a short distance from S.W. of Watersgate Bridge.
- 38 On the Bradwell Road at Brough.
- 39 On the Eccles Road between Lidgate and Digleach.
- 43 On the east side of road from Gridleford Station to Grindleford Bridge.
- 46 At Yew Tree House Tabley.
- 50 On Mickleden Edge at the junction of paths Langsett with the bridle path from Hazlehead and Flouch Inn, over Cut Gate.
- 51 At Little Brookhouse on the bridle path from the Flouch Inn to the Derwent Valley.
- 52 At Hazlehead west of the junction of roads and the new Flouch Inn.
- 53 On the Hayfield - Snake Inn footpath near Ashop Head.
- 54 Near Long Lee Farm Rowarth, indicating commencement of path for Blackshaw Farm.
- 55 Between the above and the six fingeredpost near to Blackshaw Farm.
- 56 On the Glossop - Ashopton road between Birchin Clough Bridge and the Snake Inn.
- 57 West side of the Ashopton - Fairholmes road.
- 58 On the Glossop - Ashopton road this now cancels No. 42 post at Doctors Gate culvert.
- 59 Near Mossylee Bridge cancels No 41 post. (Doctors Gate.
- 60 On the Oyster Clough Roman Road above the Snake Inn.
- 61 On The Street above Goytsbridge.
- 64 On the Hayfield - Snake footpath near Kinder Reservoir.
- 65 Near Goytsbridge just above the roadside.
- 67 On the Glossop - Ashopton road North side of the road at Alport Bridge.
- 68 Just off the Main road at Hope.
- 69 At Greenfield on the footpath from Greenfield Farm across to Ashway Brook to Bills o Jacks road.
- 70 At Greenfield on footpath from Greenfield Farm across Ashway Brook to Bills o Jack road.

- 71 On Heyridge - Alport cart road and path for Alport Bridge.
- 72 Near Abbey Grange Farm.
- 74 At Derwent on the old Derwent - Ashopton road.
- 75 S.W. of Moscar House Farm.
- 76 At Foulstone Delf Strines near Sheffield.
- 77 Above Lose Hill Farm on the footpath and close to the wall.
- 78 On the Sir William Road, Edge Road junction.
- 79 Grains Bar, near Oldham, near junction of roads.
- 80 On the Disley - Whaley old road near to Longside Plantation.
- 81 Near Flittogate Farm, Knutsford.
- 82 On the main road Macclesfield - Buxton road south of Stake Farm.
- 83 On cart road to Shutlingsloe Farm.
- 84 At Thornhill Hope.
- 85 Above Jacobs Ladder on the footpath Hayfield - Edale.
- 86 On Strines Road near Moscar Cottage.
- 87 On Longridge Lane Wormhill near Great Rocks Pastures Farm.
- 88 At junction of paths East of Hope Mill.
- 89 Near Firbab Cottage above little Hayfield.
- 90 Near Hollow-wood Farm Tabley.
- 91 Near Litley Farm Arley.
- 92 On the Hope - Castleton road near Marsh Farm.
- 93 Between Lose Hill Farm and No. 68 post.
- 94 At Thornhill.
- 95 Near White Hall on the old road Buxton - Whaley.
- 96
- 97 Below Jacobs Ladder Edale.
- 98 On Chapel Gate, Edale.
- 99 At Stoke Ford.
- 100 Abney Road near Abney Grange.
- 102 On the Disley - Whaley old road at Higher Disley.
- 103 On the Buxton - Allgreave Road South East of Sparbent.
- 104 Near Clough House, Wildboardclough.
- 105 Nearly 1 mile south of Cat and Fiddle Inn on footpath and at junction of paths.
- 106 West of ford at Alport.

- 107 East of ford at Alport.
- 108 At Alport.
- 109 At Dissop Head Higher Disley.
- 110 East of Blackshaw Farm Hayfield.
- 112 At side of drive to Grindslow House Grindbrook, Edale
- 113 In Grindsbrook Clough Edale.
- 114 On the Doctors Gate footpath above No. 59 post.
- 115 Near Lower Cliff Farm, Lyme Handley.
- 116 South of Bowstonegate Farm.
- 117 Near Lilies Inn Via Gellia.
- 118 Near site of Westend Farm, Upper Derwent.
- 119 Near Elmerhurst Cottages, Lyme Park, Disley
- 120 Near Gun Farm, Gun Lane Back Rowarth
- 121 At the commencement of the Westend - Alport Footpath.
- 122 Near railway crossing on Twitchill Footpath Hope.
- 123 Near Townend Cottage Ilam Staffs.
- 124 On the Rushup Edge footpath junction of path to Chapel Gate.
- 125 In Bagshaw Village near Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- 126 Opposite Bowstonegate Farm Lyme Handley.
- 127 Near Belmont Village, North of Wrights Arms.
- 128 To be in memory of the Late Harold Jones, Bolton. Waterworks grounds when arranged.
- 129 On Darwen Road near Old Green Arms. Dedicated to Harold Jones, late footpath Inspector.
- 130 On Darwen Road North of Old Green Arms Dedicated to Harold Jones, late footpaths Inspector.
- 131 Near Crag Hall Wildboardclough.
- 132 On the Buxton - Allgreave Road East of Crag.
- 133 Now numbered 153 on Erwin Lane, near Buxterstoops Farm.
- 134 On the lane opposite Lower Cliff Farm, Lyme Handley.
- 135 Opposite the Ye Olde No. 3 Inn Altrincham-Lymm road.
- 136 On Agden Brow near to Agden Lane.
- 137 On Agden Lane, S.W. of Agden House.
- 138 Opposite Boothbank Farm.
- 139 On Reddy Lane near the cottage.
- 140 Not yet positioned, but will be near Blackhill Farm.
- 141 Opposite to the cottage on Sudlow Lane.

142, 143 and 144 on the Shuttlingslow footpath between the top of the Plantation and Shuttlingslow Farm, Wildboardclough.

The following signposts named but not numbered :-

On the East side of the road Cockyard to Combs,

At Tunstead Farm Hayfield Marked EDALE.

At Birch Quarry, marked RIDGE TOP.

Near Ridge Top Farm, marked PHOSIDE.

Near Phoside Farm marked PEEP O DAY.

Between Coldwell Farm and Stonyford marked Bridle Path to Glossop.

The six fingered post near Blackshaw Farm Lantern Pike.

Fingerposts number 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, from East of Grindle Barm Derwent to Moscar Cottage.

No. 14 Fingerpost S.E. of Bamford House.

Six fingerposts between Slippery Stones and Cut Gate end.

Four fingerposts between Abbey Grange and Bradfield Gate Head.

No. 22 Fingerpost between No. 90 and 91 signposts.

23 and 24 fingerposts near Castle Mill.

25 fingerpost on riverside path Castleton - Hope.

27, 28, near footbridge in the Alport.

29 Close to Farm.

At the west of the Stepping Stones, Dovedale.

The Society have footbridges in Wildboardclough and the Alport.

Working Parties

7-3-64 Littlemoss School Droylsden, Meet 2 p.m. Chapel Gate footpath for Rushup Edge and Edale.

9-5-64 Kindred Spirits, Odham, Meet 2 p.m. Flouch Inn for Mickleden Edge.

31-5-64 R.A. (Manchester Area) Warden Guides, Meet 9 a.m. Aytoun St., Manchester, Transport provided for Jacobs Ladder or Coldwell Clough.

21-6-64 C.H.A. (D Section), Meet 9 a.m. Aytoun St. Manchester Transport provided for Derwent Edge.

Footpaths Survey of Rights of Way

National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949

General.

After the various details connected with the above have been finally settled, one may well ask what is to be the result of the prodigious effort by voluntary organisations and the like. It is felt that the next few years are likely to test most strongly the efforts of various societies, clubs, etc. to keep footpaths on the map, and so open for public use. Apart from attacks by objectors, the threatened withdrawal of railway passenger traffic from certain country districts, will, if put into effect deal damaging blows to the hopes of those who took part in the voluntary surveys in the nineteen-fifties. The work put in has already proved worthwhile but the loss of railway transport would be a tragedy and most probably result in numbers of footpaths becoming 'lost' through lack of use. Meanwhile clubs, and other bodies, would be well advised to assist in keeping footpaths open by breaking occasional new ground when building up their programmes of rambles, etc.

Particular

Whilst many authorities have completed their lists of Draft Map objections, there are still many outstanding Cheshire items for attention. Hearings held during recent weeks concerned footpaths in Bucklow R.D. parishes, viz. Ashley, Millington, Rostherne, etc. The results of which are expected to be made known at an early date. The business of collecting statements in support of the Society's claims is proceeding, also the effort to discover suitable witnesses for attendance at the Hearings. In this connection may we make an appeal to those friends who have a good knowledge of footpaths in N.E. Cheshire generally, in Marple, also the rural districts of Bucklow, Congleton, Macclesfield, Nantwich, etc. to come forward and assist our efforts to keep footpaths on the respective maps.

Complaints

Many complaints relating to obstructed footpaths were received during the year, and these along with a fairly formidable list built up during survey operations, are constantly receiving attention. The following items have recently been inspected for obstruction faulty stiles etc. and the attention of those most concerned has been drawn to them.

- Disley 1** Stone steppings and a stile at Hag Bank Lane crumbling due to erosion, etc, difficult to negotiate.
- Marple 186** Green track point NNE, from Lomber Hey House - badly overgrown and waterlogged.
- Marple 192** Stile at or near Lomber Hey House - badly built and difficult to surmount.
- Rainow 18** East of Harropfold Farm, and before Black Brook portion of route fenced off ; beyond brook passage obstructed by tree trunks.
- Rainow 23** West of Further Harrop Farm - following Harrop Brook to join another footpath - plank bridge not in evidence - brook crossing difficult in bad weather conditions.
- Hope 7** Peaks Hole Water, track between Hope and Castleton (Spital Bridge) - wooden step stiles, at or near the railway, built high and difficult for some to climb. Stiles at lane approach, near the main Castleton Road, in bad condition and difficult to negotiate.
- New Mills** Stile at Pole Lane, below the Pack Horse Inn, crumbling and require rebuilding.
- Taxal** Reported tree planting in the area between "The Street" and Windgather. Stiles at or near Pym Chair and also at the "Five Lane Ends Road", open and clear of obstruction.
- Tideswell 25** Wall step stile NW. of Wheston House in bad condition, and difficult to negotiate.
- Tideswell 26** Two wall step stiles SE of The Cop in bad state of repair. Several other stiles, both in Tideswell and in the neighbouring parish of Peak Forest, required attention.

Obituary

Miss E. Kirk.	Mrs. S. Kitchen.
Mr. J. Ollerenshaw.	Mr. F. Hulme.
Mr. E. L. Taylor.	Mr. F. Ogden.

LIBRARY

The Society's collection in the Manchester Central Library is available to all members free of charge on production of the Society's Library Card, at the following times :

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The collection contains many guide books, volumes of interest to the country lover, and maps which 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 and are reminded that library cards are obtainable from the Treasurer.

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 footbridges and stiles and cause obstructions to be removed from footpaths.

FRONTISPIECE

We are most grateful to Mrs. M. H. Sharp for her drawing of Lyme Cage.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Your attention is drawn to the advertisements appearing in this Report. Any one wishing to take space in next year's Report is asked to apply to the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for 1963

Membership

	1962	1963	Increase	Loss
Ordinary Members	485	306	-	179
Husband/wife members	77	90 x 2	13	-
Junior members	10	3	-	7
Affiliated Clubs and Societies	75	79	4	-
Local Authorities	3	3	-	-

The total membership now stands at 396 (486 if husband/wife memberships are taken as two members).

As will be observed, the ordinary membership has taken a tragic plunge from 485 in 1962 to 306 for 1963 showing a decrease of 179 at a time when, as predicted in last year's Report, the most ambitious programme of signposting was carried out.

Finance

The extra heavy drain on the Society's financial resources created by the achievement of the promised signposting programme allied to the steep drop in revenue from the ordinary membership has created a deficit on these two factors alone of £434 which has seriously denuded the Society of funds which may be required to finance legal representation at hearings connected with the Footpaths Survey in the very near future. Finance for this purpose can only be obtained from the Defence Fund which was created for such a purpose and donations to this fund are therefore desperately required.

The plight of the Signpost Account is such that no more work can be carried out during 1964 until the deficit on this account is cleared and then only such work as will be possible according to donations received.

The Survey Account is in a similar position and greatly increased contributions will be required in the future if work on the Footpath Survey is to continue.

Conclusion

It is not the purpose of this report to delve into the reasons for loss of membership and revenue from other sources, but you may rest assured that these matters are receiving the most urgent attention of your Council through its General Purposes Committee.

The Council once again takes this opportunity of thanking all who have so generously and loyally given their financial support over the past year and sincerely hopes that it may look forward to a continuance of that support.

Membership and Affiliation

The minimum annual subscription due on 1st January is as follows .-

Ordinary membership for individuals	5/-
Husband/wife membership	7/6
Junior membership for those under 18 years of age	2/6
Affiliation fees for clubs and societies	10/6

Subscriptions, Affiliation fees and donations to the Survey, Defence, Signpost and General Funds are now due and may be sent to the treasurer or membership secretary, both of whom will be pleased to receive applications for membership of the Society.

The Peak District & Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December 1963

1962		To EXPENDITURE :-		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		1962		By INCOME		£ s. d.		£ s. d.													
77	2	2	Annual Report :					6	0	0	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1963	13	14	6													
			Printing	87	13	11		165	5	3	279 Ordinary Members, (480)	88	8	8													
10	2	11	Distribution	10	11	4			12	6	2 Junior Members (10)		7	6													
							98	5	3	41	4	0	86 Husband/Wife Members (77)	37	10	9											
14	5	0	Hire of Rooms				29	17	0	93	11	6	76 Affiliated Societies (75)	86	3	6											
88	0	5	Printing and Stationery				117	18	6				47 Donations	19	16	7											
5	19	11	Insurance Premiums				5	19	0	5	18	6	3 Grants from Local Authorities	7	7	0											
6	5	6	Subscriptions to Kindred Bodies				4	13	6	9	9	0				27	3	7									
4	0	0	Advertising				3	15	0				Interest on Deposits and Investments	68	10	4											
5	15	6	Sundry Expenses				9	10	0	61	13	3	Interest on P.M. Oliver Trust Fund...	27	9	2											
11	8	0	Cost of Annual General Meeting				6	14	6	56	10	9						95	19	6							
30	0	0	Honorariums : Secretaries'	30	0	0							Subscriptions Paid in Advance 1964/65							3	3	0					
50	0	0	Footpaths Inspectors	87	10	0				13	14	6															
12	10	0	Signpost Inspector... ..	12	10	0	130	0	0																		
5	5	0	Other Officials							453	19	3										352	11	0			
			Travelling Exypenses :										Balance being Excess of Ependiture over														
2	11	6	Secretaries	11	19	0							Income Carried Forward to the														
24	5	5	Footpath Inspectors	30	0	8	69	18	1	14	0	9	General Expense Reserve Account ...										247	11	9		
11	9	0	Other Officials	27	18	5																					
88	12	5	Postages and Telephones				104	11	5																		
8	4		Cheque Books		16	8																					
2	2	0	Bank Charges	4	5	10		5	2	6																	
7	1	6	Maps and Plans					10	15	0																	
13	14	6	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1964					3	3	0																	
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468	0	0					£600	2	9	468	0	0				£600	2	9									

GENERAL EXPENSE RESERVE ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1963

1962		£ s. d.	1962		£ s. d.
55 14 10	Balance brought forward 1962.....	41 14 1	14 0 9	Deficit Brought forward from Income and Expenditure Account 247 11 9	247 11 9
- - -	Balance Carried forward to 1964 [Deficit]	205 17 8	41 14 1	Balance carried forward to 1964	- - -
55 14 10		£247 11 9	55 14 10		£247 11 9

DEFENCE FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1963

1962		£ s. d.	1962		£ s. d.
1486 6 5	Balance brought forward from 1962.....	1453 0 5	50 0 0	Transfer to Survey Fund	- - -
16 14 10	Add 26 Donations received during year	10 14 6	- - -	Transfer to Signpost Account	300 0 0
1503 0 5		£1463 14 11	1453 0 5	Balance Carried forward to 1964	1163 14 11
			1503 0 5		£1463 14 11

SURVEY FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1963

1962		£ s. d.	1962		£ s. d.
3 15 6	Balance brought forward from 1962	36 1 7	61 14 10	Survey Expenditure	51 14 10
44 0 11	Add 21 Donations received during year...	8 5 0	36 1 7	Balance carried forward to 1964	- - -
97 16 5	Balance carried forward to 1964 [Deficit]	£51 14 10	97 16 5		£51 14 10

EDWYN ROYCE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE GRANT FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

1962		£ s. d.	1962		£ s. d.
91 2 3	Balance brought forward from 1962.....	91 2 3	91 2 3	Balance carried forward to 1964	91 2 3
91 2 3		91 2 3	91 2 3		91 2 3

T. BOULGER MEMORIAL FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1963

1962 £ s. d.	£ s. d.		1962 £ s. d.	£ s. d.
- - -	54 3 7	30 Donations received during year	- - -	54 3 7
- - -	£54 3 7		- - -	£54 3 7
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">SIGNPOST ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1963</h3> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <h3 style="text-align: center;">SIGNPOST ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1963</h3> </div> </div>				

1962 £ s. d.	£ s. d.		1962 £ s. d.	£ s. d.
238 16 4	103 8 10	Balance brought forward from 1962	203 14 6	483 6 2
46 11 6	57 12 0	Add 74 Donations Received during year	103 8 10	Balance carried forward to 1964.....
21 15 6	- - -	Transfer from H. Jones Memorial Fund	- - -	- - -
- - -	300 0 0	Transfer from Defence Fund	- - -	- - -
- - -	22 5 4	Balance carried forward to 1964 [Deficit]	- - -	- - -
307 3 4	£483 6 2		307 3 4	£483 6 2

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1963

1962 £ s. d.	£ s. d.		1962 £ s. d.	£ s. d.
56 18 9	79 19 6	Cash in Hand [Treasurer and Officials] ...	1486 6 5	1163 14 11
10 4 3	5 3 3	Cash Petty	103 8 10	Signpost Account
220 18 7	- - -	Cash at Bank	36 1 7	Survey Account
1620 16 8	1120 2 4	Deposits and Investments	41 14 1	General Expense Reserve Account
- - -	22 5 4	Signpost Account	91 2 3	Edwyn Royce Mem. Committee Grant
- - -	7 8 3	Survey Account	13 14 6	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1964 ...
- - -	205 17 8	General Expense Reserve Account	189 16 7	Accrued
20 0 0	20 0 0	Accrued	- - -	T. Boulger Memorial Fund
1928 18 3	£1460 16 4		1928 18 3	£1460 16 4

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of my Audit. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Society so far as appears from my examination of these books I have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account, which are in agreement with the books of Account. In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, the said Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Society as at 31st December, 1963, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date.

London, 12th February, 1964.

A. IRVING, Auditor

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES, 1962.

Accrington Naturalists' Antiquarians' Society.
Altrincham and District C.H.A. 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.
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.
Derbyshire Pennine Club.
Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
The Disley Society.
Eastwood Rambling Club.
Good Companions Rambling Club.
Goyt and District Boy Scouts' Local Association.
Hanliensian Rambling Club.
Halcyon Rambling Club.
High Lane Residents. Association.
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.
Kindred Spirits Walking Soc.
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.
Metro-Vickers Motor Drawing Office Staff.
Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society.

Moor and Mountain Club.
North Western Naturalists' Union.
Oldham C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Peak Wardens Association. Middleton.
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, West Riding Area.
Rochdale, C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Rucksack Club.
Sheffield Clarion Ramblers.
Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling and Social Club Section B.
Sheffield C.H.A. Club Section A.
Sheffield Rambling Club.
Spires Rambling Club.
Stockport C.H.A. Rambling and Social Club.
Stockport Corporation Transport Social & Athletic Society—Rambling
Section.
Stockport Field Club.
Stockport W.E.A. Rambling Club.
Sutton-in-Ashfield and District Rambling Club.
207 Rambling Club.
United Field Naturalists.
Wayfarers Rambling Club (Manchester)
Wayfarers Rambling Club (Nottingham).
W.E.A. Rambling Stockport.
W.T.A. Ltd.
Y.H.A. Ashton-under-Lyne Area Group.
Y.H.A. Manchester and District Regional Group.
Y.H.A. Chorley.
Y.H.A. Prestwich Area Group.
Y.H.A. Stockport Area Group.
Y.H.A. Oldham.