

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND
NORTHERN COUNTIES
FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION
SOCIETY

**REPORT
OF THE COUNCIL**

*For the Year
ended 31st December
1939*

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REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939.

ALTHOUGH there were no matters of outstanding importance as was the case last year (when the Society in addition to a successful appeal at Quarter Sessions was represented at the public inquiries concerning the Manifold Valley Track and the proposed motor road through the Winnats) nevertheless, the past year has been one of undoubted importance in the safeguarding of public rights. Thanks to the helpful co-operation of the highway authorities concerned, most of the many matters that were brought to the notice of the Society during the year were carried to a satisfactory conclusion. As will be seen from the Report this was particularly so in regard to the repair of paths and footbridges.

The attitude of county councils concerning the repair of footpaths and footbridges varies considerably and is rather puzzling. As was mentioned in the Report for last year your Officers were of the opinion that on a proper interpretation of the Highways Act, county councils (in rural areas) were responsible for the repair of all public footpaths and footbridges. It is pleasing to report that in a letter published last July the Minister of Transport expressed exactly similar views to those put forward so repeatedly by the Society. Whether it is on account of the Minister's letter or is due to other considerations it is a fact that highway authorities during the past six months have shown a welcome readiness to undertake responsibility for repair and re-erection of footbridges, in particular where the district or parish councils have desired that such work should be done.

On the outbreak of war your council considered as to whether the work of the Society should continue. Having in mind that as a result of virtually "closing down" during 1914-1918 the Society seemed in danger of going out of existence the Council was unanimously of the opinion that if at all possible the work of the Society should be carried on without restriction. One of the reasons that influenced this decision was that it seemed apparent that at an early date many thousands of additional acres of the country would be cultivated, and it would be very necessary to see that the rights of the public were reasonably provided for, and that where paths were stopped up under Government Regulations proper assurances should be obtained that the stopping-up was only temporary, and that the paths in

question would be re-opened as public paths at the conclusion of the war, if not earlier. Moreover, by reason of its work over the past years, the Society has steadily enhanced its prestige, which has made it much easier for the Society to obtain results. The decision to carry on has already proved a wise one, as subsequently matters successfully dealt with include the foot-paths over Timperley Golf Links, Brinks Farm path, the repair of the Doctor's Gate track, and the erection of footbridges at Chee Dale, Deep Clough, Kidd Brook and Grimbo Car.

It is with deep regret that your Council has to record the death of Mr. T. Greaves, who for many years was a very active member of the Council and since 1933 was honorary auditor.

Following are some of the many matters that have occupied the attention of the Society and its Officers and Council during the past year :—

ACCESS TO MOUNTAINS ACT.

On the Act being passed your Council took steps in September to convene a conference of interested organisations to consider what course of action should be taken in regard to the Act, but in view of the international situation it was decided to postpone the conference. Most members would see the letter that appeared in many newspapers signed on behalf of the Society and other organisations indicating that a decision had been reached that it would not be proper for them during the war to use the machinery of the Act to win for the public access to land from which it was at present debarred.

It was felt that apart from any favourable re-action to the suggestion in the letter as to the dedication of new country and moorland paths, landowners would respond to reasonable representations upon rights of way questions. In this connection your Council is anxious that pedestrians should be enabled to continue to enjoy the existing paths used by them. Many members of the public, who hitherto did very little walking are now taking to country walks for the purpose of air and exercise, so necessary in these days of anxiety and worry, and nothing is more disturbing to them than to find erected adjacent to an existing path a "Private" or "No Road" notice. One of the paths considered was the Westend-Alport track, on which "No Road" notices were placed some years ago. The owners of the land have been asked to agree to the removal of the notices, and they are considering such request. Your Council has offered to place three or four guide stakes at points to be mutually agreed upon where the correct route might not be too obvious.

BULLS IN FIELDS.

On January 1, 1940, a bye-law adopted by the Cheshire County Council came into operation making it an offence for the occupier of a field or enclosure through which there is a public footpath to permit any bull exceeding the age of twelve months to be at large in such field or enclosure. A similar bye-law has applied to Derbyshire for the past four years, and to Lancashire for two years.

Unfortunately there is a proviso to the Cheshire bye-law which states that it shall not apply to any bull which is at large in any field or enclosure in which cows or heifers are also at large. Your Council unsuccessfully endeavoured to get the county council to delete such proviso. Originally there was much opposition from farmers, and their organisations to the bye-law, and having regard to the opposition the Minister of State returned the bye-law to the county council for further consideration, and it may be that the proviso was included to overcome some of the objections. Although members of the public will still look upon a bull as being equally as dangerous when with cows or heifers, and would have preferred that the proviso had not been added, nevertheless the county council is to be commended for going forward with the bye-law despite the organised opposition. Your Council urged the Staffordshire County Council to follow the lead set by the above county councils in their endeavour to make field paths safe and more pleasant to use, but though such council has previously considered the matter it has not thought it necessary to formulate some such bye-law.

FOOTPATH FROM ROCHE END TO GOLDSITCH MOSS, STAFFS.

Following the reference to this matter in last year's Report the Staffordshire County Council erected over Black Brook a very substantial footbridge of steel and concrete with rails on both sides, and also repaired the path which had been badly churned up by its use as a trial route by motor cycle organisations—crushed stone having been laid down where the path was boggy. It will be remembered that an attempt was made to get the county council to take steps to stop the motor cycle nuisance, but such council referred the Society to the chief constable, who stated that the police had no power to restrict the use of the track by motor cyclists. It was appreciated that the matter was one for the owner, and it is understood that the Society's communication to the county council having been brought to his notice, he has now stopped motor cycle organisations from using the track.

FOOTBRIDGE NEAR TO PIKE POOL, BERESFORD DALE.

The rustic bridge that formerly existed on the public footpath from Hartington village into Beresford Dale near to Pike Pool having been washed away, the Society, in conjunction with the Buxton branch of the C.P.R.E., made representations to the Derbyshire County Council, and a new footbridge has now been erected. Your Council urged that if at all possible the rustic character of the old structure should be preserved in order that the bridge would be in keeping with the rural scenery of the dale.

CHEEDALE FOOTPATH.

Between Blackwell Mill and Wormhill Springs this delightful path was formerly carried over the Wye by two footbridges, but for some considerable time the one nearer Blackwell Mill has been missing, causing much inconvenience to the public. Your Council took all possible steps to secure the re-erection of the bridge, but the highway authorities would not accept responsibility. It was recognised, having regard to the circumstances in this matter, that if a footbridge was to be erected it would have to be done at the expense of the Society.

Your Council has had in mind a memorial to the late president of the Society, Colonel H. T. Crook, M.Inst.C.E., D.L., J.P., who for upwards of forty years gave so unsparingly of his undoubted technical and practical knowledge to the advantage of the Society and the public alike. It was thought that a footbridge in Cheedale, traversed as it would be by thousands of ramblers, would be in accordance with the wishes of the members, and be the kind of memorial that would have been the choice of Colonel Crook himself had it been contemplated in his lifetime. Accordingly your Council decided to undertake the erection of the footbridge for that purpose. The Bakewell Rural District Council agreed to get out the necessary plans and obtain estimates, and also to supervise the erection of the bridge. The bridge would by now have been erected had it not been for the severe weather experienced this winter. However, all the material is at the site, and the district council has received an assurance from the builders that the bridge would be erected as soon as the weather permitted. The estimated cost is £30-£35. It is not intended to issue a special appeal but to leave members to make their personal contribution to the memorial when they make payment of their subscriptions—there being a separate heading for this in the form embodied at the end of the Report.

Should there be any surplus remaining after payment for the bridge it is proposed to add the same to the Special Reserve Fund. Your Council will, of course, also be pleased to receive contributions from non-members, as there are probably many who would like to join in this Memorial.

FOOTPATH FROM THE SNAKE ROAD ALONG THE TWO THORN FIELD FARM OCCUPATION ROAD AND THENCE TO THE CROOK HILL FARM—LOCKERBROOK FARM BRIDLE PATH.

Complaints were received that pedestrians going over Lockerbrook and along the Crook Hill track, thence turning down through Two Thorns Fields to Grimbo Car had been informed by the farmer that there was no way, and that he had made up the gates. The path having been used by the public from time immemorial, the facts were brought to the notice of the Derwent Valley Water Board, the owners of the land. At the request of the Water Board your Inspector has arranged to discuss the matter with the farmer concerned.

GRIMBO CAR BRIDGE, SNAKE VALLEY.

A severe cloudburst which occurred in the late summer swept away three private footbridges and one public cart bridge in the Snake Valley—the cart bridge being the wide timber bridge near Grimbo Car Farm. The site of the bridge will eventually be included in the new Ladybower Reservoir, but in view of the fact that the projected foot or cart bridge which the Water Board has to erect near Elmin Pits is not yet built, and that in the meantime it would be impossible to cross when the Ashop was in flood, the Derbyshire County Council was asked to provide a simple footbridge. Word has recently been received from the county surveyor that his committee has approved the erection of a bridge about four feet in width, and the construction would be put in hand as soon as practicable.

DOCTOR'S GATE.

The planks of the old footbridge in Doctor's Gate having decayed and a new bridge being necessary, the owner was approached and asked to contribute towards the cost. This he would not do as the bridge would be of no use to him. In the circumstances your Council agreed to bear the whole cost, and the new footbridge was erected—the cost to the Society being £6 10s. 0d. Flood damage has now made necessary the provision of new abutments, and this work is in hand.

The cloudburst, previously referred to, resulted in the collapse of the retaining wall holding the occupation road along which the Doctor's Gate track runs from the Meadow Mills, rendering it dangerous at night. The Doctor's Gate track also suffered badly under the same cloudburst, more particularly between the site of the footbridge and the Mossylea cart bridge. The Society's complaint to the Glossop Corporation was passed on to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council. Following correspondence which took place with the district surveyor of the Derbyshire County Council as to the responsibility of his council to effect the repairs necessary he intimated in November last that no doubt something would materialise during the then next month or so.

DEEP CLOUGH, GOYT VALLEY.

Since 1938 the Society endeavoured to get the single plank crossing of Deep Clough rendered less dangerous by the addition of two or three planks and a simple handrail. In turn the owners of the land, the Parish Council, the District Council and the County Council on being approached declined to accept responsibility—the doctrine of non-feasance and mis-feasance apparently being a deciding factor. On the letter from the Minister of Transport (previously referred to) being published your Council re-opened the matter with the Derbyshire County Council, and shortly afterwards the county surveyor intimated that arrangements were being made to erect a footbridge across Deep Clough, and a satisfactory footbridge with handrails is now in position.

PROPOSED STEEL WORKS AT EDALE.

In April last your Council was concerned at the threat to the Peak occasioned by a Sheffield steel firm having applied to the district council for permission to erect a steel works near the Mill at Edale. The industrialisation of the valley, situated as it is under Kinder Scout, and at the head of the Hope Valley, would mean the ruin of the heart of the Peak and thereby of the Peak itself. Accordingly, in conjunction with the Sheffield and Peak District Committee of the C.P.R.E. and other organisations, a strong protest was made to the firm, and also to the authorities responsible for the preservation of the threatened area.

The need for the steel works was, of course, appreciated, but the view was taken that there must be many areas within reason-

able distance of Sheffield already wholly or partially spoiled where the works could conveniently be erected. That the view taken by your Council and the other organisations was not an unfair one was proved by the strong protest made by members of Parliament, as a result of which the proposal to erect the works at Edale was not proceeded with.

FOOTPATH AT MONK'S MEADOW FARM, NEAR LAMB INN, CHINLEY.

This path, which leaves the Chinley Station-Peep o' Day Road at a point opposite the Naze, and after passing in front of Monk's Meadow Farm enters the main Chapel-Hayfield Road just short of the Lamb Inn, originally went through a stile in the wall separating the farm from the adjoining land. From investigations made by your Inspector it is understood the stile was removed some time ago, and subsequently three strands of barbed wire were placed by the wall. The Society's communication to the owner of the land asking her to remove the barbed wire and reinstate the stile has been passed on by her to her solicitors. The latter have promised to communicate with your secretary after they have had an opportunity of considering their client's title deeds.

FOOTPATH TO THE CRAG, SHUTLINGSLOE.

The notice erected by the Macclesfield Corporation some years ago indicating the commencement of this path was found to have broken off at the base. The Corporation on being approached by the Society arranged to repaint and re-erect the notice, which, in the past, has served a very useful purpose.

FOOTPATH FROM NEAR BRINK FARM TO FURTHER HARROP FARM, NEAR KETTLESHULME.

In 1935 this path was obstructed, but following representations that were made to the tenant of Brink's Farm, the obstructions were removed, and stiles rebuilt. During the past year complaints were received that the path had again been obstructed in two places, and following an interview your Inspector had with the farmer an iron rail forming one of the obstructions was removed, and at the second obstruction a stile has since been erected.

FOOTPATH FROM LYME HALL TO DISSOP HEAD.

The greater part of the land covered by this path belongs to the Lyme Estate, and reports being received that a notice at the Lyme Gardens end of the path had recently been strengthened, and was now worded " Strictly Private—No Road," the owner was asked for an assurance that the estate were not seeking to restrict the use of the path by persons on foot. The agent to the Estate called upon your secretary and informed him that there was no intention of stopping the public from using the path. At such interview proposals were made as to the notice, which are at present under consideration.

FOOTPATH FROM SOUTHERN END OF BARROW LANE TO PIGLEY STAIR BRIDGE AND CASTLE MILL

This path, on the north side of the River Bollin, is crossed by three brooks which are bridged by narrow planks with no hand-rail or other support. Many complaints were received as to the condition of the planks in moist weather when they were very slippery, and that the approaches were steep and muddy. The attention of the Bucklow Rural District Council being called to the condition of the planks the necessary repairs were forthwith effected. In addition the district council has repaired Pigley Stair Bridge, which seemed in danger of collapse.

FOOTPATH FROM NEAR ARDEN HOUSE, ASHLEY, GOING SOUTHWARDS TO BIRKEN FARM.

The bridge across Birken Brook having collapsed the tenant of the farm placed a plank across the water. As the water is both deep and wide at this spot the danger was pointed out to the Bucklow Rural District Council. In the opinion of the district surveyor the bridge was one repairable by the Tatton Estate, and he enquired as to the prospects of renewal. The necessary repairs were carried out by the Estate, and the footbridge is now in good condition.

FOOTPATH FROM " MILLHOUSE," GREEN LANE, BAGULEY, GOING SOUTHWARDS TOWARDS DAVENPORT GREEN.

The Timperley Golf Club was asked by the Society to re-instate two stiles on this path which had been replaced by an iron rail and barbed wire, and also to erect a footbridge across the

responsible owners to its proper condition. The Fylde Society is at present engaged in obtaining evidence as to the obstructed river bank path, which matter might be capable of adjustment if the grievances between the owners concerned could be disposed of. Those grievances have, of course, nothing to do with the rights of the public, as has been pointed out to the owners, and the only question to be determined is as to whether the path along the river bank between Pool Foot Brow and the Creek is a public right of way.

THE FOOTPATH LIBRARY.

Mrs. Robinson presented to the Footpath Library the Peak District National Park Map prepared by the late Albert Robinson (whose death was recorded in the last Annual Report), together with 25 Ordnance Survey maps and three other maps from her late husband's collection.

The following additions to the Library have also been presented during the year :—

- Sheffield Clarion Handbook 1939-40.
- Commons, Forests and Footpaths, by Eversley.
- Across the Derbyshire Moors, by John Derry.
- 3 one-inch ordnance sheets, Cumberland.
- Rucksack Club Journal 1937, 1938, 1939.
- Tales from the Derbyshire Hills, by K. Bruce Glasier.
- Commons and Footpaths Society Journal 1937-38.
- Building in Cheshire, published by C.P.R.E.
- Pentland Walks, by Robert Cochrane.
- Rambles in Upper Wharfedale, by B. J. Harker.
- Baddeley's Peak Guide 1884.
- C.P.R.E. Sheffield and Peak District Branch Annual Reports 1938 and 1939.
- Posters and the Public, published by C.P.R.E. Lancs. Branch.
- The Northern Rambler, Nos. 1 to 36.
- Ramblers' Federation Handbook 1936-37-38-39.
- Cruchley's Ordnance Map No. 43 ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch).
- Ordnance Maps (1 inch) covering Pennine Way area, purchased for the Library by the Society.

DIRECTION POSTS.

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

Presented by the Ashton-under-Lyne C.H.A. Rambling Club a new post has been erected on Chapel Gate to mark the path by tunnel mouth to Upper Booth.

A new post has been erected at Stoke Ford, Bretton Clough.

A new post has been erected on the Abney Road near Abney Grange to indicate the path to Robin Hood's Cross.

Two fallen posts on the Derwent-Moscar path have been re-erected, and a third fallen post is being attended to.

All the direction posts, mile posts and dog boards on the Hayfield-Snake footpath have been repainted (17 in all).

Three posts on the road under Eccles Pike have been repainted.

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

Three finger posts at Glossop.

Two posts on the Wildmoor Path above Goyt's Bridge.

A post near Dissop Head, Lyme Handley.

A new post and plate at Alport Bridge to replace broken plate.

A post at Gawksworth.

A post at Goyt's Clough.

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

The Stockport Rambling Clubs (2 posts).

Manchester Rambling Club (2 posts).

Peveril Social and Rambling Club (2 posts).

Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club (2 posts).

Out o' Doors' Fellowship.

Chorlton Road Congregational Y.P.F.

Ramblers' Federation.

Manchester Pedestrian Club.

Art Museum Field Club.

Co-operative Holidays Association (3 posts).

C.H.A. "A" Section Rambling Club.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.H.A. Rambling Club (3 posts).

Hallamshire Footpaths Society.

Oldham Rucksack Club.

Manchester Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.

C.E. Holiday Homes Comradeship (Manchester and Stockport).

Manchester Holiday Fellowship Group.

B. S. Harlow, Esq.

A. R. Moon, Esq.

Manby A. Gibson, Esq.

Ancoats Brotherhood (2 posts).

Friends of the late C. N. Jones as a memorial.

Friends of the late Henry Brown, as a memorial.

Friends of the late Albert Robinson and W. T. Watson as a memorial.

FINANCE.

In last year's Report the hope was expressed that the income for 1939 would suffice to wipe out the debit balance of £7 19s. 5d., and also supplement the General-working Account. Unfortunately the hope has not materialised, and this debit balance is increased by £18 8s. 0d. (the deficit for the year) to £26 7s. 5d. The year's deficit is not occasioned by increased expenditure, for although the cost of the footbridge at Doctor's Gate (£6 10s. 0d.) has been debited to the General-working Account the year's expenditure was less by £9 19s. 3d. than that of the previous year. The Income of the year from all

sources shows a reduction of £12 0s. 4d., of which £4 17s. 6d. was in respect of subscriptions. In view of the grave events which occurred in September, the subscription income may be regarded as satisfactory. Your Council's decision to carry on without restriction will, of course, depend to a large extent on the financial support accorded to the Society. Compared with 1914 the Society is in a sound financial position, but, naturally, the Council has the desire to keep intact the Special Reserve Fund, the income from which forms a very useful addition to the yearly income. It is appreciated that increased taxation and additional financial burdens will fall severely on many, but the Officers and Council look with confidence to the future, trusting that all the members will continue to make their usual contribution to the funds of the Society, and that many who are not at present members will become subscribers, and recognise how necessary it is that the Society should continue its work and become members. From the Report of the year's work it will be recognised by all ramblers and lovers of the countryside that the need for the Society was never greater than at the present time, especially in ensuring that Peace presently happily restored will find unimpaired the public rights within the Society's area.

The defence fund has, during the year, been augmented by £16 19s. 8d., a gratifying addition to it.

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 might be within the Council's power to give.

Again it can be emphasised that 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 of the minimum rate is inadequate to the needs of the Society's operations. The secretaries of rambling clubs and kindred societies would perform a useful service if they would bring to the notice of their members the objects and claims of the Society, and *urge individual membership*.

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

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.

Affiliated Rambling Clubs & Societies.

Accrington Naturalist & Antiquarian Society.
Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District Footpaths Preservation Society.
Arthur Davy & Sons Ltd. Sports & Social Club.
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 (L.C. & N.W. District Association).
City News Fellowship (Ramblers Section).
Co-operative Holiday Association.
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.
Denton Trinity Wesleyan Rambling Club.
Field Naturalists & Archaeologists Society, Manchester.
Friendship Holidays Association Manchester Rambling Club
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.

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES—*continued*.

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. Club.
Manchester H.S.C. Languages Rambling Club.
Manchester Pedestrian Club.
Manchester Rambling Club.
Methodist Guild Holidays.
North Manchester Harriers & A. C. Rambling Section.
Norton Ward (Sheffield) Ratepayers' Association.
Oldham & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Peak Ramblers.
Peveril Rambling & Social Club.
Plymouth Grove Wesley Guild.
"R" Club.
Ramblers Association (Sheffield & District Federation).
Ramblers' Federation (Manchester & District).
Rochdale Field Naturalists Society.
Rucksack Club.
Salford P.S.A. Rambling Club.
Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.
Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club.
Stockport C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.
Stockport Field Club.
Stockport Seconians Association Rambling Club.
Sutton-in-Ashfield Rambling Club.
United Field Naturalists.
Vegetarian Society Social & Athletic Club.
Workers' Educational Association (Rambling Section)
Stockport.
Workers' Travel Association Ltd.
Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.

Peak District and Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1939.

EXPENDITURE	£	s	d	INCOME	£	s	d
Printing Annual Report	13	5	0				
Circulars, Posters, Envelopes, etc., re same ...	2	9	6	15 14 6			
Hire of Rooms		6	0	0			
Printing and Stationery		8	4	8			
Insurance Premiums		3	16	10			
Sign Posts and Repairs, etc., thereto ...		17	11	2			
Subscription to Commons O.S. & F.P.S. ...	2	2	0				
Affiliation Fees (C.P.R.E., 4 Branches) ...	2	2	0				
				4 4 0			
Advertising and Sundry Expenses		15	10				
Annual Meeting Lantern Lecture ...		15	0				
Secretary's Honorarium	30	0	0				
Footpaths Inspectors' Honorariums:—							
Mr. Wild £15; Mr. Gill £7 10s. 0d. ...	22	10	0				
				52 10 0			
Footpaths Inspectors' Travelling Expenses (£9 15s. 10d. and £3 18s. 3d.) ...	13	14	1				
Other Officials' Travelling Expenses ...	7	3	0				
				20 17 1			
New Footbridge (Doctor's Gate)		6	10	0			
Maps, Plans, etc.		4	0	6			
Inspection Fees re Awards, etc. ...		2	16	6			
Postages		10	10	6			
Bank Commission (Bank account current) ...		3	6				
				154 10 1			
Deficit at 31st December, 1938 ...	7	19	5				
Deficit for year to 31st December, 1939 ...	18	8	0				
Total Deficit at 31st December, 1939 ...		26	7	5			
Subscriptions for 1940, carried forward ...		1	8	0			
				£182 5 6			
					£182	5	6

DEFENCE FUND

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance carried forward to 1940	286 19 8	Balanc e brought forward from 1938	270 0 0
		Donations received during Year to 31st December, 1939	16 19 8
	<u>£286 19 8</u>		<u>£286 19 8</u>

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND AT DECEMBER 31, 1939

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance carried forward to 1940 (Arnold Wilson Legacy, £713 16s. 8d.; G. H. B. Ward, Esq., F.R.G.S. Gift towards Erection and Maintenance of Signposts, £50 0s. 0d.)	763 16 8	Balance brought forward from 1939	763 16 8

MANCHESTER & SALFORD SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AT DECEMBER 31, 1939.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Interests as per contra transferred to General Account	26 6 1	Deposits at 31st December, 1939 at 2½ per cent.	500 0 0
Balance on deposit carried forward to 1940	1,000 0 0	Deposits at 31st December, 1939, at 2½ per cent.	500 0 0
	<u>£1,026 6 1</u>	Interest for year to 20th November, 1939	26 6 1
			<u>£1,026 6 1</u>

CASH POSITION AT DECEMBER 31, 1939.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance at Credit of Defence Fund	286 19 8	Cash in hand	2 6
Special Reserve Fund	763 16 8	Cash at Bank	25 14 5
Subscriptions paid in advance for 1940	1 8 0	Cash on deposit with M. & S. Savings Bank	1,000 0 0
	<u>£1,052 4 4</u>	Debit balance of General Account	26 7 5
			<u>£1,052 4 4</u>

(Signed) ALFRED E. BOWEN, Hon. Treasurer.

J. E. BROOM, Hon. Auditor.

13th February, 1940