

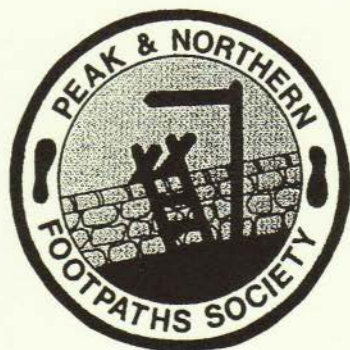


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Our cover photograph

We have many members who subscribe to the National Trust and the depicted scene will no doubt be of considerable interest to those members.

The site is in Dovedale, adjacent to Lode Mill and extending as far as Mill Dale, and has recently been given public funding under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme administered by the Countryside Commission.

But this scheme provides no public access along the Derbyshire side of the river bank. One can walk along the narrow road on the Staffordshire side of the river, but you will share the road with vehicular traffic and exhaust fumes as there is no footway and, due to the physical conditions there is no space available to create a safe route for pedestrians.

Several years ago at the annual general meeting of the National Trust a motion was carried proposing greater public access to National Trust land. But neither the Executive nor its Regional Office intend to let this motion from its own members apply to providing a safe footpath in this part of Dovedale, despite repeated requests over the last 12/14 years.

Would our National Trust members care to use their clout?

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

LESLIE MEADOWCROFT

Another year goes on to the calendar and it is time to keep our members informed of our last years activities as we enter our centenary year, although many will be aware that our roots began in 1826 with the forming of the *Manchester Association for the Preservation of Ancient Footpaths* which handed over its assets in 1896, some two years after the present Society had started its activities with the opening up of the Hayfield to Snake path. Plans are now well advanced for suitable celebrations of which you will read elsewhere in this publication.

Our contemporary, the *Derbyshire Footpaths Society* with whom we keep close contact, also celebrates its centenary during 1994, and we wish them a long and vigorous existence.

Regrettably, we have to report the demise of the *Barnsley Footpath Society*, a long established and hardworking organisation which will be greatly missed in their part of Yorkshire, and whose responsibilities will no doubt be reflected in additional work for this Society

Early researches revealed that one of this Society's famous battles took place on the southern slopes of Werneth Low with the fight for the Benfield footpath and which, with the passage of time had fallen out of use due to obstructions and had not been entered on the definitive map. We have produced legal evidence to the local authority and a claim made for its entry on to the definitive map by a modification order.

Other claims we are pursuing are the logical extension of Stalybridge FP70, from its present termination at the old county boundary above the Brushes Valley, and the re-creation of the Lady Cross track from Saltersgate to Fidders Green which lies to the south of the A628(T), east of Woodhead, and which was closed by a court order in the early 1800s but has subsequently been used by many people without let or hindrance. Further evidence from persons who have used either of these routes would be welcomed. Evidence forms are available from the Cosa Unit at Hazel Grove.

We have had a meeting with the Greater Manchester Police Architectural Liaison Officer to discuss conflicts of view which have come to light at recent public inquiries, where they have given evidence. We came away from their headquarters wondering if our attendance had been justified.

We are grateful to Ken & Sonia Holt of Dove Holes for the gift of an *elephant* map cabinet and a power drill attachment. The funding of a portable electric generator by the Thomas Lockerby Trust is gratefully acknowledged. An alert member enabled us to bid at a bargain price for a suspended map cabinet, and for which he provided free transport. Once again we are grateful to the Countryside Commission for assisting with our signposting programme.

The *Cosa Unit* (Consultations, Orders, Signs & Archives) continues to be very busy with the additional workload of now having to monitor planning applications involving rights of way. The present weekly average being around some 30 items received by mail. Add to this telephone items, site meetings and public inquiries, the preparation for the latter taking further time. After many years service, Derek Whinerrah found

he could no longer continue his afternoon attendance and we must record our grateful appreciation of his service. A successor is needed urgently for Monday afternoons also additional holiday reliefs for Mondays and Saturday mornings. Prospective volunteers can be assured of joining an enjoyable working group.

As most of our members are aware, the Cosa Unit maintains an up-to-date record of rights of way based on definitive maps supplied by most local authorities who have a common boundary with the old Greater Manchester County. There is, however, one major exception. For many years we have been requesting a copy of the Lancashire definitive map from that county's headquarters but time and again we have been met with repeated refusal and unjustifiable reasons for not supplying.

For most of the year we have been without the services of the Courts and Inquiries Officer due to his attentions being given to dealing within Greater Manchester of matters connected with unitary development plans. As a result this has thrown a considerable additional strain on our manpower resources, involving unit members in public inquiries. We are grateful to those members who have so assisted.

As the year rolled on it became obvious the government was not intending to honour its declared intention to promote a new Countryside Bill in the succeeding session of parliament. As a result of this continued deferment Lord Norrie, a

member of the Council for National Parks, is to promote a restricted Private Members Bill to give all national parks independent status.

We received a personal letter of appreciation from Richard Thomas, head of the North West office of the Countryside Commission who is moving to a separate post in charge of National Trails. Richard will be remembered as one of our after-dinner speakers, and we wish him well.

During the year, vice chairman Frank Whitehead resigned his office for health reasons, but is continuing to be actively involved with the Cosa unit. A suitable replacement candidate is being sought.

We are represented on the North West Federation for Sport, Conservation & Recreation – which gives us access to the Sports Council, the Derbyshire Countryside Advisory Group with access to the County Council, and an annual meeting with the Peak Park Board members, whilst on the same day at Buxton we attend the Peak District CPRE Voluntary Joint Committee. We also serve on the National Trust Kinder Advisory Committee.

We have more regular meetings with numerous authorities to exchange views and progress reports all of which, it must be appreciated, take a considerable amount of your officers limited time.

As we approach the target year 2000, it is encouraging to observe greater signs of motivation towards reaching the Countryside Commission's target of all rights of way to be fully and freely open.



1993 ANNUAL DINNER



This year's guest speaker was, by special request, a return visit by Jerry Pearlman; the well known Ramblers' Association honorary solicitor entertained us by quoting some facts and figures from his casebook.

COSA UNIT

by FRANK WHITEHEAD

or Consultations, Orders, Signs and Archives

FACTS AND FIGURES

During the year ended 30 September 1993 the Cosa Unit dealt with 1824 items of incoming mail. On one Monday in particular, 75 footpath matters were assessed by the morning and afternoon teams of assessors and, in addition, 1831 public

Specimen daily throughput

Diversions	38
Closures/extinguishments	9
Map modification orders	8
Development plans	2
Reclassification	1
Upgrading	1
Creation	1
Other footpath matters	15
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Total	75

Cosa annual throughput 1993

Diversions	875
Closures	219
Map modification orders	193
Development plans	46
Re-classification	21
Upgradings	17
Creation	24
Planning – other items	429
Public Inquiries, upwards	7
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Total	1831

Members should note that our secretary also deals individually with all path obstruction problems.

THE SOCIETY'S SLIDE LECTURE

The Chairman or Secretary would be pleased to present the Society's slide lecture to any interested organisation.

Please contact either of them for further details.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES *by Adrian Littleton*

During 1993, Donald Lee spent many hours at public inquiries into **Greater Manchester's Unitary Development Plans** which define the boroughs' planning policies for the next 15 years. Donald has striven to propel care for the footpath network from the pit to the pinnacle of planners' priorities.

Leslie Meadowcroft won an inquiry victory at **Rainow 49**, where the purchaser of Wayside Cottage disputed the correctness of the definitive map as to the accuracy of the path's alignment. Cheshire County Council came under criticism for failing to supply full information to their elected members. Further developments are expected with this case.

Harry Hadfield went to **Halifax** to try to keep open a path which ran through **Mile Cross Works** at Gibbet Street. An Extinguishment Order had been made under Planning Act powers to enable a security compound to be created across the path. Harry pleaded that extinguishment would be a hardship to local residents, who would have to walk half as long again to the supermarket. The inspector confirmed the Order on the grounds that *'the wider benefit to the local community which derives from the continued viability of the Company outweighs the admitted inconvenience to a small section of that community'*.

Frank Whitehead grappled with alleged crime prevention: a housing estate was planned across the route of **Tottington FP78** and the local authority and developer, with police support, sought diversion along estate roads: pleading

that a route along passageways between house gardens would promote crime. The Inspector's conclusion may be summarised as *'this green field is going to be covered with houses: walkers may as well use the estate roads'*. He gave no verdict on the crime-prevention issue.

Near Chorley, Wain Homes acquired some building land adjoining a disused railway cutting. Their layout designer made a map-reading mistake when inspecting the site, and decided that **Great Knowley FP21** ran inside the cutting. As a result, eight tiny back gardens were created across the route of Path 21: Chorley Borough Council's planning officers' map-reading being as inept as the developer's. When the error came to light, Chorley made a diversion order, taking Path 21 along estate roads for 240 metres and then down a passageway for a further 80. The original route gave views of fields rising to delectable hills; the walker on the diversion route sees Wain Homes' homes and their fences.

Predictably the Inspector spared the householders, some of whom learned of the true route of Path 21 only on the morning of the inquiry. Walkers have lost a delightful path – it is near enough to Chorley to be a Sunday afternoon stroll for the townsfolk. I was frustrated by the Inspector from cross examining to elicit how this conspiracy of cock-ups had occurred. Wain Homes won the jackpot; they were spared very costly lawsuits by eight house purchasers and their lucky map reading earned them the area of one building plot!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

DEREK TAYLOR

In 1987 the Countryside Commission launched its 'policies for enjoying the countryside' proposals with a target set that 'all rights of way should be legally defined, properly maintained and well publicised by the end of the century'. We are now six years on from the launch date with six years to go to the end of the century and members often ask me how I see the policy working.

In my report to members in 1991, I said that though there was limited movement by some authorities towards achieving the objective, there was still a distinct lack of enthusiasm by others. My updated thinking on this is that the comments made in 1991 still apply, though certainly more authorities have now recognised the need for action, than there were in the early 90s.

Certainly there is an acceptance amongst most authorities that the target is both reasonable and necessary but the one problem which inhibits more positive action is the lack of finance. One authority, for instance, with some 532km of rights of way has a budget of £6,000 pa so the possibility of their meeting the Countryside Commission's policy deadline is virtually nil. Most, if not all, authorities face this problem; some are lavish in their praise for the financial support from the Commission whilst others are equally critical at the way they are treated.

On the credit side more authorities are prepared to meet with us to discuss problems and I have discussed those in more detail later in my report. There is no doubt in my mind that effective consultation brings about the greatest benefit and the greatest improvement in the network.

My great concern is that some authorities undertake what I prefer to call 'window dressing' exercises, producing glossy walks leaflets, promoting adopt-a-path schemes, again with more glossy leaflets, whilst the footpath network falls apart due to gross neglect over the years.

So much then for my appreciation of Target 2000 and its side effects. I now submit my report for 1993 based on how I see the performance of the various highway authorities in our inner area.

Statistical information is from the Countryside Commission's Technical Report - 'Local Authorities Expenditure on Rights of Way 1990-1991'.

CHESHIRE

Cheshire County Council

The establishment of a Rights of Way forum in the first weeks of 1994 must be the most encouraging thing to come out of the County for some time. It is early days yet to make positive comments on its success or otherwise, but at least there is now a forum for discussion, a situation which has been sadly lacking over the years. Many problems still remain, some of which have been with us since I took over as secretary in 1978. There are still several locations where buildings, houses, barns, shippons, etc have been built across rights of way and I have recently had to ask the County why, when we draw their attention to them, the first thing they think of is how can we negotiate a suitable diversion. They never even consider that such an illegal obstruction might somehow justify a prosecution. I am seeking to change their minds on this issue.

Adopt-a-path and Parish Path Partnership schemes are in the forefront of Cheshire's 'new approach' to footpath problems but I have already expressed real concern that path problems sent to parish councils to resolve might just be resolved to the benefit of, say, local land-owners rather than the general public. I hope I am wrong, but be assured I will be watching carefully for this sort of reaction.

Macclesfield BC

I recently saw a cartoon by 'Larry' which slightly altered the Samuel Johnson quote by saying – '*As Johnson said to Boswell, a man who is tired of Macclesfield is tired of life*' – I thought it highly appropriate as I can tell you I am tired of Macclesfield. Well, to be more precise, of the borough council. Whilst not the worst authority on our books, Macclesfield must be pretty close to the top of the list. They have yet to show any sort of positive approach and commitment to rights of way matters and whilst we are now getting acknowledgements of our complaints, that really is as far as it goes. I wonder how long we must wait before the County Council recognises that Macclesfield is not fulfilling its responsibilities under the highways agency agreement and takes back responsibility for rights of way. I await the day!!

Warrington BC

We have no formal contact with the Council and complaints are dealt with in a very off-hand manner. They brush complaints aside almost as one would brush off a fly. I firmly believe they consider rights of way to be a nuisance and of no consequence whatsoever. Widening of the M6 motorway at the Lymm junction has caused us problems over the last 12 months, for the Department of Transport made an Order (which unfortunately we missed) to divert Lymm FP2 to the other side of the motorway. I had great difficulty in persuading the DoT first of all to make available the diverted route and early in the year I told them the new route, a headland path, would almost certainly be ploughed out in due course. Came the ploughing season, that was precisely what happened but when I complained to them they immediately told me responsibility for the new path now rested with Warrington BC; when approached they promptly referred the matter to the Mersey Valley Partnership who, quite frankly are not equipped to deal with such problems. As the year closes the headland path is still ploughed out and set to crop.

GREATER MANCHESTER

Bolton MBC

We continue to meet regularly with the Council and, in recent weeks, with the introduction of a new team dealing with rights of way matters there appears to be a new, almost dynamic approach. There are still many outstanding problems but I am confident that we are at last on the right track for continuing improvement and on course for target 2000. There are one or two problems with quarries in the Bolton area with the owners tending to quarry first and then seek permission later.

There are certainly two paths in danger from such operations. Last year I noted concern at the way in which matters legal were handled. I think I can say there appears to be an improvement in that section also and we are now receiving positive comments on matters which have reached the legal stage. Unfortunately the problems relating to Landlord's Farm, Westhoughton FP26 are still not resolved though new alternative routes have been proposed and are being considered.

Bury MBC

The situation in Bury continues to improve. Meetings held are now very positive and many outstanding problems have been or are being resolved. Bury complain of the lack of funding and the lack of support from the Countryside Commission but, despite that, are making positive efforts to resolve problems.

Our new inspector, Brian Taylor, is settling in to the job and already making a positive contribution. We have an ongoing problem in Radcliffe: St Saviours FP2 off Stopes Road is shown on the definitive map as going through a house built in the 1890s; it has taken much research to establish what we believe is the correct line. A modification order is needed to put right what is said to be a drafting error by the former Greater Manchester Council.

Manchester City Council

Features prominently on my list of least caring councils, not quite at the top but very close to it. With only 77km of definitive rights of way you would think there would be no problems but that is most certainly not the case. There are several instances of ways which are obstructed and most recently we have found that Ringway FP2, which has already been diverted to cater for the construction of Terminal 2 at Manchester Airport is now obstructed by a new Forté flight catering centre which is being constructed – yes, you guessed it – across the right of way. Our first approach to the City Council brought forth the usual ‘oh dear’, please consider the two alternative diversion routes we have indicated. I have sent the whole thing back to the Council asking that they prosecute for the obstruction of a highway. Watch this space!

Oldham MBC

Very quiet again this year with little to report. I cannot believe the footpath network is in first class condition but I have very few reports to the contrary. I feel that, if we could establish relations by way of a liaison meeting, all sorts of things would crawl out from under the carpet.

The most recent Technical Report of the Countryside Commission on Rights of Way 1990-91 shows Oldham as *‘having undertaken a survey’* and will complete signposting by 1995 (their estimate); all I can say is they will have to be quick!

Rochdale MBC

An authority which always fell into my categorisation as one which had little or no concern for rights of way. All has changed, a new footpath officer has been appointed and liaison meetings have been set up. The change has been dramatic, complaints now receive almost immediate attention which proves that if the will to do something about rights of way matters

is there, then anything is possible. One or two problems remain, such as the obstructed towpath of the Rochdale canal at Smithy Bridge where the canal is culverted under the road but the towpath on one side of the bridge has been taken into gardens. This is clearly an obstruction to a definitive right of way yet the Council’s legal department have failed over the years to take action. Members in Rochdale may be assured I will never, never, give up this length of towpath and will continue the fight to have it re-opened to the public, no matter how long it takes.

Salford City Council

Almost Hopeless! Ranks next to the top in my table of incompetent authorities. There is a pretence at consultation but only when the Council feels it will be beneficial to them. Total length of rights of way in the Council’s area is 125km, not a lot, but with several longstanding problems. Regular meetings with the authority would be the first step towards some improvement and I am at all times seeking to establish these, but without much success at this time. The Countryside Commission’s document referred to previously, states they have set up a ROW liaison group; I can’t believe this but if they have we are most certainly not part of it. They say they will have completed signposting in 1993. I leave it to our members in Salford to tell me if in fact that is the case. Meanwhile, the saga of Swinton & Pendlebury 51 continues with the path still obstructed.

Stockport MBC

This authority ranks quite highly in my league table, regular meetings are held at which all aspects of footpath work are discussed and it is significant that Stockport is one of very few authorities who actually ask the society for dates for a meeting rather than our having to press them.

Tameside MBC

Tameside is somehow a 'remote' authority. They do carry out works on rights of way and erect signposts on odd occasions but one can never get close to them to discuss the wider aspects of footpaths work. For instance I have no idea what programme they have for reviewing the definitive map; I don't know what their response is to Target 2000. The Countryside Commission's most recent statistics published in 1991 indicate they have undertaken a survey and signposting of rights of way is 'complete'; I very much doubt the latter.

Trafford MBC

I hoped that my report this year would have been able to report some improvement in relations with this authority but regrettably that is not the case. There appears to be a reluctance to establish anything like formal meetings to discuss rights of way problems though I hope that negotiations taking place at the moment will result in better things in 1994.

Regrettably we had to refer one case about an obstructed path on the Dunham Massey/Altrincham boundary to the Ombudsman; we await a report to tell us if the case has been accepted for examination. I have to say that I have not much faith in the Ombudsman, past experience has shown that her office has a strange way of looking at things. Her brief is supposed to cover matters such as delay and inaction in judging if there has been maladministration, but in fact they introduce a whole of other factors, such as would the path be well used if it was open, does it lead to a good walking area, etc. To me these issues are irrelevant to the question of maladministration by the Council, but I suppose I could be said to be biased on such matters.

Wigan MBC

Wigan pride themselves on having liaison meetings with the Society but if I tell you that the last meeting was scheduled for 8 June 1993 and has still to be held despite

repeated requests for a positive date, then you have some idea of the importance the Council really attaches to consultation. We now hear that the meeting is scheduled for March 1994. Our sense of frustration with this Council can best be summed up by quoting the situation on Ashton-in-Makerfield FP22 which is flooded at all times of the year; it is the only north/ south path remaining in the area as two others have been closed by a British Rail Act of 1966 of which more later. Pressure on the Council over many years to take some action to restore this path has failed and we now have to pursue the matter through the Magistrates Court by way of a Highways Act Section 56 notice served on the Council.

DERBYSHIRE

Derbyshire County Council

The County takes on board responsibility for signposting rights of way across the county and for footpath obstruction problems in the Borough of High Peak. The Council seem anxious to complete their signposting responsibilities but despite repeated reminders some paths in north east Derbyshire are still without signs. With regard to obstructions etc in High Peak, I am aware there has been a change in staffing and I would not like to be too critical of the situation until the recently appointed officer has had the opportunity to get to grips with a situation which has certainly deteriorated since the departure of the previous incumbent. I propose, therefore, to say no more about Derbyshire County at this stage.

Derbyshire Dales DC

I have very few complaints about paths in this area; most problems seem to be resolved fairly quickly although the post of footpath officer is vacant due to the move of the previous incumbent to the County. Again I will reserve judgement until next year.

North East Derbyshire DC

There are very many outstanding matters in this Council's area. The footpath officer assures me that each and every complaint is dealt with promptly and I have no reason to doubt this but I get the feeling that there is little follow-up action by the Council's officer. This appears to be left to our inspectors who tell me repeatedly there has been no progress on a particular problem. As I reported last year, many paths are not on their correct lines having been moved at some time on to what some people see as 'more convenient lines', with stiles, etc on non-definitive routes being reasonably common. We continue to attempt to motivate the Council and I am very much indebted to our inspectors in that area who carry out follow-up inspections very regularly.

LANCASHIRE

Lancashire County Council

I attend meetings of the County Rights of Way liaison meeting held at County Hall, Preston on a regular basis. The meetings deal with matters of general footpath and countryside concern, but there is one item of business which I await with bated breath and that is a statistical return we have been promised for over 12 months and which hopefully will show the performance of district councils on footpath matters. As I say, we have been promised this information now for some time and I just cannot wait to see what sort of figures Blackburn BC will produce. I confidently expect a nil return, for that is the amount of work which Blackburn do on footpaths.

Blackburn BC

In a word, Hopeless!!

Chorley BC

I cannot praise this relatively small Borough too highly. We send a list of problems and they are dealt with almost immediately; the Council's footpath officer is extremely conscientious and as a result we have an excellent relationship with her.

Rossendale BC

I must say I have very few complaints from the Rossendale area and I am not quite sure why this should be. Of course it could recognise there are few problems in the area but I very much doubt that to be the case. I suppose in the end it depends how many of our members walk in that part of the world, I can only say that most of the few complaints I send to the Council are dealt with promptly and efficiently.

WEST YORKSHIRE

Calderdale MBC

A major problem in this area is the fact that the Council do not appear to have any procedure to follow-up obstruction reports. They make an initial complaint to farmer or landowner and thereafter do nothing. Therefore it is left to our inspector to walk the way again and report either continuing obstruction or clearance.

Calderdale is a large area, some 363sq km and it would be useful to know the length of paths in their area but the statistical return notes Calderdale as a 'non-responder'. That same return should tell me what action the Council is taking on – 'undertaking a survey' and 'completed signposting' but, again, against their name are the words 'non-responder'. I just wonder if those comments tell the story of Calderdale's concern for rights of way and if we were to ask the question '*what concern have you for rights of way*' would the answer be 'non-responder'; I think it might just be worth asking the question.

Kirklees M.B.C

I see some improvement in our dealings with this Council but it is very marginal. Our inspectors have indicated that they are to intensify their inspections in 1994 so I may have some even better news next year. Sadly in the statistical return Kirklees are also 'non-responders'.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Staffordshire County Council

I continue to attend the twice yearly rights of way meetings held at Stafford and I have to say that in recent years there has been a very positive approach to all footpath obstruction problems. I am afraid that I cannot say the same for claims for rights of way under s53 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. I have had a number of claims for paths in the parish of Eccleshall lodged with the Council since June 1992 and these are still awaiting attention.

SOME OTHER THOUGHTS.....

Private Acts of Parliament

I mentioned briefly in my report on Wigan MBC that two paths had been closed under the British Rail Act of 1966.

I think it important that all members recognise the implications of private acts of parliament for they tend to sneak through without much concern, perhaps by reason of their title. The particular one to which I refer was an Act to carry out works on the west coast main line electrification, but from our point of view it was far more than that for, tucked away in the act, were proposals to allow the closure of footpaths over a wide area with nothing whatsoever to do with electrification.

What happened in fact was that we lost two overbridges, one at Golborne and the other at Abram which resulted in paths terminating at the track side. However, the Act was so far reaching in its scope that even now, some 27 years later, British Rail propose using the same Act to close the last north/south link by filling in an underbridge, citing the fact that the approach paths are 'flooded', minus a plank bridge and vandalism. I fear there is little we can do to prevent this except to make representations to British Rail via the local authority. The moral of this story is that we should always be aware of private acts masquerading under strange titles which may affect rights of way.

And finally...

Before concluding my report for 1993, I must refer with the utmost regret to the fact that our honorary treasurer, Stephen Shaw, has indicated that he will not be standing for re-election at the annual general meeting.

Stephen joined us as treasurer in 1980 and since that time has carried out his duties admirably and with the utmost professionalism. I would like to say a very sincere thank you to Stephen on your behalf.

And finally, finally...

Once again may I express my thanks to all the Society's officers for their continuing support and make special mention of our footpath inspectors without whose help and encouragement I could not continue to operate.

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY

MRS PAULINE CLIFF

FORESTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

*Extracts taken from the Mersey Forest Draft Plan
and the Red Rose Forest Draft Plan.*

The impetus for the development of Community Forests in England came from an increasing need to diversify the uses of rural and urban fringe land. This need led the Countryside Commission and the Forestry Commission to undertake a detailed review which culminated in comprehensive statements from both Commissions. A programme of new multi-purpose forests around major towns and cities for people to *use, cherish and enjoy* was proposed in 1989.

These forests would –

- produce a national supply of timber,
- offer an alternative to agricultural use of land,
- contribute to rural employment,
- create attractive sites for public enjoyment,
- enhance the natural beauty of the countryside,
- create wildlife habitats.

In all, 12 community forests are being developed in England. The first three were launched in 1989 in South Staffordshire, in south Tyne and Wear/north east Durham and in east London. These initiatives were considered successful and paved the way for nine further forests in 1991, including two in the north west.

In this area, the community forest concept stretches from the Pennines to the Irish Sea because the Mersey Forest (in Merseyside and north Cheshire), and the Red Rose Forest (in Greater Manchester) share a common boundary.

In the north west the decline which followed early industrialisation and urban growth has led to some of the most serious

urban and economic problems in western Europe and has resulted in a concentration of derelict land of poor environmental quality.

The forests are seen as an opportunity to improve much of the dereliction at relatively low cost and to create a new 'green' structure within and around the urban areas leading to an improved image for the region. There is the fond hope that creating attractive wooded settings for housing and employment, with nearby opportunities for informal recreation, will help towards economic regeneration by enabling the region to compete for new industry and investment.

It is not envisaged that creating the forests will require large scale changes in land ownership. The main approach will be to encourage farmers, landowners and commerce to consider the opportunities which such a forest might present and provide them with the necessary information and advice. Each area has a team of about eight people (funded by the Countryside Commission) whose job is to promote the community forest concept and coordinate its development.

Development of the forests is not something that will happen overnight – I have seen estimates of 20, 30 or even 40 years. One reason is obviously the time it takes for trees to come to maturity but there is also the issue of funding. Finance will come from a combination of central government, local authorities and businesses. Probably the major source is government funding through the Countryside Commission and Forestry Commission but this can only be supplied in the form of ‘matching funding’ which means that 50% of the cost of any scheme must be found from elsewhere. In the present climate it seems unlikely local government or industry will have much money to put into community forests. As the Red Rose Forest Plan says –

‘the Forests development....will happen in stages depending on the’ (political?) ‘will, the resources and the opportunity’.

Unfortunately the term **forests** is something of a misnomer; they will not form an area of continuous tree cover as is implied. ‘Community Forest’ is an umbrella term for a number of separate woodlands of different sizes and types. Much of the work will involve capitalising on existing woodlands such as Blackley Forest, which is one of the original planned community woodlands, planted in the early 1950’s and now taken for granted 40 years on. Other priorities are the planting of green corridors along roads, railways (using only trees with the right kind of leaves of course) and rivers, eg the Mersey Valley, and the M61/M62 corridor. The idea is that a woodland setting will be provided for many different land uses and activities.

A key objective is to increase opportunities for access, sport and recreation. Gateway sites will be identified and developed, including provision for car parking, ranger bases and information points. Such sites will include Moses Gates Country Park, Three Sisters Recreation Area, Heaton Park and Sale Water Park. It is intended to link

these gateway sites, also called Core Forest Areas, by a network of ‘forest ways’ for walking, riding and cycling. The Red Rose Forest Plan states –

“the basis for this network already exists through the Public Rights of Way system and other designated recreational routes. Opportunities exist to extend and improve this existing provision through new designations and agreements with landowners”

In the Merseyside Forest one aim will be –
“to establish and manage a strategic network of routes partly based on the Trans-Pennine Trail and other existing routes the existing public rights of way network varies enormously in quality and quantity. In particular there are few routes suitable for cyclists and the bridleway network is fragmented”.

Below are some examples of proposals taken from the Red Rose Forest Plan:

- to develop a route for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders from Tonge Fold to Smithills Estate in the Croal/Irwell Valley;
- to develop a recreational route between the southern end of the Irk Valley and Heaton Park;
- to improve access from residential and urban areas to local green space within the Mersey Valley.

Obviously these are the kinds of issues that are close to the hearts of members of the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society, particularly references to ‘new designations and agreements with landowners’. However there may also be opportunities within the development of the community forests - for improved access, for improved signposting and waymarking, and for improved maintenance of footpaths.

It may be worth keeping a close eye on developments within the forests over the next few (forty?) years.

MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES

FEBRUARY

- FP1 Ringway affected by Airport; Mr. Lee offered to lead a publicity walk;
- Objection made to Salford UDP;
- Discussion about Park Road footpath, Levenshulme;
- Charity Commision: changes to constitution considered;
- Milldale FP: failure of negotiations with National Trust;
- Altrincham level crossing and Disley Footpath 44: orders confirmed;
- Crowton FP12: case was lost.

MARCH

- Secretary reports lack of communication with city solicitor re. Manchester Airport expansion;
- Manchester Outer Ring Road: paths lost with one creation at Blackley.

MAY

- Still no reply re Manchester Airport;
- Milldale FP with Andrew Bennett MP;
- Wilmslow Rupp 22 (Bank House Farm) needs observation;
- New auditor appointed; ● agreed to start centenary celebrations with annual dinner; ● Future office accommodation discussed on secretary's report;
- MPs, Nicholas and Ann Winterton's, residence involved in Newbold Astbury FP39 diversion.

JUNE

- Tottington 78: concern about police involvement at public enquiry;
- Kettleshulme 25 (Dunge Farm) misleading notice; ● Chairman raises issue of Cosa controller;
- Motorway widenings – concern to be raised with Andrew Bennett MP.

JULY

- Reply received from Airport solicitor;
- Park Road Levenshulme: definitive path agreed; ● Tottington FP13 Fletcher Farm: Bury MBC taking legal action;
- Reeds Bridge Kettleshulme; repairs to listed bridge resolved; ● Society on Granada TV Action programme;
- Benfield footpath issue raised with Stockport MBC.

SEPTEMBER

- Nether Alderley FP created in 1981 not on 1992 OS map; ● High Legh 23 affected by M56 would create cul-de-sac; ● National Trust will not concede Mill Dale footpath creation.

OCTOBER

- Order for High Legh 25 withdrawn by County Council; ● Dunham Massey non definitive: further evidence needed.
- Altrincham Rupp 8: members divergence of opinion.

NOVEMBER

- Winterton diversion; Cheshire's procedure causes grave disquiet;
- Concern re Cheshire's attitude to S53 modification orders; ● Walkden mineral railway track rejected by Ombudsman.

DECEMBER

- Poynton: opencast mining proposals affecting many paths;
- Society attends A556(M) enquiry;
- Honorary treasurer advises of his forthcoming resignation.

SIGNPOST REPORT

BY FRED OGDEN

This is my first report as signpost officer, having taken over from Percy Hutchinson at the last AGM. Since that meeting a number of posts have been erected and repair and maintenance carried out on others. I have been helped in this work by many people, including Fred Travis who was able to accompany the team occasionally following his recent illness.

It is also gratifying to report the assistance of the West Pennine and Peak Park Rangers and the National Trust for help in transporting equipment to difficult locations. Mention must also be made of Derbyshire County Council for the donation of 15 posts for use by the Society. I must also thank North West Water and Tarmac Plc for other considerable kindness, hospitality and cooperation in several site negotiations.

The photographic record of all our posts is almost complete and we have now prepared an excellent library.

May I conclude by asking all members to contact me direct if they find anything amiss with any of our signs.

NEW SIGNPOSTS ERECTED

- 231** Breck Head [059824]
Donated by Mrs J. Davies
in memory of Mr & Mrs Welburn
- 233** Dimpus Clough [063846]
Donated by the family & friends
of Reg Brocklebank
- 234** Hollingworth [002955]
Donated by Manchester CHA
in memory of Clifford Lane.
- 235** Longworth Moor [687168]
Donated by friends of Mary Morgan
- 236** Topley Pike [104720]
donated by Trafford Walkers
in memory of Harold Merton.
- 237** Fernilee [011787]
Donated by Moor & Mountain
Club in memory of Maurice Keane.
- 238** Middlewood [947851]
- 239** Summer Close near Kettleshulme [981778]. Replaces fingerpost 29 donated by Manchester Rambling Club for the Blind.
- 104** Wildboardclough [988698]
Original post vandalised.
Replacement post donated by
Mrs Katharine Barber.

NEW SIGNPOSTS - WORK IN HAND

- 240** Turton Moor [696185]
Donated by Bolton HF
in memory of Mrs Norah Gillespie
- 241** Marple [969883]
Donated by Oldknow Community
Arts Forum to celebrate the bi-
centenary of Oldknow's Mill.
- 242** Marple [968874]
Donated as SP241 (above).

REPLACEMENT POSTS

- 18 Abbey Grange [172916]
Old post rotten.
- 27 Eccles Pike [047810] *ditto*
- 56 Snake Inn [109911]
ditto and vandalised.
- 93 Hope [163843] *ditto*
- 98 Chapelgate, Edale [099834]
Old post damaged.
- 106 Snake Road Alport [142912]
Re-alignment of road required,
sign to be slightly re-positioned.
- 130 Turton [703181]
Old post missing for some time.

OTHER WORK

- 5 Peep O' Day [047850]
Plaque affixed in memory of
Gertrude Hampshire.
- 10 Snake Inn [109908]
Repainted.
- 35 Castleton [154832]
Post damaged by vehicle.
Reinstated by Parish Council.
- 36 Hope [171837]
Plaque affixed in memory of Kitty
Smith.
- 119 Lyme Park [963814]
Reinstated by Stockport MBC
although not in their area.
- 129 Turton [703179]
Re-painted.
- 146 Saddleworth [983052]
Previously reported missing,
now at 986056 and repainted.
- 191 Derwent [174909]
Plaque donated by Stockport CHA
re George Watson and Geoff Price.
- 195 Mellor [983891]
Arm replaced.
- 199 Mellor [975876]
Base of post rotten, now repaired.
- 222 Peak Forest [116788]
Plaque affixed in memory of
Margaret Page.

Please note: the figures in brackets are grid references

TREASURER'S REPORT

STEPHEN SHAW

Once more a successful year, with total funds increasing by more than the rate of retail inflation.

Interest rates obtained on most of our funds remain higher than inflation and with corporate incomes, and hence dividends paid out, falling, cash deposits remain a good investment, although of course any decline in interest rates affects our income from investments. The equity market is at present somewhat inflated due to the low interest rates now ruling, and some consolidation of the equity market can be foreseen.

While the Society is subject to different financial costs than those measured by RPI, it is interesting to compare the performance of our income, expenditure, and total funds to RPI –

	9 years	12 months
RPI	+ 56%	+ 1.4%
Income	+ 86%	- 20%
Expenses	+ 106%	- 13%
Total funds	+ 155%	+ 8.8%

Do not be misled by the fairly substantial surpluses shown on the accounts. The Society is at a difficult point where it needs to grow significantly – to continue its work at its best levels. The Society at present relies upon the use of a significant area of the premises of the secretary and the chairman. It would be very advantageous for it to have its own premises, but the cost would be much higher than the present surpluses! Also

the chairman and secretary (especially) are subject to very heavy demands upon their time, and it would again be of advantage to the Society to have paid employees to assist them.

Such changes, if they are to come, are likely to take some time, and it would be most helpful if any members with suitable professional capabilities would make themselves known to the secretary. The CAF CASH fund you see mentioned under Assets in the Balance Sheet is operated by the Charities Aid Foundation, and has enabled us to obtain interest rates usually very close to Base Rate on a fully realisable investment. The fund is open only to Registered Charities.

The Charities Aid Foundation offer other services of value to us, and you may wish to note that as we are a registered charity, donations may be made to us by the *Give As You Earn* scheme operated by CAF, and that donations may be directed to us through the CAF VOUCHER scheme.

The latter scheme is one in which you make a covenanted donation to CAF for a minimum of four years, and then make your charitable payments by means of a special voucher – rather like a cheque book. Thus you increase your charitable giving by the amount generously added by the Inland Revenue (you must be subject to income tax for this to work). You also remain fully in control of how much goes to each charity, and are not tied to giving a fixed amount to a particular charity each year for four years.

For details of this please write to –
Charities Aid Foundation
48 Pembury Road
Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JD
The CAF is itself a registered charity.

The Leeds and Holbeck Building Society Charity Account offers interest rates very close to those of Cafcash, also fully realisable.

LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS

We are grateful if members would remember the Society when making or reviewing their wills. To make a bequest to the Society the following wording is suitable –

I bequeath the sum of to the
Peak and Northern Footpaths Society Registered Charity No. 212219
(Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Mather Way, Salford Shopping Centre)
and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time
being of the said Society shall be sufficient discharge for the said sum.

The Charities Aid Foundation also offer a service which allows you to bequeath a sum or portion of your estate to charity in general, and then leave informal written instructions for specific disposal - this makes it easier to redirect funds if your interests alter without having to have a new Will made out or a codicil added, both of which may produce income for your Solicitor. The form of wording would be –

*My trustees shall hold shares (or I bequeath the Sum of)
for the Charities Aid Foundation of 48 Pembury Rd, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JD
(Registered Charity No 268369) upon trust to distribute the same and the income thereof for charitable
purposes (including its Foundation Fund) and I request the trustees for the time being of the Foundation
(without intending to create any binding trust or legal obligation) to distribute the same or part or parts
thereof to such charity or charities and in such shares or proportions as I may have made known to them
during my life or as may be recorded in any note or memorandum found amongst my papers after my
death but so that notwithstanding such request the Trustees of the Foundation shall have absolute
discretion as to the distribution of this Gift and shall be entitled to make a contribution of 3% of this gift
to their founder, namely the National Council for Voluntary Organisations for its charitable purposes as
required by the Trust Deed establishing the Foundation.*

Rather lengthy but very valuable. Do consult your legal adviser on such matters.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity law requires the Trustees (who are defined as all of the members of Council) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the income and expenditure of the Society for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to – (1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; (2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and (3) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Acts 1992 and 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees have elected, as permitted by the Charities Act, to provide the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities as given below, and to further take advantage of the exemption from the need for a professional audit, such elections being due to the amount of the gross income of the Society. The accounts have been examined by an independent examiner, as required by the Act.

(please also see notes on page 28)

	1993	1992		1993	1992
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Subscriptions			Postages and telephones	1203	1064
Ordinary	672	693	Stationery etc	246	453
Joint	675	710	Photocopying	280	410
Transfer from 10 yr suspense	1005	914	Office Equipment	28	92
Junior	6	2	Travel	633	754
Affiliations	613	614	Annual Report	732	624
Total subscriptions	2971	2933	Expenses of COSA Unit	155	129
Donations	850	1181	Room costs: COSA Unit	410	394
	3821	4114	Secretariat	325	315
Affiliates Service charge	115	95	Meetings	143	106
Consultation expenses charged	42	33	Publicity/exhibition	333	273
Sale of badges	40	104	Subscriptions & donations	42	92
	197	232	Conference fees	22	509
Investment Income			Purchase of maps	102	115
Received net of tax	-	277	Bank Nominee		
Income Tax refund due	-	93	Company charges	-	24
	-	370	Insurance of work parties	24	21
<i>Received gross -</i>			Loss on refreshments	12	-
Government Stock	2618	2721	Total expenses for year	4689	5375
Short term deposits	2546	3592	Excess of		
Total investment income	5164	6682	income over expenditure	4753	6378
Total ordinary income	9182	11028		9442	11753
Grants received ¶	160	126			
Investment adjustments	-	518			
Refreshments surplus	-	40			
Fee for advert in annual report	100	-			
Sundry	-	43			
	260	726			
Total income for the year	9442	11753			

¶ Grants Received (the Society is grateful for the assistance received)

Shown in General Funds -

● £160 from the Thomas Lockerby Footpaths Fund re conference attended in 1992;

Shown in Signpost Fund -

● £359 from the Thomas Lockerby Footpaths Fund for mobile generator;

● £240 from the Countryside Commission for signpost plaques.

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY as at 31 December each year

name of fund	1992 b/fwd	+	income	-	expenses	=	1993 c/fwd
General	57890		9442		4689		62643
Defence	4010		51		0		4061
Signpost	963		1849		1028		1784
Survey	399		0		0		399
Memorial funds							
E Royce	55		-		-		55
H Wild	250		-		-		250
FSH Head	142		-		-		142
	63707	+	11343	-	5717	=	69333

Notes

■ The Survey and memorial funds are not open to further donations; the Survey fund was for the original survey of rights-of-way and the memorial funds are for use when needed to maintain the appropriate memorials.

■ The Defence Fund is for use as and when required to cover the costs of obtaining professional legal advice and, if required, meeting expenses relating to legal actions.

■ The Signpost Fund is for the erection and maintenance of Society footpath signposts.

■ The several funds are amalgamated for investment purposes. No funds represent endowment gifts. All investment income is appropriated to the general funds. In the event of any separate fund proving inadequate for the stated purpose, the Society undertakes to meet any shortfall from general funds.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 1993

	1993	1992
Assets		
Investments	24183	25843
Current Account	59	164
High Interest Bank Account	4379	0
Leeds & Holbeck Charity a/c	20018	6376
Premium Account	0	3761
Cafcash Deposit Fund	26509	32882
Cash float (COSA Unit)	20	32
Tax refund due	0	93
	75167	69151
Liabilities		
Funds of the Society as shown	69333	63707
Ten year membership suspense	5835	5398
Deferred income*	0	46
	75167	69151

NB *Deferred income represents a cheque sent to us in error, pending clarification of its status. The amount was refunded in 1993.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

I N V E S T M E N T S		
	1993	1992
Government Stock		
Cost of purchase	28430	30431
Market value at 31 December (excluding unlisted stock)	33502	32189
Maturity value (excl undated)	23183	24843

- All figures in the Treasurer's Report are shown to the nearest pound; it follows that the sums of the figures may differ slightly from the totals shown.
- All investments are listed on the Stock Exchange except a government stock which was delisted during 1991 due to the small amount on issue. This remains repayable in 2000/2003 and has been included in the accounts, as before, at its maturity value of £490.34. It is excluded from the market value in the above table.
- Government Stock, which is held until maturity, is shown in the Balance Sheet at the maturity value, which is lower than both purchase cost and market value as at 31 December. Stock having no maturity date is shown at the lower of cost and market value. Index linked stock is shown at the initial maturity value excluding the increase due to indexing. 1993 investments are thus shown as –

Dated Stocks at maturity value	£23 183.26	(1992 = £24 843.26)
Undated stocks at cost	£1000.00	(1992 = £1000.00)
- Assets purchased by the Society are fully written off to expenditure in the year of purchase. All sanctioned expenses for the year are shown, no significant claims awaiting sanction were known of at the end of the year.
- Income is generally shown as it is paid into the Society's bank account. Accrual items are – Refund of taxation due on dividends received in the year and interest payable on the building society account, which is paid on 1st January in relation to the preceding 12 months. These accruals are shown in the interest of providing true and accurate accounts.
Ten year subscriptions are credited to the Income Account in ten even portions from the year in which they are received.

Dealings with Trustees

All Trustees (members of Council) are entitled to receive reimbursement of expenses properly incurred in carrying out their duties on behalf of the Society and these are detailed in the accounts. Nominal rentals are paid in respect of significant areas of property used exclusively by the Society to the General Secretary, and to member of Council, Mrs L Meadowcroft. These rents are significantly below market value and the Society greatly benefits from their generosity. The rental amounts are in respect of a proportion of rates, maintenance, lighting and heating and there is no profit element involved.

EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the financial statements given above, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set forth therein.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner –

As previously described, the Society's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements.

It is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based upon my examination, on those statements and to report my opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

My examination includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Society's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my examination so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements provide a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31 December 1993 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared.

signed: Roger Parker

Hale, Cheshire

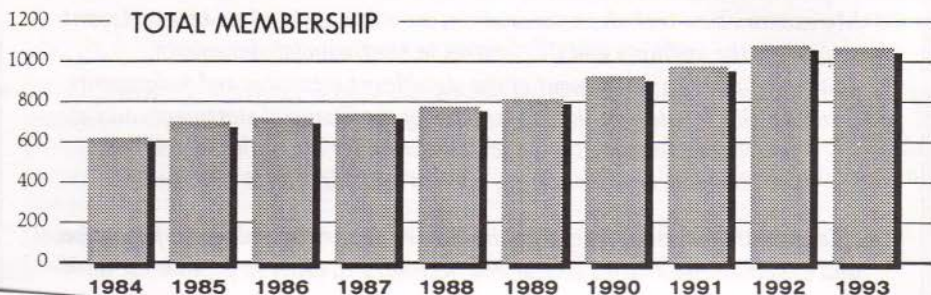
25 January 1994

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

TED WHITTAKER

The membership year terminates at the annual general meeting but, for statistical purposes, membership figures are shown as at 31 December

- Total membership stands at 1076, a slight decrease on last year.
- Annual membership is 490 a decrease of 24 mainly due to a large drop-out, despite good recruitment during the year.
- Ten year members now total 573, an increase of 15.
- We have 13 honorary life members
- The number of affiliated societies has fallen by one to 103.
- Again, both members and affiliated societies were generous with donations and many members added £1 to their subscription fees to receive the Society's badge.



AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| 1 Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District Footpaths Society | 37 HF Bury Group | 70 Nottingham Wayfarers Rambling Club |
| 2 Barlborough Bor. Council | 38 HF Holidays Ltd | 71 Pennine Wayfarers Rambling Club |
| 3 Barnsley Mountaineering Club | 39 HF Manchester Group | 72 Poynton Rambling Club |
| 4 Blackbrook Conservation Society | 40 HF Nottingham Group | 73 RA Bolton Group |
| 5 Bradwell Parish Council | 41 HF Rochdale Field & Fell Club | 74 RA Congleton Group |
| 6 British Mountaineering Council | 42 HF Sheffield Group | 75 RA Derbyshire Area |
| 7 Buxton Field Club | 43 HF Warrington | 76 RA East Cheshire Area |
| 8 Buxton Rambling Club | 44 Hallhill/Springbank Neighbourhood Assn | 77 RA Manchester Area |
| 9 CHA Altrincham | 45 Halcyon Rambling Club | 78 RA New Mills Group |
| 10 CHA Bury & District | 46 Hanliensian Rambling Club | 79 RA North & Mid Cheshire Area |
| 11 CHA Eccles | 47 Hazel Grove District Scout Council | 80 RA Oldham Group |
| 12 CHA Leigh & District | 48 High Lane Ladies Club | 81 RA Sheffield Group |
| 13 CHA Manchester | 49 ITT Rambling Club | 82 RA SYNED Area |
| 14 CHA Mansfield | 50 Knutsford Civic Society | 83 RSPB High Peak |
| 15 CHA Nottingham | 51 Lazy Ramblers Club Macclesfield | 84 Roughfields Res Actn Club |
| 16 CHA Oldham | 52 Leek Footpath RA Rambling Club | 85 Rucksack Club |
| 17 CHA Rochdale | 53 Littleborough Civic Trust | 86 St Catherines Rambling Club |
| 18 CHA Sheffield Section A | 54 Longdendale Amenity Society | 87 Sheffield Clarion Ramblers |
| 19 CHA Sheffield Section B | 55 Longdendale & Glossop Footpath Pres'n Society | 88 Sheffield Co-op Party Rambling Club |
| 20 CHA Stockport | 56 Macclesfield Rambling Club | 89 Shirland & Higham PC |
| 21 CHA/HF Ashton-under-Lyne | 57 Macclesfield & District Field Club | 90 Stockport East Area Bridleways Association |
| 22 Chapel-en-le-Frith Amenity Society | 58 Manchester Associates Rambling Club | 91 Stockport Field Club |
| 23 Cheshire County Scout Gp | 59 Manchester & District Rambling Club for the Blind | 92 Stockport WEA Social & Rambling Club |
| 24 Cheshire Tally Ho Hare & Hounds Club | 60 Manchester Fellowship Rambling Club Indpnt | 93 Stockport & District Federation of TWG's |
| 25 Christian Endeavour HolidayHomes:Mcr Secn | 61 Manchester Field Club | 94 Sutton-in-Ashfield Rambling Club |
| 26 Countrywide Holiday Assn | 62 Manchester Pedestrian Club | 95 Toc H |
| 27 Crescent Ramblers | 63 Manchester Rambling Club | 96 Towpath Action Group |
| 28 CAE | 64 Marple Community Council | 97 United Field Naturalist Society |
| 29 Derby Nomad Ramblers | 65 Marple Naturalists | 98 West Lancashire FP Group |
| 30 Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society | 66 Marple & District Rambling Club | 99 Whitwell Parish Council |
| 31 Derbyshire Pennine Club | 67 Mid Cheshire FP Society | 100 Wickersley Evening Townswomens' Guild |
| 32 Elmton wth Creswell PC | 68 National Federation of the Blind, Manchester | 101 Worsley Civic Trust & Amenity Society |
| 33 Forest of Rossendale Bridleways Association | 69 NW Naturalists Union | 102 YHA Central Region |
| 34 Good Companions Rambling Club | | 103 YHA Stockport |
| 35 Greenfield & Grasscroft Residents Association | | 104 Zeneca Social Centre Hiking & Rambling Soc'y |
| 36 HF Bolton Group | | |



PEAK & NORTHERN
FOOTPATHS SOCIETY

CENTENARY EVENTS • 1994

Friday 22 April at 6.30 for 7.00pm

Centenary Dinner

at the Freemason's Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester

Guest Speaker: Sir John Johnson

Chairman of the Countryside Commission

Response by Andrew Bennett MP (Vice President)

*Further information and tickets available from CR Peers –
228 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3AA*

☎ 061-439 4855

31 July

Publication of Centenary Booklet

Tuesday 16 August

Unveiling of Plaque

on former YMCA building, Peter Street, Manchester

Sunday 21 August

Unveiling of Plaque

at the Hayfield Information Centre by

Martin Doughty, Chairman of Derbyshire County Council

Please note the above details are necessarily provisional and liable to change. Our General Secretary, Derek Taylor, will be pleased to provide further information.