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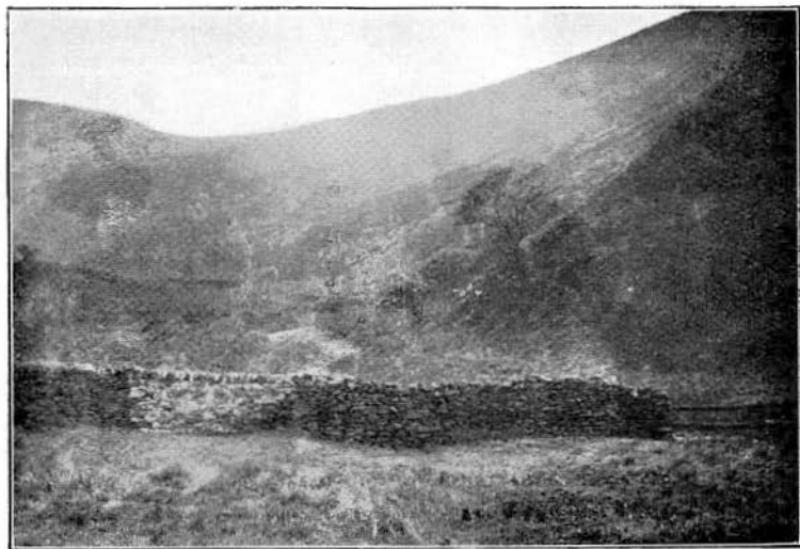


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DOCTOR'S GATE.
The walled-up entrance to the ancient way.

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

1. The Society shall be called "The Peak District and Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society."

2. The objects of the Society shall be :—

- (a) The preservation, maintenance and defence of the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of the public highways, footpaths, bridlepaths, bye-ways, and other ways, vacant spaces, waste lands, and roadside slips, and to right of recreation over commons in the Northern and Midland counties, particularly in the Peak District.
- (b) The prevention of the abuse of such rights, especially trespass and damage to crops and property, and disturbance of game by trespassers.
- (c) The support by influence, petition or otherwise of Bills in Parliament promoting the aforesaid objects, or any of them, or others of a like or kindred nature.
- (d) The purchase, or promoting the purchase of rights of way and rights over open spaces to be dedicated to the use of the public for ever.
- (e) And all objects conducive to the foregoing, including the combination, or co-operation with other societies or persons in the promotion or furtherance of the aforesaid objects, or any of them.

3. An annual subscription of 2s. 6d. or upwards, payable in advance on the first day of January in each year, shall constitute membership.

4. The business of the Society not transacted in general meeting shall be in the hands of a managing committee, elected annually, and consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Solicitor, Honorary Secretary, and not less than Twelve other Members of the Society, with power to add to their number.

5. An annual general meeting of the members of the Society shall be held in the first quarter in every year, and shall receive, consider, and, if approved of, adopt the report of the Managing Committee for the past year, and transact any other business that may arise.

6. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held without delay whenever occasion shall arise, upon the requisition of five members specifying the reason for the meeting and communicated to the Honorary Secretary. Such meeting shall also be held before the institution or defence of any legal

proceedings, the costs of which the ordinary revenue of the Society shall be insufficient to defray, and a favourable vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting shall, subject to the necessary funds being duly subscribed or guaranteed, be sufficient sanction for the institution or defence of such proceedings, provided that no liability in respect thereof shall attach to any member beyond the amount of such member's individual subscription to the Society, or the amount of such member's guarantee towards the funds necessary to conduct such proceedings.

7. The Managing Committee shall by themselves or by Sub-Committees appointed from their number :—

- (1) Induce—or, if necessary, compel—as far as possible, all Local, Public, or Urban Authorities and District Councils to perform their duties as conservators of the said public rights.
- (2) Institute, or defend, assist others in instituting or defending, continue, compromise, abandon, or prosecute to judgment, at their discretion, and generally give instructions for all the legal proceedings sanctioned by general meeting as aforesaid.
- (3) Keep a map, or series of maps, wherein the situation of all footpaths and other public ways shall, so far as possible, be indicated and recorded, and visit, inspect, survey, and report on the same from time to time, and receive, consider, and investigate complaints of violation of any of the said rights, or of the abuse thereof.

8. All Sub-Committees shall, from time to time, report to the Managing Committee.

9. The Society shall subscribe and be affiliated to such national Society or Societies constituted for like objects, as may from time to time be determined in general meeting.

10. All General Meetings, whether Annual or Extraordinary, shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary's written notice, posted or delivered to members at their usual or last known addresses, at least three days before the day of meeting, and indicating the business for which the meeting is to be convened. Ten members shall form a quorum.

11. These rules may be rescinded, supplemented, or altered by resolution passed in General Meeting, but not otherwise, and then only after a week's notice in writing of the proposed alteration.

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

IN presenting the Report for the year ending December 31st, 1926, the Council again draws attention to the marked increase in the work of the Society in the protection of public rights of way and in the erection of signposts. Many of the cases investigated have entailed prolonged enquiries, and subsequent negotiations or discussions with local authorities. The Society can, therefore, justly urge its claims for an enlarged membership and substantial financial support.

Your Council regrets to record the deaths during the past year of Mr. E. T. Tallent-Bateman, a Vice-President of the Society ; Mr. William Gregson, who for many years undertook the yearly audit of the Society's accounts ; and Mr. S. Sharp, a member of the Council. Mr. Tallent-Bateman, who was one of the original members of the Society, will be particularly remembered for his activities in connection with the securing of the "Hayfield-Snake Inn path" for the public, and, in later years, in connection with Doctor's Gate.

Among the matters which have occupied the attention of the Council, and its officers, have been the following :—

Doctor's Gate.

Your Council was rather hopeful that, as the result of the correspondence which took place between the Society and the present owner of the greater portion of the land crossed by Doctor's Gate, the latter would, in deference to the Society's request, give an assurance that he would respect the public right over the track and refrain from closing the same during any period of the year. Your Council offered to give the owner any information he desired in case he had no knowledge of the original negotiations with the late Lord Howard and of the subsequent events.

However, such offer was not accepted and your Council regrets to say that in March last a reply was received from the owner in which he stated that he failed to see that the position was in any way altered by the fact that he had purchased the property and that it was exactly the same as it was during Lord Howard's ownership, and although he did not want to infringe on any person's rights, he must say that he intended to close the gates at the times stated on the notice board that was erected before he knew the property at all.

So far as the Society is concerned the position has not in any

way altered by the recent purchase of the property, for, as far back as June, 1922, your Council complained to Lord Howard about the periodical fastening of the gates at the Mossylee Bridge end of the track and called his Lordship's attention to the fact that when the original arrangements were made it was agreed that there should be no physical obstruction and asked for an assurance that the gates would not again be fastened. After repeated requests for a reply a letter was at length received from Lord Howard intimating that he intended to continue the periodical physical closing of the path. In consequence of this intimation the Council had to consider what course of action it must take to maintain inviolate the public rights over this ancient way. They obtained the opinion of eminent Counsel on the matter. He advised that, having regard to the fact that the action of the owner might prejudice the public in their right to the track, the owner should be informed that the Society could no longer ask the public to refrain from using the track at any season of the year. Meanwhile, the death of Lord Howard occurred, the land was sold, and the greater portion of the route passed into new ownership. The Council's decision was conveyed to the new owner by letter on the 29th April, 1925. But, soon afterwards, the land was resold by public auction to the present owner. In the Particulars of Sale, prepared in connection with the public auction, the land crossed by Doctor's Gate was shown to be sold subject "to the Agreement with the Public Footpaths' Preservation Society for rights of the public at certain times of the year over the Doctor's Gate Footpath," but, of course, the agreement (so far as it could be termed an agreement*) had already been terminated by the actions of the owners in causing a physical obstruction of the way by fastening the gates, and by the consequent notice in the Society's letter of the 29th April, 1925.

It was to avoid any misunderstanding of the position by the new owner, and with a wish to give him every opportunity of considering the matter, that the Council, before taking any further steps, made the offer alluded to in the opening paragraph of this report on Doctor's Gate.

Having regard to the present owner's declared intention of continuing the physical obstruction of the track—which event has twice happened since he acquired the property—your Council has taken steps to safeguard the public rights

* Note "arrangement" not "agreement" was the term used in the announcements to the Press by Lord Howard's agents at the conclusion of the negotiations.

over the track. In the first instance, it was decided that the wording of the notice boards should be amended in conformity with the altered circumstances. When reinstated they will be without the request to the public to refrain from using the track at certain periods of the year.

The Council stated in last year's Report that everything possible would be done to maintain to the fullest extent the rights of the public over this ancient way, and protect, as far as was in its power to do so, any member of the public who might be proceeded against for exercising his right to traverse it.

In this connection there were other points upon which your Council desired to be fortified by a further opinion of Counsel, and, after due consideration, your Council decided to advise the public to exercise their rights over Doctor's Gate at any time of the year and to enter or leave at the Mossylee end of the way by the old track. As will be seen from the map in this Report the road on which the gates were periodically fastened up is a diversion of Doctor's Gate. The old track, for a distance easterly from the wall, of roughly 600 yards, is on lower ground and nearer the brook. The entrance was formerly through a gate in the wall, which was blocked up by the then owner many years ago, but its position in the built-up wall can still be recognised, as may be seen from the photograph embodied in this Report. Naturally, since the substitution, the majority of ramblers have used the diverted way, so a portion of the old track is now, in places, difficult to trace, but the map gives a good idea of its general line. Your Council would urge that during the periods when the physical obstruction usually takes place, i.e., the months of April and May and 10th to 31st August, the public should use exclusively the old track.

Your Council has also written to the owner informing him of its decision and asking him to reopen the entrance to the old track at the point where it has been built up. In reply to this communication, the owner again states his decision to fasten the gates at certain periods and ignores the request to remove the obstruction on the old way, caused by the building up of the entrance.

In conclusion, it might be said that, all along, the Society has done its utmost to observe the arrangement originally made between the Society and the late Lord Howard and that any step that it has taken during the past few years has been entirely on account of the owner's breach of the arrangement by periodically causing physical obstruction by fastening the

gates—a proceeding which it was particularly agreed between the negotiating parties should not be done. The Society would not have consented to any arrangement which involved the periodical physical closing of the track.

Footpath Through Coal Aston Aerodrome.

It had been anticipated that this footpath would by now have been reopened. The arrangement was that on the land again coming into the possession of the owner, on its transfer from the Disposals Board on the 1st January, 1926, the Norton Rural District Council should get in touch with the owner with a view to the re-opening of the path. However, it appears that there has been some delay in the removal of the aerodrome buildings but the District Council has now taken the matter up with the Disposals Board.

Footpath Over Sickleholme Golf Links, Outseats.

Members will now find this footpath easy to traverse. In deference to the Council's request, the Golf Club has erected on the Bamford side of the path one or two notice boards indicating the correct line of the path where the same was not well defined. Moreover, the Chapel-en-le Frith Rural District Council has agreed to erect a signpost indicating the entrance to the path. It will thus be seen that the path will, in future, be very well signposted and the threatened danger of the path being lost entirely removed.

Westend—Alport Bridle Track.

Your Council is pleased to record that the "obstructing" gate on the land belonging to the Water Board has been open and unlocked for many months and that recently the "no road" notices erected near to the roadway, at the bend on the Westend arm of the reservoir have been removed, and it is hoped that this may be an indication on the owner's part that he recognises the right of the public over this ancient bridle track.

Benfield Footpath.

As may be seen from previous Reports, the question of this footpath has occupied the attention for more than two years. The repeated efforts of the Society to get the Compstall Urban District Council to do its obvious duty, and call for the removal of the obstruction on the path, have been unsuccessful.

In June last the Compstall Council suggested a submission to arbitration, but the Council did not consider that the case

was suitable for arbitration, having regard to the large volume of evidence in support of the Society's contention that the path was a public one, and that it was clearly the duty of the District Council to call for the removal of the offending obstructions, and a recommendation to this effect was forwarded to the latter Council, asking them to protect the rights of the public over the path—as there did not seem to be any doubt but what the path was public, even in the minds of the landowners, for it was pointed out that on the occasion of the members of the Hyde and District Footpaths' Preservation Society breaking down the obstructions they were asked by the owners to keep to the proper line of the path. Also that there was strong local opinion that if only the District Council would exercise their authority the matter would soon be ended. Unfortunately, the District Council are not prepared to do their duty to the public; a failure which is hard to understand, having regard to the duty imposed upon District Councils by the Local Government Act of 1894. The Clerk to the Council is not unmindful of such duty, because in June, 1925, on making the suggestion that the matter should be submitted to arbitration he stated that "it must be borne in mind that the Local Government Act of 1894 places upon the Local Authority the duty of safeguarding the public rights of way!"

As recently as December last, your Council reiterated its demand to the Compstall Council to see to the removal of the obstructions and stated that so far as the Society was concerned it intended to support, so far as lies in its power to do so, members of the public in exercising their right of way over the path; and has decided to organise walks over the path in conjunction with the Hyde Society and the Ramblers' Federation. These walks will be piloted by members of the Hyde Society. The first two walks have been arranged for Saturday, 5th March, and Sunday, 20th March.

The Winnats.

During the past year the Council has, in conjunction with the Sheffield Association for the protection of local scenery, further considered the formulation of an alternative scheme in support of the Society's contention that the projected new road through the Winnats, as shown in the plan accompanying the Report of the Manchester and District Joint Town Planning Committee, is not the only practicable scheme.

In relation to this project and rumours that its execution was impending, the Sheffield Association has received, in

answer to its representations, a very reassuring letter from the Director General of the Roads Department, which reads as follows :—

“ Although similar rumours have reached this Department since April of 1924, I cannot find that they have any foundation in fact. I have asked our Divisional Engineer, who has the official supervision of the roads in Derbyshire, to make enquiries from time to time and to keep me advised of any such intention, and, as recently as August last, he wrote me stating that he knew of no such proposal, not even for the repair of the existing track.

“ The Divisional Engineer knows the feeling of societies like your own, who are anxious that the natural beauties of the district should not be spoiled, and you may be sure that before anything is sanctioned by this Department very great care will be taken to see that people interested are afforded an opportunity of making representations upon any proposals submitted, and that such representations are fully considered.”

In view of this assurance the formulating of an alternative scheme can be left over until it is seen whether any attempt is made to proceed with the scheme as laid down in the Town Planning Committee’s map.

The Town Planning Scheme is, as yet, only provisional, and possibly may never be submitted for approval, or may be modified in such a way as to avoid the desecration of the Winnats.

Footpaths in Delamere Forest.

The question of the many paths through Delamere Forest has again been revived—this time in very acute form. Members may be reminded that in 1923 correspondence took place between the Society and the Commissioners of Woods and Forests. At that time, the public footpaths had not generally been interfered with and an assurance was received that the notice boards then complained of were only intended to refer to the plantations and those rides over which the Commissioners contended the public had no right of way.

In June last, however, it came to the notice of your Council that the public were being prevented from using certain footpaths through the woods which, by local repute, are rights of way. In accordance with the request of the Officer of Woods, made in 1923, complaint was made to the Divisional Officer of the Forestry Commission. This officer, in reply, stated that the difficulty at Delamere was, and always had been, the identification and demarcation of those tracks that

were really rights of way and suggested that the Society should get in touch with the District Officer in charge of the woods and arrange with him a meeting on the ground for the purpose of indicating the precise tracks and paths claimed to be public, and the evidence in support thereof. In preparation for the interview your Council is at present collecting all possible evidence of the public's right to the various paths claimed. The thanks of the Council are due to one of its members, Mr. J. W. Price, who has undertaken the collection and classification of the evidence. His intimate knowledge of the district renders his services all the more valuable. Immediately Mr. Price has completed his investigations an appointment will be made to meet the Officer in charge of the Woods, as suggested.

**Footpath from the Holmfirth-Glossop Road to the
Sheffield Road, Woodhead.**

For many months past your Council has been in communication with the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Committee with reference to the action of the latter Committee in blocking up this footpath at the commencement at the Holmfirth-Glossop Road by a quantity of stone which had, apparently, been taken from the site of the "Tollemache," which is in course of demolition. As the members of the Waterworks Committee were of opinion that the path was private your Council obtained statements from several residents in support of the public's claim to use the path, and copies of these statements have been forwarded to the Committee, who, in turn, have submitted them to the Town Clerk for his opinion. Although the latter has had the matter under consideration since April last the Waterworks Department is still awaiting his decision, although your Council has repeatedly pressed for a reply and for the re-opening of the path.

Bridle-way Near Slippery Stones.

The wire netting fence which, as mentioned in last year's Report, had been erected temporarily across this bridle path by the Derwent Valley Water Board (pending the arrival of new gates which were required to replace the former ones which had fallen into decay), has now been removed and the way now stands as an unobstructed bridle path.

Old Road from Monk's Road to Carr Meadow, Hayfield.

This road, which, beginning on the Glossop-Hayfield Turnpike Road and running east and nearly parallel with the

modern road, provides a pleasant stretch of alternative track for the pedestrian, has been obstructed during the past few months. The obstruction is created by the fastening of the gate, almost opposite to Monk's Road, giving access to the old way, by a nut and bolt which, having become rusty, cannot be unfastened without mechanical aid.

It would appear that some two years ago attempts were made to stop pedestrians from using the track, but no physical obstruction to its use was created until recently. Your Council has called the attention of the Hayfield District Council to the matter, but the latter has asked for definite evidence of the existence of the alleged footpath and of the obstruction—on receipt of which that Council has promised to give the matter every consideration. There does not seem to be any doubt about the right of way over this road but the further evidence asked for is being obtained and will be forwarded to the District Council.

Coal Road, Turn Moor.

This case has been mentioned in previous Reports.

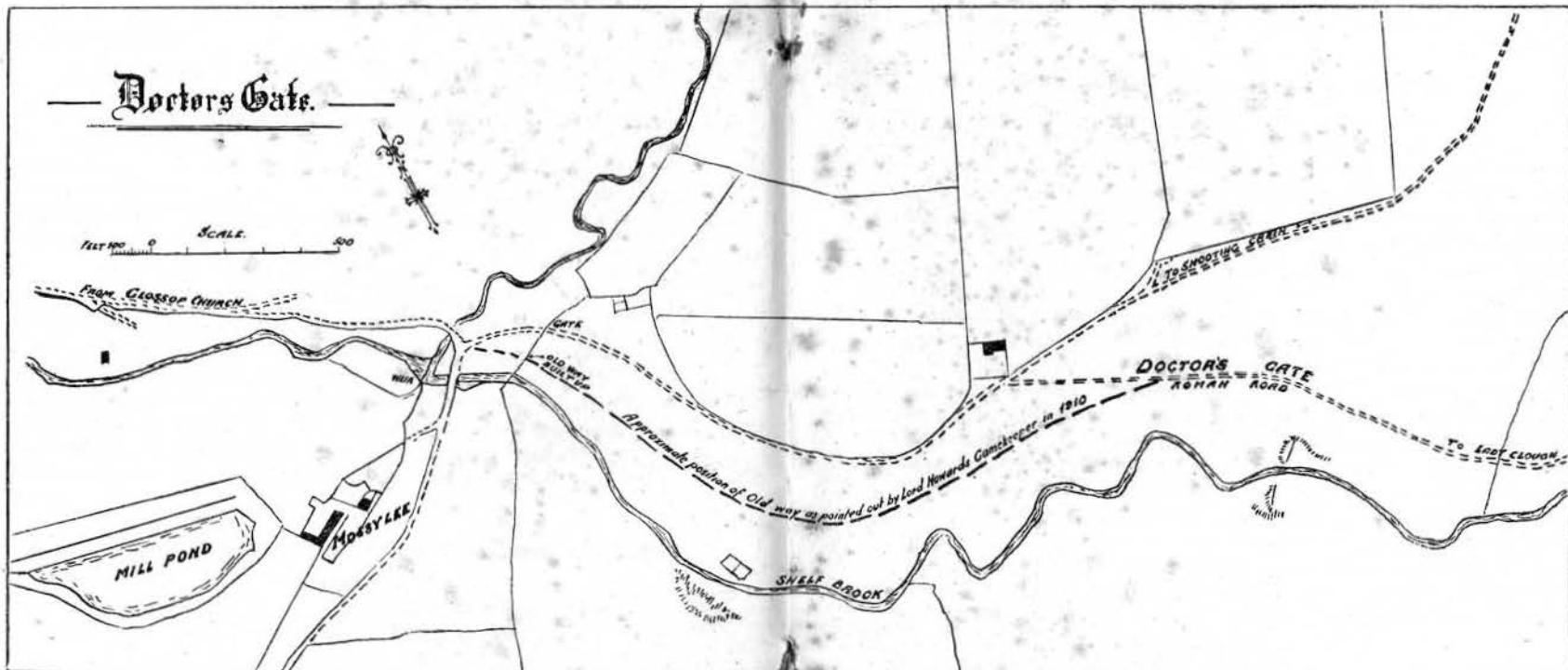
In 1923 the road was obstructed and the matter reported to the Walmsley-cum-Shuttleworth Parish Council which dealt with it. Recently, complaints were received that the road had again been obstructed, and in deference to your Council's request the Parish Council has communicated with the farmer responsible for the obstructions, who has promised to remove them.

Footpath from Brook's Drive to Yew Tree Lane, Ringway.

On complaints being received that the stileway on Brook's Drive had been entirely demolished and the whole of the track through the first field ploughed up, and practically obliterated, your Council reported the matter to the Bucklow Rural District Council, which Council has now the matter under consideration.

Footpath from Knutsford to Arley.

Complaints having been received of an obstruction on this footpath in the first two fields from Hollow Wood Farm, caused by barbed wire which had been run along the hedges and fixed with staples in the gates, and that trees had been placed to block up the gateway, your Council wrote to the tenant who replied that the path was now unobstructed and that the gates would open and close. The farmer requests



Map showing the Mossy Lee end of the ancient way and its diversion.

pedestrians to close the gates after passing through them, in order to prevent the straying of his cattle—a request which it is trusted that pedestrians will readily comply with.

It also appeared that the footbridge crossing this footpath by Littley Farm was in midstream, having rotted away, and the question of the erection of another footbridge over the stream is at present being considered by the Bucklow Rural Council, to whom your Council reported the matter.

Miller's Dale-Buxton Track, via Chee Tor.

For some considerable time the condition of this track has been a matter of complaint, particularly of the portion by Meadow Wood, opposite Chee Tor. Also, the two footbridges which cross the river being minus handrails there was always the danger of slipping into the water, particularly after a spell of wet weather. Your Council made a formal request to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council to remedy these defects and put the path in good order so that it should be reasonably passable under normal conditions the whole year round. A reply was received from the Clerk to the Council intimating that the Highway Committee had instructed the Surveyor to carry out any repairs for which the Council might be liable. However, soon afterwards, a further communication was received from the Clerk that, consequent on the Surveyor reporting to the Highway Committee the result of his enquiries, he was now instructed to say that in the opinion of his Council the path from Blackwell Mill to Miller's Dale, via Chee Tor, was a private path. Having regard to the gravity of this contention your Council determined that the grounds on which it is made must be thoroughly investigated. From the enquiries so far made there does not seem any doubt of the public right to use this delightful track, and when the investigation has been completed the result will be communicated to the Chapel Rural District Council.

Footpath from Poynton to Bramhall, via Birch Hall.

It may be recalled that the Bramhall Golf Club Committee asked for evidence in support of the public's claim to this path. Although certain evidence has been obtained, the Inspector of Footpaths has not yet completed his investigations. As soon as these have been completed a summary of the evidence will be forwarded to the Golf Club and a further request made for the removal of the notice boards warning pedestrians that the path is private.

Footpath near Walnut Tree Farm, Bramhall.

This path, which is in the same district, was also the subject of complaint, it having been obstructed by the erection of a wire fencing preventing the use of the path on the west side of the wire. On the east side of the fence, however, the path can be used and from enquiries made it is gathered that the farmer does not deny the right of the public to use the path, but contends that its proper line lies on the east side of the fence. Your Council accordingly wrote to the farmer asking him to confirm this and a reply is at the present moment being awaited.

Hayfield-Snake Inn Footpath.

On your Council calling the attention of the Hayfield District Council to the need for the repair of the William Clough portion of this path, that Council immediately carried out the necessary repairs and the path is now in very good condition—having been rebuilt in several places.

It is much to be desired that all Councils would emulate the Hayfield Council in attention to the preservation and maintenance of public rights of way.

Direction Posts.

The four iron-plated direction posts on the Hayfield-Snake Inn footpath, which were mentioned in last year's Report, have now been re-erected, in three of the cases new posts being fixed. In addition, the wooden notice board of the Society, erected at Ashop Head, has been replaced by cast iron plate on a new post. The Society carried out a minor repair to the Ladyclough footbridge.

Near Blackshaw Farm, Lantern Pike, a new six-pointed direction post has been erected, replacing the former five-pointed post. Between Blackshaw and Long Lee Farm iron plated direction posts have taken the place of the former wooden boards.

A finger post has been constructed to indicate the commencement of the Carr Meadow bridle path at a point below Stony Ford on the Hayfield-Edale road, and this will probably be in position ere this report is in print.

A new iron plated direction post has been erected on Mickleden Edge at the junction of the bridle paths from Hazlehead and Langsett to the Derwent valley, this being the last of the 1921 wooden boards to be replaced by the cast iron plate.

Repairs or additions to the Society's posts at Stony Ford, Hartington, Little Brookhouse, and Win Hill are in hand.

The rambling clubs of Stockport have offered to defray the cost of the erection of a direction plate in the Goyt Valley, indicating the commencement of the Stake Side footpath, and it is hoped to have this new post in position in the near future.

Finances.

There is a pleasing increase in both the number of members and the total amount of subscriptions. The expenditure, however, also shows an increase and, once again, exceeds the general income for the year—this time by over £10. Of course, the amount incurred on the erection and maintenance of sign posts is by far the largest for many years, but the income of the Society should be sufficient to allow the adequate performance of this important service to the public. It need hardly be pointed out that the income of the Society must determine the extent of its activities and an earnest appeal is made for a larger membership. The burden of supporting the Society would still appear to be undertaken by but a small percentage of Ramblers and those interested in the preservation of footpaths. The Secretaries of Rambling Clubs and kindred societies would be doing a very useful service if they would bring to the notice of their members on all convenient opportunities, the objects and claims of the Society and urge individual membership.

The Defence Fund has, during the year, increased from £49 16s. 6d. to £94 0s. 8d., which is an appreciable step towards the desired amount of £250, the sum which your Council thinks should be available to meet any possible contingency. Particular mention should be made of the donation of £10 received from the Manchester Pedestrian Club towards this fund and also £3 17s. 1d. from the Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club—the later being the result of a “whip round” on certain walks.

Membership.

The terms of membership are quite simple ; there are no formalities other than the payment of a subscription, of not less than 2s. 6d. per annum, which entitles the member to a copy of the Annual Report, and to any information which it may be in the Council's power to give.

In fixing so small a minimum subscription the Society had in view the desirability of obtaining the highest possible amount of public interest, but, of course, the revenue from subscriptions at this low rate is quite inadequate to the requirements for the conduct of the Society's operations.

The Council, therefore, renews its appeal for subscriptions higher than the minimum, and for donations towards the defence fund mentioned above.

Affiliation.

The minimum fee for Rambling Clubs and other Societies desiring to become affiliated is 10s. 6d. per annum. The payment of the fee carries with it the right to nominate a delegate to attend the Council's meetings.

It is encouraging to note that many more Rambling Clubs have become affiliated, in response to the Society's invitation of last year. There are still, however, many similar associations in the district which are not yet affiliated, and a special invitation is extended to these to attach themselves to the Society, for, by so doing, they would help financially, and, through their delegates, take a part in its management.

"The Rambler and the Law."

The second edition of this very useful booklet is still on sale at the exceptionally low price of 3d. No member should be without a copy of the booklet, which clearly defines in simple language the legal points which are always a source of trouble to pedestrians.

Affiliated Rambling Clubs & Societies.

Ardwick Rambling Club.
 Ancoats Brotherhood.
 Art Museum Field Club.
 Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and District Footpaths Preservation
 Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club. [Society.
 Bury and District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Co-operative Holiday Association.
 Campers of Gt. Britain & Ireland (L.C. & N.W. District Assocn).
 Chorlton Road Congregational Church Rambling Club.
 Derby C.H.A. and H.F. Rambling Club.
 Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
 Field Naturalists' and Archaeologists' Society, Manchester.
 First Timperley Rovers.
 Glossop Field Naturalists' Society.
 Holiday Fellowship Limited.
 Holiday Fellowship (Manchester Group).
 Holiday Fellowship (Stockport Group).
 Hallamshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
 Heywood and District Botanical Society.
 Hyde and District Footpaths Preservation Society.
 Hans Renold Social Union Rambling Section.
 Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society.
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "A")
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "B")
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "C")
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "D" West)
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "E")
 Manchester Pedestrian Club.
 Manchester Rambling Club.
 Manchester & District Library Fellowship, Rambling Section.
 Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.
 Oldham and District C.H.A. Rambling Society.
 Plymouth Grove Wesley Guild.
 "R" Club. Rotherham C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Rucksack Club. Ramblers Federation.
 Stockport Field Club. Salford P.S.A. Rambling Club.
 Sheffield Clarion Ramblers. Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Trinity Wesleyan Rambling Club.
 United Field Naturalists.
 Vegetarian Society.
 Workers' Educational Association (Stockport Branch).
 Whalley Range Presbyterian Rambling Club.
 Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.
 Zion Rambling Club.

PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1925 :				Printing and Stationery	...	20	17
Defence Fund	...	56	14	1	...	17	9
General Account	...	49	16	6	...	6	15
				Insurance Premium	...	0	18
				Advertising	...	3	1
Subscriptions, 1926	...	99	5	9	...	25	4
Sale of Booklets	...	1	5	5	Postages	...	5
Bank Interest	...	1	12	5	Travelling Expenses	...	0
				Correspondence Secretary's Honorarium	30	0	0
Defence fund...	...			Footpaths Inspector's Honorarium	...	10	0
				Inspection of Tithe Maps	...	1	10
				Subscription to Commons and Footpaths			
				Preservation Society	...	2	0
				Sundry Expenses	...	0	19
				Balance—Defence Fund	£94	0	8
				" —General Account	39	10	3
						133	10
						11	
						£246	0
						9	

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A. E. BOWEN, Hon. Auditor.