

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND  
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FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION  
SOCIETY

**REPORT**  
OF THE COUNCIL

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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, disturbance of game by trespassers and the leaving of litter.
- (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 erection and maintenance of direction posts.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 individual membership. A minimum annual subscription of 10s. 6d. from a rambling club, naturalist society or other association shall entitle such association to become affiliated with the Society with the right to nominate one delegate to the Council of the Society.

4. The business of the Society not transacted in general meeting shall be in the hands of a Council, elected annually, and consisting of the Officers and not less than twelve other

Members of the Society, with power to add to their number, together with the delegates of affiliated associations.

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 Council 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 Council 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, District and County 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 Council.

9. The Society shall subscribe and be affiliated to the Commons, Open Spaces & Footpaths Preservation Society, and to such other 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 DECEMBER 31, 1934.

**I**N presenting the report for the year ending December 31, 1934, 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 and maintenance of direction posts. Many of the cases investigated have involved prolonged enquiries and subsequent negotiations with local authorities and landowners.

It is with deep regret that your Council has to record the death during January of Col. H. T. Crook, M.Inst.C.E., D.L., J.P., who for so many years has held the offices of President, Honorary Surveyor, and Chairman of the Council. He has been connected with the Society ever since it was founded on August 16, 1894, and it was mainly through his efforts that the public are today enabled to enjoy the walks over the Hayfield-Snake Inn path, the Doctor's Gate track and the paths around the Derwent Reservoirs. His knowledge of all matters in connection with the purpose for which the Society exists has been instrumental in building up the Society on sound lines to its present position, whilst his devotion to the best interests of the Society and his sympathetic understanding have been a splendid example to us all. His loss is indeed a great one. It was characteristic of Col. Crook that one of his last actions was to go through his old maps and papers with a view to handing over the same to the various societies and associations with which he was connected. Unfortunately, his death intervened, but the Society is indebted to his family for the subsequent gift of many maps and other records that will be of considerable use.

Following are notes of some of the many matters which have occupied the attention of the Society and its officers during the past year.

## FOOTPATH FROM OTTERSPOOL BRIDGE TO HATHERLOW.

The attention of the Council was called to the proposal of the Romiley Urban District Council to apply to Quarter Sessions for an Order to stop up Bunkers Hill Road—the reason, apparently, being that owing to subsidence the road has become dangerous for vehicular traffic. The result of the closing would be that the footpath from Otterspool Bridge to Hatherlow would be rendered useless. As there seems to be no reason why pedestrians should not be allowed to continue to use Bunkers Hill Road the District Council has been asked for an undertaking that they will leave a way along the road for pedestrians in order to preserve as a public footpath the way from Otterspool Bridge to Hatherlow. The Clerk to the Council has replied that the matter would be carefully considered from every point of view, and it is understood that his Committee will be visiting the site in order to ascertain whether anything satisfactory can be done without danger to the public. As to the "No thoroughfare" notice erected at the Hatherlow end of the path, which it is presumed is intended to refer to vehicular traffic, it has been suggested to the District Council that, as the notice is misleading to pedestrians, the words "except to pedestrians" should be added.

## ROMBALDS MOOR.

Rombalds Moor, being an Urban moor, came within the provisions of the Law of Property Act 1925, and therefore since January 1, 1926, when that Act came into force, the public have enjoyed a legal right of access for air and exercise to every part of the moor and have not been confined to the public footpaths over the same.

The owner of the moor applied to the Minister of Agriculture for an Order imposing restrictions or limitations on the free use of the moor, which the Minister was entitled to do under the provisions of the Act if he was satisfied that it was necessary or desirable so to do for preventing the owner's interest in the land from being injuriously affected. The draft Order was made and consisted of 22 restrictive clauses, mainly dealing with the general behaviour of the public. One of the clauses, however, sought to impose a restriction that between April 1 and June 20, and between August 1 and September 30, in

every year, or on any day upon which flags were flown indicating that shooting was being, or was about to be, carried on, the public should not use any part of the moor other than the public footpaths, with which paths, of course, the Minister could not interfere.

Objections to the draft Order were made by the Birley Urban District Council, Commons Open Spaces & Footpaths Preservation Society, National Federation of Rambling Clubs, West Riding Rambler's Federation, Manchester & District Rambler's Federation, your Society and other interested bodies. Subsequently, an enquiry was held at which the Society was represented. It was contended, on behalf of the objectors, that no evidence had been offered which would justify the imposition of the suggested restrictions—(the owner having stated in evidence that the exercise by the public of their rights from the time of the passing of the Law of Property Act 1925 to the present time had not had an injurious effect on the moor)—and also that there had been no evidence on which it could be said that a continuance of those rights would injure the moor in the future, and it was submitted that on the evidence no case had been made out for any limitation of the public rights. The Minister has, however, seen fit to make the Order asked for, subject to slight modifications. Apart from one or two minor concessions the modification would appear to be that the shooting season (the breeding season remaining unaltered) will be reduced to the period from August 10 to September 15, but the limitations will also extend to any day upon which red flags shall be shown, indicating that shooting is being, or is about to be, carried on. During such period the public will be allowed to roam over two small portions of the moor on the N.E. lower slopes, in addition to which they will, of course, be able to use the public footpaths over the moor. During the breeding season the public will be able to use certain additional footpaths provided for by the Order, which paths had been claimed as public at the enquiry.

#### FOOTPATH OVER SMITHILLS GOLF LINKS.

On hearing that the Smithills Golf Club had made an application to the Bolton Corporation for the diversion of a footpath over the Golf Links, the Council considered the proposals, and, being satisfied that the application was an unreasonable one, informed the Corporation accordingly and asked that they protect the interests of the public and refuse to grant the application. It is understood that the application has not yet been fully considered by the Corporation.

## FOOTPATHS THROUGH SWINESEYE FARM, WOODFORD.

Many enquiries have recently been received as to the position regarding this footpath. It is understood from the Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District Footpaths Preservation Society, who have dealt with the matter, that the right of way is through the farmyard, and that the farmer has been notified accordingly. No complaints as to stoppage have since been received, and it is not anticipated that any further trouble will arise.

## FOOTPATH OVER WATERLESS BROOK, PLUMBLEY.

For some time past the footbridge over Waterless Brook, near White House Farm, Plumbley (on the path which leads by Tabley Grange, Over Tabley), has been in a very bad condition, and recently one end of the bridge has fallen into the brook—rendering it well nigh impassable. The attention of the land-owner was called to the state of the bridge, but on being informed by him that the last time the bridge fell into disrepair, some 14 years ago, it was repaired by the Bucklow Rural District Council, the latter was written to asking that the bridge be repaired and re-erected so that the public could use the path. At the request of that Council, the County Council has decided to re-erect the footbridge, and it is understood that the work is now in hand.

## NOTICE BOARDS ON TATTON ESTATE.

Reference was made in the previous report to the many notice boards erected on the Tatton Estate intimating that the various paths (both public and private) were for foot passengers only, until further notice. At an interview with the Agent it was ascertained that the notice boards had been erected on the advice of counsel in order to counteract the effect of the provisions of the Rights of Way Act as regards dedication. It is understood that so far as the paths in the parishes of Mere, Millington, Rostherne, Ashley, Mobberley and Over Tabley are concerned the Bucklow Rural District Council has written to the estate claiming that the paths are public, and asking for the removal of the notices, and that some of the notices have since been removed; whilst a conference is being arranged to discuss as to the other notices in that Council's area. As to the notices erected in the Heywood Corporation's area it has been ascertained that the Corporation has reached an agreement by which several of the paths will be agreed as public and the

others will be admitted as private. As soon as the agreement has been approved by the Corporation the Society will be furnished with the necessary details.

### FOOTPATHS THROUGH MOORSIDE FARM AND INTAKES FARM, CHISWORTH.

In 1931 the Chisworth Parish Council, in reply to a request from your Council, stated that from the Ordnance Map of the parish the public had a right of passage on foot through Moorside Farm yard, and they had asked the farmer to remove the "Private, no road," notice complained of. From complaints received it would appear that the notice has never been removed and, moreover, it is understood that pedestrians are being stopped from using the path through the farmyard. The Parish Council was written to in March last suggesting that in accordance with their previous decision they should ask the farmer to remove the notice and refrain from endeavouring to stop pedestrians using the path. Despite several reminders no reply has been received. The attitude of the Parish Council is difficult to understand, particularly having regard to their decision in 1931. The matter is at present under consideration by your Council.

A reply from the Parish Council is also awaited regarding the footpaths through Intakes Farm. It will be remembered that during Easter last a rambler was assaulted whilst using one of these paths and he subsequently took action against the farmer in the County Court and was awarded £10 and costs.

### FOOTPATHS ON "THE CLOUD," BUGLAWTON.

During the year a joint conference was held between the highway authorities concerned in the dispute and Lord Egerton, the owner of the land, at which the Society was represented, but no satisfaction has resulted from the conference as yet. Recently, the Buglawton Urban District Council, on being asked what steps it was now proposed to take in order to safeguard the rights of the public, replied that the matter was still under consideration, and a further conference of the joint authorities was being held.

### WYTHENSHAWE FOOTPATHS.

It will be remembered that the Council suggested to the Wythenshawe Committee of the Manchester Corporation that they should in the development of the remaining land provide footways, which were not part of "parkways" or footpaths

along proposed roads, and a promise was received that the suggestions would be put before the Committee's Town Planning Advisor for his consideration. Subsequently, the Council outlined to the Committee the proposed footways, which were four in number, namely:—West Wythenshawe footway, Poundswick footway, the Old Mill footway, and the Northenden Peel Hall and Shadow Moss footway. Such footways were fully described in the 1932 report. At a later conference with the Committee and the Town Planning Advisor it was arranged that the Council should consider the matter and state whether the proposals put forward would be the limit of their demands and, if not, to state what other footways they had in mind. On the recommendation of the sub-committee appointed to consider the matter the Council suggested that in addition to the footways previously outlined (all of which ran in a northerly and southerly direction) the following footways running in an easterly and westerly direction should be provided:—

- (a) A footway running from proposed Civic Centre near Baguley Hall in a westerly direction crossing Duns Lane and Float Road near Roundthorn Farm, and proceeding along or near the present footpath (on the north side of Fairywell Wood) across the Fairywell Brook to Hale Road (i.e., the road which leads from Brooklands Station to Ringway, via Rolling Gate Lane).

NOTE.—This would be comparable with the Broad Walk at Buxton, or the New Walk at Leicester.

- (b) An easterly and westerly footway from or near Cross Acres Green towards Princess Parkway running alongside the northerly boundary of the proposed Poundswick Recreation Ground and finishing in Princess Parkway opposite Truck Lane.

The Committee stated, however, that they could not agree to undertake the carrying out of the proposals put forward by the Society, but they would make every effort to maintain existing footpaths where reasonably possible in the development of the estate. Whilst appreciating the latter, the Council in replying to the Corporation expressed disappointment that the Committee could not see its way to undertake the carrying out of the proposals submitted, and asked that although it might not be possible for the Committee to give an undertaking at this stage of the development they would keep in mind such proposals, and if at all reasonably possible to give effect thereto. In addition an assurance was asked for that the existing path from the east side of Northenden Station, past

Sharston Mount to the eastern side of the proposed new Cemetery along the Peel Moat Road, and along the existing path which runs south from Peel Hall across the proposed Golf Course to Shadow Moss, would be left open. The Committee's decision is awaited.

#### FOOTPATH THROUGH BROWNSIDE FARM, LYME HANDLEY.

It was reported to the Council that the owner of Brownside Farm had stated that he intended to close the path from Bowstonegate (which goes through the farmyard) for the purpose of erecting a new shippon across it, but that the public would be allowed to use the path on the other side of the farm along the occupation road. From the investigations which were made the Council were satisfied that both the paths were public rights of way, and the owner has been communicated with for an assurance that he will not interfere with either path.

#### DELAMERE FOREST FOOTPATHS.

The proposals made to the Forestry Commissioners that certain paths through the Forest should be admitted to be public—which paths along with those laid down in the Inclosure Awards would give a reasonable amount of access through the Forest—are still under consideration by the Commissioners. Recently the Council suggested that it would be in the interests of the public and the Commissioners alike that an agreement should be come to without further delay. Whilst agreeing with this, the Assistant Commissioner regretted that he was not yet in a position to deal with the proposals. So far as can be ascertained, the public are not being prevented from using any of the paths through the Forest, and in this connection it is understood that reasonable access to afforested areas (not only at Delamere but elsewhere) will not be objected to, subject to conditions which would ensure that any privileges conceded would not be abused, and that the public would co-operate in endeavouring to prevent outbreaks of fire. It may be that in the near future an agreement may be come to with the Commissioners as to the access to be conceded.

## FOOTPATHS IN GREAT ROCKS DALE.

Some of the footpaths in Great Rocks Dale being in danger of becoming obliterated, consequent on quarrying operations being carried out by I.C.I. Ltd., a protest was made to the latter. Subsequently, in November last, the matter was discussed with the Company's representatives, who arranged to submit proposals which it was thought would be satisfactory to the Society. As the proposals have not been submitted the Council requested the reinstatement of the public paths and the removal of the obstructions and misleading notices therefrom, and asked that the ways be made safe for the passage of pedestrians. Whilst not admitting that the paths are public paths, the Company is now giving full consideration to the whole of the facts and circumstances of the Society's claim.

## DIRECTION POSTS.

During the past year direction posts have been dealt with as follows :—

On the Moscar—Derwent bridle road a direction post on the ridge level of Derwent Edge and three guide stakes on the Derwent side have been erected, thus completing the "way-marking" of this formerly disputed route.

Two direction posts and plates have been erected at Saddleworth, off the Greenfield—Bill's o' Jack's Road, under the direction of Mr. Fred Allen.

Near Hathersage one of the two posts of the Society had rotted at ground level, and in falling the plate had been broken. A new plate has been fixed and the post re-erected.

The Society's three-armed post at Kinderlow End had been uprooted and damaged. A new arm has been fixed and the post repainted and re-erected.

The following direction posts have been repainted during the year :—Two posts and plates at Hope ; one post and plate at Castleton ; one post and plate at Carr Meadow ; finger post above Tunstead Farm, Hayfield ; and post and plate on Mickleden Edge.

During the year three additional direction posts have been offered to the Society :—The Ashton C.H.A. announced the

gift of their second post ; the Oldham Rucksack Club offered a post to be erected at Grains Bar ; the friends of the late Mr. C. N. Jones offered a post to be erected near Thornhill in his memory.

In addition, the following clubs and societies have previously given or promised to give a direction post to the Society :—

The Stockport Rambling Clubs (two posts).  
Manchester Rambling Club (two posts).  
Peveril Social and Rambling Club.  
Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club (two posts).  
Out o' Doors Fellowship.  
Chorlton Road Congregational Y.P.F.  
Ramblers' Federation.  
Manchester Pedestrian Club.  
Art Museum Field Club.  
H.F. Manchester Group.  
Y.M.C.A.  
C.E. Holiday Homes Comradeship (Manchester & Stockport).  
Mr. B. S. Harlow.  
C.H.A. "A" Section Rambling Club.  
Ashton and District C.H.A.  
Hallamshire Footpaths Society.

The Society propose to erect direction posts in the near future in the following positions :—

At Moscar, to indicate the junction of Derwent bridle road with the main road.  
Near Hallot Hey, Hayfield.  
Above Jacob's Ladder.  
3 finger posts at Glossop.  
1 finger post near Flittigate Farm.  
2 posts on the Wildmoor footpath above Goyt's Bridge.

## FINANCES.

The Council has again to draw attention to the fact that the Society's expenditure for the year slightly exceeds its income. Although the debit balance on the year is only 16s. 10d. it is disturbing to the Council to realise that the work of the Society is not being accorded the support to which they feel it is entitled having regard to the volume of work undertaken each year. As mentioned in previous reports, the income of the Society must determine the extent of the work undertaken, and it is in the interests of all pedestrians and lovers of the countryside to see that the necessary support is forthcoming to enable the Council to extend and not restrict its activities in the preservation of public rights of way and erection of direction posts. It must be remembered that during the past few years many new direction posts have been erected, and consequently the cost of maintenance is an ever-increasing one. In the latter connection it may be said that until the way-marking of paths has been legalised there is no doubt that the only effective way of helping pedestrians to follow paths difficult to trace is by the erection of as many direction posts as possible. The erection of posts is also necessary in some instances in order to counteract the effect of misleading notice boards erected by landowners. Furthermore, such posts help to remove the possibility of claims being made which might at some time in the future be urged against the public rights.

As will be seen, the Defence Fund has during the year been augmented by £20 19s. (of which £6 4s. 6d. was a donation from the Sheffield Clarion Ramblers) to £224 5s. 1d.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The terms of membership are 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 within the Council's power to give.

In fixing this small minimum subscription the Society has in view the desirability of obtaining the largest possible amount of public interest; the revenue, however, from subscriptions at the minimum rate is inadequate to the needs for the conduct

of the Society's operations. The Secretaries of rambling clubs and kindred societies would be doing a useful service if they would bring to the notice of their members the objects and claims of the Society and urge individual membership. It is gratifying to report that several of the larger clubs are now doing so.

The Council, therefore, renews its appeal for subscriptions in excess of the minimum, and for donations to 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.

There are still many rambling clubs and similar associations in the district which are not yet affiliated, and special invitation is extended to these to attach themselves to the Society, for by so doing they will help financially, and, through their delegates, take a part in the conduct of the Society's good work.

## Affiliated Rambling Clubs & Societies

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Accrington Naturalist & Antiquarian Society.

Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District Footpaths Preservation Society.

Ancoats Brotherhood.

Art Museum Field Club.

Ashton-under-Lyne & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.

Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.

Blackpool & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.

Bolton C.H.A. Rambling Club.

Camping Club of Gt. Britain & Ireland (Manchester Section).

Co-operative Holiday Association.

Chorlton Road Congregational Y.P.F. Rambling Club.

C.E. Holiday Homes, Ltd.

Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes (Manchester Section).

Derby C.H.A. and H. F. Rambling Club.

Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.

Edgeley Botanical Society.

Field Naturalists & Archaeologists' Society, Manchester.

Friendship Holidays' Association Manchester Rambling Club.

Glossop Field Naturalists.

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS & SOCIETIES—*continued.*

Hallamshire Footpaths Preservation Society.  
Holiday Fellowship Limited.  
Holiday Fellowship (Oldham & District Group).  
Holiday Fellowship (Manchester Group).  
Holiday Fellowship (Stockport Group).  
Hyde & District Footpaths Preservation Society.  
Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.  
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "A").  
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "C").  
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "D").  
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "E").  
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
Manchester H.S.C. Languages Rambling Club.  
Manchester Pedestrian Club.  
Manchester Rambling Club.  
Manchester Social Rambling Club.  
Oldham & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
Oldham Paragon Rambling Club.  
Peveril Rambling Club.  
Peveril Rambling & Social Club.  
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Ramblers' Federation (Manchester & District).  
Rucksack Club.  
Salford P.S.A. Rambling Club.  
Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling Club.  
Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club.

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES—*continued.*

Stockport C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.

Stockport Field Club.

Stockport Seconians Association Rambling Club.

Trinity Wesleyan Rambling Club.

United Field Naturalists.

Vegetarian Society Social & Athletic Club.

Willersley Castle & Sidholme Ltd.

(Young Methodism Holidays).

Workers' Educational Association (Rambling Section)  
Stockport.

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, 1934.

| INCOME  | £   | s.  | d. | INCOME  | £   | s.  | d. |
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| Subscriptions for 1934—                             |     |     |    | EXPENDITURE   | £   | s.  | d. |
| Paid in advance as per last Statement               | 1   | 0   | 6  | Printing Annual Report  | 15  | 0   | 0  |
| ... ... ...   | 117 | 19  | 9  | Circulars, Posters & Envelopes re same                                  | 2   | 3   | 6  |
| Paid during year to Dec. 31, 1934                   | 119 | 0   | 3  |   |     | 17  | 3  |
| Subscriptions paid in advance for 1935              | ... | 0   | 5  | Hire of Rooms   | ... | ... | 2  |
| Amounts received from Clubs, etc., for Sign Posts:— |     |     |    | Printing and Stationery   | ... | ... | 5  |
| Manchester Rambling Club                            | 1   | 5   | 0  | Insurance Premiums...   | ... | ... | 4  |
| C.E. Comradeship (Manchester & Stockport Group)     | 1   | 0   | 3  | Sign Posts and Repairs  | ... | ... | 6  |
|   | 2   | 5   | 3  | Subscription to Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society | ... | ... | 2  |
| Bank Interest, less commission                      | ... | 0   | 7  | Affiliation Fees—C.P.R.E. (four branches)                               | ... | 2   | 0  |
| Deficit at Dec. 31, 1933                            | 6   | 18  | 9  | Expenses, October, 1934, Footpaths Conference                           | 4   | 18  | 1  |
| Deficit on year to Dec. 31, 1934                    | 0   | 16  | 10 | Less Amounts collected  | 2   | 14  | 0  |
| Total Deficit at Dec. 31, 1934                      | ... | 7   | 15 |   |     | 2   | 4  |
|   |     |     |    | Advertising and Sundry Expenses   | ... | 2   | 0  |
|   |     |     |    | Expenses of Speaker, Annual Meeting                                     | ... | 1   | 0  |
|   |     |     |    | Secretary's Honorarium  | ... | 30  | 0  |
|   |     |     |    | Footpaths Inspector's Honorarium  | ... | 15  | 0  |
|   |     |     |    | Footpaths Inspector's Travelling Expenses                               | 8   | 11  | 9  |
|   |     |     |    | Other Officials travelling expenses...                                  | 3   | 5   | 4  |
|   |     |     |    |   |     | 11  | 17 |
|   |     |     |    | Maps, Plans, etc.   | ... | 3   | 9  |
|   |     |     |    | Inspection Fees, re Awards, etc.  | ... | 4   | 0  |
|   |     |     |    | Postages  | ... | 6   | 9  |
|   |     |     |    |   |     | 9   | 6  |
|   |     |     |    | Add Deficit at Dec. 31 1933   | ... | 6   | 18 |
|   |     |     |    | Add Subscription paid in advance for 1935                               | ... | 0   | 0  |
|   |     |     |    |   |     | 5   | 0  |
|   |     |     |    |   |     |     |    |
|   | £   | 129 | 13 | £   | 129 | 13  | 3  |

DEFENCE FUND

|                                   | £           | s.        | d.       |                                 | £           | s.       | d.       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Balance from 1933 ... ... ... ... | 203         | 6         | 1        | Balance to 1935 ... ... ... ... | 224         | 5        | 1        |
| Donations, 1934—                  | £           | s.        | d.       |                                 |             |          |          |
| Sheffield Clarion Ramblers ...    | 6           | 4         | 6        |                                 |             |          |          |
| Other sources ... ... ...         | 14          | 14        | 6        |                                 |             |          |          |
|                                   | <u>20</u>   | <u>19</u> | <u>0</u> |                                 |             |          |          |
|                                   | <u>£224</u> | <u>5</u>  | <u>1</u> |                                 | <u>£224</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>1</u> |

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CASH POSITION AT DECEMBER 31, 1934.

|                              | £           | s.        | d.       |  | £           | s.        | d.       |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|--|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Cash at Bank ... ... ... ... | 214         | 14        | 6        | Balance at Credit of Defence Fund... ...     | 224         | 5         | 1        |
| Cash in hand... ... ... ...  | 2           | 0         | 0        | Subscriptions paid in advance for 1935 ...   | 0           | 5         | 0        |
|                              | <u>£216</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>6</u> |  | <u>224</u>  | <u>10</u> | <u>1</u> |
|                              |             |           |          | <i>Less</i> Deficit at Dec. 31, 1934 ... ... | 7           | 15        | 7        |
|                              |             |           |          |  | <u>£216</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>6</u> |

A. E. BOWEN, *Hon. Treasurer.*

THOMAS GREAVES, *Hon. Auditor.*