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REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946.

ALTHOUGH there were no matters of outstanding importance as was the case last year (when no fewer than six Acts of Parliament were passed in which public rights were vitally affected), nevertheless, as will be seen from this Report, the year has been one of undoubted importance in the safeguarding of public rights.

It is with deep regret that your Council has to record the deaths during the year of Mr. Edwin Royce and Mr. Fred Allen. Mr. Royce rendered yeoman service, not only to the Society (of which he was Vice-Chairman), but to the Ramblers' Association and the Pennine Way Association; in fact, his whole life was spent in furthering the objects of the rambler both in regard to the preservation of the countryside and access thereto. Mr. Allen was a member of the Council for many years during which time he was a very vigorous protector of public rights, particularly in the Saddleworth and Mossley area.

Mr. T. Boulger felt it necessary to retire at the year end from the office of Secretary, which he had occupied for the past 25 years. It would be difficult to express in adequate words the debt which the Society owes to Mr. Boulger. He combined with enthusiasm for the cause a great ability in negotiation, and a deep knowledge of footpath law. Your Council has appointed him Vice-Chairman, which office had become vacant on the death of Mr. Royce. Mr. P. Daley has agreed to undertake the office of Secretary.

Miss M. Watts has been appointed as Assistant Hon. Treasurer, and will be responsible for the collection of subscriptions, as will be seen from the Membership Form embodied in this Report.

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

PROPOSED LEICESTER CORPORATION RESERVOIR IN MANIFOLD VALLEY.—As is now well known the Bill presented to Parliament by the Leicester Corporation was "thrown out" by the Select Committee appointed by Parliament to consider the Bill. Since a Select Committee does not publish any findings it is not known how far the arguments put forward

by the Joint Committee for the Peak District National Park carried weight. Nevertheless, it is certain that the untiring efforts of the Joint Committee, and the evidence put forward by its experts, considerably helped to bring about the happy result. The courage of the Joint Committee in deciding to oppose the Bill in Parliament notwithstanding the heavy expenditure which it involved (which amounted to approximately £700) will be commended by all having at heart the preservation of the countryside. Unfortunately there is the probability that a further attempt may later be made to get the scheme passed by Parliament, but any such attempt would again be vigorously opposed by the Joint Committee, supported by all the affiliated organisations, of which the Society is one.

FOOTBRIDGE NEAR BROADHAY FARM, HATHERSAGE.—Following suggestions made by your Council to the Hathersage Parish Council and the Derbyshire County Council a very satisfactory footbridge has now been erected to replace the bridge which has suffered damage on more than one occasion.

DEDICATION OF NEW FOOTPATH AT ROWLAND COTE, EDALE.—The Youth Hostels Association having recently acquired "Rowland Cote" as a Hostel, a proposal was made that a public footpath should be dedicated over the land which comprises Rowland Cote Moor, and this was readily acceded to. The proposed new footpath runs from the Edale Road at Nether Booth to the Hostel, and then makes a detour along the edge of the land acquired until the Hostel is again reached. Although it is a circular walk it will make a pleasant diversion, and, of course, it is always possible that in time further dedications may provide an outlet to the moors, and, incidentally, what was always intended as the beginning of the Pennine Way.

During the negotiations it transpired that there was a doubt whether the Association could legally dedicate a right of way over the road which leads from the Edale Road to the Hostel, as it was not the owner of the land crossed by the road, but had merely the right of user in perpetuity over the road. Accordingly the Derwent Valley Water Board, which owns the land, was asked to join with the Association in dedicating a public footpath over the road. The Board has informed the Society that whilst it will have no objection to pedestrians using the access road through their land and leading to "Rowland Cote" as if

there were a public footpath over it, they did not wish *formally* to dedicate a public footpath over it at the present time.

It is anticipated that the new footpath will presently be open to the public, and to this end your Council is co-operating with the Association in carrying out the work necessary to indicate the path, and in the provision of wall crossings.

FOOTPATH FROM BARBER BOOTH TO GREENLANDS FARM.—On an inspection of this footpath being made, following a complaint, it was found that the path had been ploughed up, and the public were directed by some "Footpath" notices to make two detours. Although the distance involved was not great, nevertheless, the diversions were such as the Society should not accept, and, moreover, it was doubtful whether the diverted line of path was in fact any advantage to the farmer since in each case a greater area of his land became taken up by the total area of the diverted way.

Accordingly the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council was asked to call the farmer's attention to the fact that he was not entitled to interfere with the footpath in this way, and request him to reinstate the correct line of path immediately the corn had been harvested, and in future to refrain from diverting the way.

FOOTPATH FROM BARBER BOOTH VIA MANOR HOUSE TO CHAPEL GATE.—Following representations made to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council urging the removal of strands of barbed wire attached to a stile post on this path the Surveyor to the Council took steps to make safe such barbed wire.

HAYFIELD-SNAKE INN PATH.—For some time the condition of this track has given your Council much concern. The path today is in a bad state of repair. It was to some extent upset by the floods in 1931, but was made considerably worse by the storm damage of Whit-Monday, 1944, the cloudburst, which caused thousands of pounds' worth of damage at Glossop and Hayfield. The District County Surveyor from time to time has carried out repairs, but labour shortage has limited the amount of work that could be done. In urging that a considerable improvement in the condition of the path be effected at an early date it has been pointed out to the Surveyor that next May marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the path—the cause for which the Society was originally formed—and that it would be fitting if such anniversary could be celebrated with the path in good condition once more.

FOOTPATH THROUGH MILL YARD AT CHAPEL MILTON.—This footpath, having been obstructed by the building of a wall across it, your Inspector made an investigation, as a result of which he came to the conclusion that the path was public. Accordingly the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council has been asked to take the matter up with a view to getting the obstructing wall removed.

FOOTPATH FROM MOORSIDE TO FAR COOMBES FARM.—The attention of the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council has been called to the obstruction by barbed wire of a stone step stile which stands at a point 200 yards south-west of Far Coombes Farm—the same farmer having been responsible for both this and the barbed wire obstruction near Far Slacks Farm referred to in last year's Report.

FOOTPATH NEAR OLD CROSS AT HOPE.—At a point on the Hope-Bradwell Road about 600 yards away from Hope Church there is a little known, but very ancient stone cross. On the opposite side of the road from where the cross stands a path parallel with the road runs down and rejoins the same road before the Pindale Road is reached. The old gap stile at the end nearest Hope, having been found to be obstructed by wood fencing, the matter was reported to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council. While it was subsequently found possible, by the removal of brushwood, to effect a passage the obstructing wood fencing remains, and the Society has made further representations to the District Council.

ROADS AND PATHS IN THE LONGSTONE MOOR AREA.—Following complaints as to the condition of gates on roads and paths in this area your Inspector made an investigation, and representations have been made to the District County Surveyor calling for the defects complained of to be remedied.

FOOTPATH FROM BAKEWELL TO SHELDON.—On the Bakewell-Sheldon Road the Society has a Direction Post indicating the commencement of a useful fieldpath from the Direction Post for one mile towards Bakewell Church. The path is defined on the Enclosure Award as a public path, and the post was erected because the way was tending to get into disuse. On your Inspector traversing the path he found difficulty in following a section of the way owing to fences being made up. The Bakewell Urban District Council has been asked to have an inspection made of the path, and to call for the removal of the obstructions, and the provision of satisfactory stiles.

FOOTPATH AT LUDWORTH INTAKES.—A stile in the wall has been removed, with the result that persons coming up the path from Erncroft to Chisworth tend to turn right along the wall side, and then cross the wall on to the Dirty Lane farmland at a point where there is no legal crossing. Following correspondence with the Marple Urban District Council that Council has approached the farmer concerned with a view to the reinstatement of the stile.

On this footpath there is a good wood gap stile near Intakes Farm, Chisworth. The stile is about 9ins. wide, but is very difficult to pass through without catching one's clothing on three strands of barbed wire. The Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council has been asked to call for the removal of the barbed wire.

FOOTPATH FROM LONG LEE TO THORNSETT FIELDS, ROWARTH.—On this path a wall has been partly rebuilt without provision being made for the stile or gateway. The New Mills Urban District Council has been asked to call for the reinstatement of the stile, and for the removal of a loop of barbed wire, which has been fixed on another stile on the path.

FOOTPATH FROM HAWKHURST TO STONEHEADS, WHALEY BRIDGE.—On several occasions inspection of this footpath showed that it was ploughed up in parts, and although the matter was reported, the path continues to be ploughed up. In the circumstances your Council has requested the Whaley Bridge Urban District Council to call for the reopening of the original line of path, which until seven or eight years ago entered the Disley-Whaley old road about 50 yards nearer Disley. When the diversion was made the owner stated he was opening an additional path, and the public would not be stopped from using the old way. The old way is not open now, and in view of the treatment of the path as diverted it seems clear that the public should assert their claim to the old right of way.

FOOTPATH FROM THE BOWSTONEGATE ROAD TO HANDLEYFOOT FARM.—On receiving a complaint as to interference with this footpath near Handleyfoot Farm an inspection was made, and it was found that there was a five-barred gate bearing in big white letters the words "Private. No footpath," and subsequently the gate was found to be blocked. The Macclesfield Rural District Council has been asked to call for the removal of the misleading notice, and for the gate to be made to open properly.

FOOTPATH FROM NAPIER COTTAGE TO CHURCH LANE, GAWSWORTH.—This short path having been obstructed by barbed wire, representations were made to the Macclesfield Rural District Council, and following an interview, which the Council's Surveyor had with the farmer, the barbed wire has been removed.

FOOTPATH ALONG LADYBROOK, BRAMHALL.—Heavy rains, so prevalent during the past few years, have caused frequent damage to this footpath, and on several occasions repairs to the path and the river bank have been effected, and a new footbridge erected. During the year complaints were received that the condition of the path about 25 yards upstream from Womanscroft Bridge where it slopes to the water's edge was such that in wet weather, particularly at night, there was a danger of slipping into the brook. Also further upstream, and 70 yards before the footbridge, which carries the stream side path from Chester Road across the Ladybrook, was a very small feeder stream, and although the path crosses this there was no bridge or foot-plank. Furthermore, erosion of the banks had taken place between the feeder and the last-mentioned footbridge primarily caused by the fact that the feeder enters the main stream just at the bend, and that point gets the full force of the current. In reporting to the Hazel Grove and Bramhall Urban District Council the matters complained of it was suggested that a stout foot-plank with handrails for crossing the feeder stream would be helpful, and that a slight diversion of the Ladybrook or the barricading of its banks would appear to be necessary if further erosion of the banks was to be prevented. From the correspondence that has taken place with the District Council it appears that the Council is not prepared to assume liability, but, nevertheless, has taken steps, which it is hoped will result in the work now necessary being carried out.

FOOTPATH IN BOTTOMS HALL WOOD, HYDE.—Although the obstructions on this path have now been removed the position is not yet satisfactory as three footbridges are required, and the condition of the path improved. Representations to this end were made to the Hyde Corporation, and the latter have written to the farmers concerned to undertake the work to make the footpath and bridges in a satisfactory condition.

FOOTBRIDGE NEAR PIGLEY STAIR BRIDGE, RIVER BOLLIN.—The repairs to the footbridge abutment referred to in last year's Report were of no avail as during the year the

bridge suffered from the summer floods and collapsed. As the crossing was impossible the County District Surveyor was asked to expedite the re-erection of the footbridge, and it is pleasing to report that he arranged for its immediate re-erection.

FOOTPATH FROM FLASH LANE VIA MOUNT FARM TOWARDS SEWAGE WORKS, BOLLINGTON.—Complaints were received that two of the footbridges carrying this path over the River Dane had disappeared, and further that the only means of crossing the stream, which runs into the river, was a tree trunk which had either fallen or been placed across the stream at a convenient point, and which was very slippery, so that it was difficult to retain one's balance. The Bollington Urban District Council has been asked to look into the matter with a view to the three footbridges being erected.

FOOTPATH ACROSS ALDERLEY PARK FROM EAGLE LODGE TO SHAW HEATH.—Your Council is pleased to report that the condition of this footpath has now been considerably improved, and the obstruction at the Shaw Heath end of the path removed.

FOOTPATH FROM ALDERLEY-PRESTBURY ROAD PAST ADDERS MOSS TOWARDS HILL TOP.—On being informed that attempts were being made to prevent pedestrians using this footpath at Adders Moss the landowner was asked for an assurance that there was no intention on his part of preventing the public from using the path. No reply was received, but no further complaints have since been received by the Society regarding the path.

STILES.—Action has been taken in the case of defective stiles on the following routes :—

Oyster Clough Path.

Path from Tunstead Milton to Fernilee, near Cadster.

Path between Lidgate and Bradshaw Hall.

Path between Mobberley and Castle Mill.

Path from White Hall to Combs.

Path from Pickmere Road to Holford Street near Pickmere.

REVISION OF HIGHWAY LAW.—As no doubt members will be aware the Minister of Town and Country Planning appointed a Committee to consider Access to Mountains and the Revision of Highway Law. Immediately prior to his retirement your Secretary prepared a Memorandum for that Com-

mittee on the revision of Highway Law, embodying suggested amendments, which from his experience were considered necessary, in particular amendments in the existing law relating to dedication of footpaths, closing and diversion of footpaths, repair of footpaths, erosion, erection of direction posts, provision of stepping stones, electrified fences, and polluted water near public paths. In forwarding the Memorandum to the Secretary of the Committee it was urged that the status of the Society was such that the Memorandum should receive due consideration from the Committee. From the reply which was received, it seems certain that the Memorandum will receive such consideration and, if found necessary, further information or evidence on the points raised will be asked for from the Society.

DIRECTION POSTS.—The Society's six armed direction post near Blackshaw Farm, Hayfield, suffered damage during the year, one arm having been broken off. This post has now been repaired and repainted. The direction post near the Middle Moor Shooting Cabin, Hayfield, has been repainted. On the Hayfield-Snake Inn footpath two of the small mile posts have been repainted and refixed, and two of the "Dogs in Leash" boards in Ashop Clough refixed, while the direction post at Ashop Head, which had fallen down, has also been re-erected. On the Oyster Clough "Roman road" the post above Snake Inn has had the direction plate refixed. The direction post and plate near Mossylea Farm, Glossop, indicating the entrance to the Doctor's Gate track was damaged whilst the area was being used as a gunnery range. The Society has received £3 10s. 0d. from the War Office in settlement of its claim in respect of such damage.

Instructions have been given for repair and repainting of other direction posts, but the Society continues to experience great difficulty in securing local joiners or painters able to attend to the work.

The Society has now contacted a firm in Manchester, who will provide direction plates, and the first new direction plate has been received. The cost (£3 15s. 0d.) is much higher than the cost of our pre-war plates and delivery is slow. Instructions have been given for further plates, and it is hoped that in the near future it will be possible to resume the Society's full activities in the provision and maintenance of direction posts. To the cost of £3 15s. 0d. for the plates must be added the increased

cost of posts, and of erection, and it is anticipated that the total cost to the Society for each new direction post and plate will be in the region of £6. Prior to the outbreak of war affiliated organisations, and a few of the members of the Society, defrayed the cost of the making and erection of no less than 19 direction posts, which considerably eased the burden on the Society's finances. It will probably be in the minds of members and affiliated organisations to perpetuate the memory of fallen friends by some suitable memorial, and your Council ventures to take this opportunity of suggesting that the erection of a direction post would be a suitable memorial.

Following the representations for the signposting of all footpaths which were made by the Society to the Cheshire County Council, and which were referred to in last year's Report, the County Council resolved that, whilst prepared to give consideration to the Society's request, they were of the opinion that the time was not opportune to carry out a general signposting of footpaths, but that the several Footpaths Preservation Societies be requested to indicate those footpaths in their respective areas which they considered should receive priority when the Committee were in a position to consider the matter further. It was pointed out by the County Council that approximately 12,000 posts and signs would be required at an estimated cost of £26,000, and the Surveyor had neither the staff nor the materials at the present time to undertake the work. Your Council suggested that in the first instance every path which had been closed or diverted for the purposes of ploughing under the Defence Regulations should be signposted as farmers might be tempted to continue ploughing, and many Cheshire footpaths might be lost unless they were signposted. The County Council have now intimated that for the present they will be prepared to give consideration to the signposting of such arterial footpaths, i.e., main footpaths as distinct from those of a purely local character, within the Administrative County as the Society might suggest. Such list is now being prepared, and will be forwarded as soon as it has been completed. As to the paths which had been ploughed up under Defence Regulations the County Council are in communication with the Cheshire War Agricultural Executive Committee with a view to ensuring that the attention of farmers is called to the fact that such footpaths must be restored for the use of the public as the Defence Regulations had now ceased to apply, and any diversion notices removed.

FOOTPATH LIBRARY.—The following additions to the Society's "Footpath Library," housed in the Special Collections Department on the Fourth Floor of the Manchester Central Library, have been presented during the year. Many of these were the gift of the late Edwin Royce:—

C.P.R.E. Quarterly Report, June, 1946, and Annual Report, 1946.
C.P.R.E., Sheffield and Peak District Annual Report, 1946.
Sheffield Clarion Ramblers' Handbook, 1946-7.
Owen's "Britannia Depicta," 1720.
Ramblers' Handbook, 1923-1939.
"Scotland through the Lens," by W. A. Poucher.
"Peaks and Valleys," by F. S. Smythe.
"The Islands of Scotland," Ed. by W. W. Naismith.
"Guide to Belgium," Ward, Lock & Co.
"Geology of Country round Holmfirth and Glossop."
"British Regional Geology: North Wales."
"British Regional Geology: The Grampian Highlands."
"British Regional Geology: The Welsh Borderland."
"British Regional Geology: The Pennines and Adjacent Areas."
"British Regional Geology: Scotland—The Northern Highlands."
"The Scenery of England and its Causes," by Lord Avebury.
"Cheshire, Traditions and History," by T. A. Coward.
"Transactions of Lancs. and Cheshire Antiquarian Society," 1911.
"The Right Place," by C. E. Montague.
"Footpaths Map of Warwickshire" (R.A. Midland Federation).
"Forty Years in a Moorland Parish," by Rev. J. C. Atkinson.
"British Regional Geology—Northern England."
"English Lake District"—Baddeley.
"Connecticut Walk Book."
"Historic Places around Buxton," by W. Allan Milton.
"Wayside and Woodland Trees," by Ed. Step.
"The Roman Fort at Manchester," by F. A. Bruton.
"A Short History of Manchester and Salford," by F. A. Bruton.
"Striding through Yorkshire," by A. J. Brown.
"Vegetation of the Peak District," by C. E. Moss.
"Maps and Surveys," by Arthur R. Hinks.
"The Rebuilding of Manchester," by Sir E. D. Simon.
"The Hill Lands of Britain," by R. G. Stapledon.
"Town and Country Planning," by Patrick Abercrombie.
John Housman's "Descriptive Tour," 1802.
Black's "Guide to Kent."
"North Devon and North Cornwall," by C. S. Ward.
"Bath and Bristol," by Baddeley.
"Surrey and Sussex," by C. S. Ward.
"The Eastern Counties," by C. S. Ward.
"Scotland," Parts 1, 2 and 3, by Baddeley.
"North Wales," Parts 1 and 2, and "South Wales," by Baddeley.
"Ireland," Parts 1 and 2, by Baddeley and Ward.
"Norway," Handbook, by John Murray.
"Norway and Sweden," by Baedeker.
"Switzerland," etc., by Baedeker.
"Belgium and the Western Front" (Blue Guides).
"London and its Environs," by Baedeker.
"Wanderings in Roman Britain," by A. Weigall.

- “The Wallet Book of the Roman Wall,” by J. C. Bruce.
- “Excavation of the Roman Forts at Castleshaw,” F. A. Bruton.
- “Roman Britain,” by R. G. Collingwood.
- “The Pilgrim’s Road” (Homeland Pocket Books).
- “Wanderings in Anglo-Saxon Britain,” by A. Weigall.
- “The Story of the Malverns,” by G. W. Hastings.
- “The Merrick and the Neighbouring Hills,” by J. M’Bain.
- “Rucksack Club Journal,” 1946.
- “The Geology of Yorkshire,” by Kendall and Wroot.
- “Handbook on Shropshire and Cheshire” (John Murray).
- “Pennine Walls,” by Raistrick.
- “Housesteads, Northumberland,” by E. Burley.
- “A Guide to the Roman Wall,” by R. G. Collingwood.
- “Excavation of Roman Forts at Castleshaw,” by Andrew and Lees.
- “Angles, Danes and Norse in District of Huddersfield.”
- “Guide to Southern Appalachians.”
- “Report on Census of Woodlands,” 1924.
- “Domesday Survey of N. Lancs.” by W. Farrer.
- “Domesday Survey of Ribble—Mersey Area,” by W. Farrer.
- “Hope Valley and the High Peak Guide.”
- “Prehistoric Cheshire,” by W. J. Varley and J. W. Jackson.
- “Faceted Pebbles in South Manchester District,” J. W. Jackson.
- “Ancient Monuments of Great Britain.”
- “Maps of the Ordnance Survey,” by H. T. Crook.
- “Studies in Practical Topography,” by H. T. Crook.
- “Roman Roads of Cheshire,” by S. O’Dwyer.
- “Report of Progress of Ordnance Survey.”
- “Catalogue of Ordnance Maps.”
- “Field Archaeology”—Ordnance Survey.
- “Description of O.S. Small Scale Maps.”
- “Leland’s Itinerary,” by W. Harrison.
- “Early Maps of Cheshire,” by W. Harrison.
- “North Lancashire Antiquities,” by W. Harrison.
- “Roman Road, Ribchester-Overborough,” by W. Harrison.
- “Commons Inclosures in Lancashire and Cheshire,” by W. Harrison.
- “Defensive Earthworks of Cheshire,” by W. Harrison.
- “Ancient Forests and Deer Parks in Lancashire,” by W. Harrison.
- “Humphrey Lluyd’s Maps of England and Wales,” by F. J. North.
- “Building in Lancashire,” by C. G. Agate.

FINANCE.—The appeal made in last year’s Report for a membership income very considerably in excess of the then present income to further the possibility of changing the organisation of the Society into a full-time office went more or less unheeded. Although there was an increase in membership subscriptions of £15 10s. 7d., the number of new members was only 63, which was practically offset by the fact that 57 failed to renew their subscriptions. One further organisation affiliated, and since the year-end another organisation has affiliated, whilst one club failed to renew its affiliation. On the whole the result was very discouraging to the Council, and it is obvious that the membership income must be very considerably

increased if a full time organisation is ever to be inaugurated. Your Council would once again emphasise that the amount of work undertaken by the Society must be determined by its income. Accordingly it becomes the duty of members to encourage others to join the Society. If each member during the current year made himself or herself responsible for only one new member, the membership would bound up to nearly 800, and if this was repeated the following year the Society's membership and income would be reaching a figure more in keeping with its status than the present figure, and within measurable distance of a membership income requisite for all the needs of the Society.

The Defence Fund has been augmented by £35 9s. 6d. during the year to £416 13s. 8d., including another generous donation of £10 5s. 0d. from the Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club. Your Council's appeal to other Clubs to follow the splendid example set by the Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club resulted in the Oldham and District C.H.A. Rambling Club having a collection in aid of the Society's funds at one of its meetings, and the Society's General Account benefited by £3. No doubt other Clubs will give consideration to this method of raising funds for the Society—which can be credited to the General Account or the Defence Fund as may be decided upon by the Club.

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION.—The terms of membership are simple, involving no formalities other than the payment of a minimum subscription of 2s. 6d. per annum, which entitles a member to receive a copy of the Annual Report, together with any information which it may be within the Council's scope to afford. It must be emphasised that in fixing the *minimum* subscription the Society has in view the desirability of obtaining the fullest possible public interest, and that the revenue derived from minimum subscriptions is inadequate to meet the increasing demands for the Society's services. The Secretaries of Rambling and kindred Clubs can perform a very useful service by bringing to the notice of their members the objects and claims of the Society *and urging individual membership*. Some Secretaries make themselves responsible for the collection of subscriptions from the Club members, which are forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer in bulk. Other Secretaries are urged to adopt a similar method, as it ensures that subscriptions are not overlooked, and is very helpful to the Society and its Officers.

The minimum Affiliation Fee for Clubs and Societies is 10s. 6d. per annum which includes the privilege of appointing a Delegate to attend the Council's meetings.

Affiliated Rambling Clubs & Societies

Accrington Naturalist & Antiquarian Society.
Art Museum Field Club.
Ashton-under-Lyne & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Bury & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Bolton C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Bramhall Ratepayers' Association.
C. E. Holiday Homes, Ltd.
Camping Club of Gt. Britain & Ireland (L.C. & N.W. District Association).
Central Rambling Club.
City News Fellowship (Ramblers Section).
Co-operative Holiday Association.
Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes (Manchester Sec.).
Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes (Stockport Sec.).
Crescent Rambling Club.
Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
Derby C.H.A. & H.F. 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).
Lower Mosley Street Institute Rambling Club.
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. Club.
Manchester H.S.C. Languages Rambling Club.
Manchester Pedestrian Club.
Manchester Rambling Club.
Manchester & District Rambling Club for the Blind.
Marple Field Club.
North Staffordshire Field Club.
Northwich Urban District Council.
Oldham & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Ramblers' Association (Sheffield & District Federation).
Ramblers' Association (Liverpool & District Federation).
Ramblers' Association (Manchester & District Federation).
Rucksack Club.
S.E. Lancashire County Scout Council.

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 & District Rambling Club.
United Field Naturalists.
Vegetarian Society Social & Athletic Club.
Warrington C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Willersley Sidholme & Sidestrond Ltd.
Workers' Educational Association (Rambling Section) Stockport.
Workers' Travel Association Ltd.
Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.
Youth Hostels Association (Sheffield Sub-Regional Group).

DEFENCE FUND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1946

Balance brought forward from 1945	... ... ...	£381 4 2	Balance carried forward to 1947...	... ... ...	... £416 13 8
Donations received during the year to December 31, 1946	... ...	35 9 6			
					£416 13 8

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1946

Balance brought forward from 1945	... ... ...	£776 6 8	Balance carried forward to 1947 (Arnold Wilson Legacy, £713 16s. 8d.; G. H. B. Ward, Esq., F.R.G.S. Gift towards Erection and Maintenance of Signposts, £50; Anonymous, £12 10s. Od.)	... ... ...	... £776 6 8
		£776 6 8			£776 6 8

MANCHESTER & SALFORD SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1946

Deposits at December 31, 1945, at 2½ per cent	... £527 4 5	Balance on deposit carried forward to 1947	... ...	... £1,078 16 5
Deposits at December 31, 1945, at 2½ per cent	... 525 6 0			
	— 1,052 10 5			
Interest to December 31, 1946	... ... ...	26 6 0		£1,078 16 5

POST WAR RESERVE FUND

Brought forward from 1945	... ... ...	£60 0 0	Balance carried forward to 1947...	... ... ...	... £75 0 0
Donations received during 1946	... ... ...	5 4 11			
Balance from General Fund	... ... ...	9 15 1			
		£75 0 0			£75 0 0

CASH POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1946

Cash at Bank	... ... ...	£219 18 3	Balance at credit of Defence Fund	... ... ...	... £416 13 8
Cash on deposit with M. & S. Bank	... ... ...	... £1,078 16 5	Special Reserve Fund	... ... ...	... 776 6 8
			Post-War Reserve Fund	... ... ...	... 75 0 0
			Subscriptions paid in advance for 1947	... ... ...	... 6 8 0
		£1,298 14 8	Credit Balance of General Fund	... ... ...	... 24 6 4
					£1,298 14 8

(Signed) J. E. BROOM, Hon. Treasurer, February 1, 1947.

(Signed) G. SMITH, Hon. Auditor, February 1, 1947.

Peak District and Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946

INCOME	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.	
Subscriptions for 1946 —				Printing Annual Report	21	10	0	
Paid in advance, as per 1945 Statement	2	6	0	Circulars, Posters and Envelopes	4	0	0	
Paid during year to December 31, 1946	151	5	0				25 10 0	
Balance brought forward from 1945	153	11	0	Hire of Rooms	6	12	6	
Bank interest on deposits at M. & S. Bank	8	10	1	Printing and Stationery	7	10	4	
	26	6	0	Insurance Premiums	3	15	3	
Subscriptions paid in advance for 1947	188	7	1	Signpost Account	12	12	6	
	6	8	0	Subscriptions to Commons, Open Spaces & F. P.				
				Society	2	2	0	
				Affiliation Fees (C.P.R.E., 4 Branches)	2	2	0	
					4	4	0	
				Advertising and Sundry Expenses	2	2	1	
				Maps and Plans	3	5	1	
				Annual Meeting—Lecturer's Fee	2	2	0	
				Annual Meeting—Lantern and Operator	0	15	0	
				Secretary's Honorarium	30	0	0	
				Treasurer's Clerical Assistance	5	5	0	
				Footpath Inspectors' Honorarium—Mr. Wild	15	0	0	
				—Mr. Midgley	7	10	0	
						57	15	0
				Footpath Inspectors' Travelling Expenses :—				
				Mr. Wild	6	18	11	
				Mr. Midgley	4	18	10	
				Other Officials Travelling Expenses	0	12	11	
						12	10	8
				Inspection Fees re Awards	0	3	0	
				Postages	14	16	1	
				Cheque Book	0	4	2	
				Bank Commission	0	8	0	
				Amount transferred to Post-War Reserve	9	15	1	
						164	0	9
				Balance carried forward to 1947...	24	6	4	
						188	7	1
				Subscriptions for 1947, carried forward...	6	8	0	
						£194	15	1

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