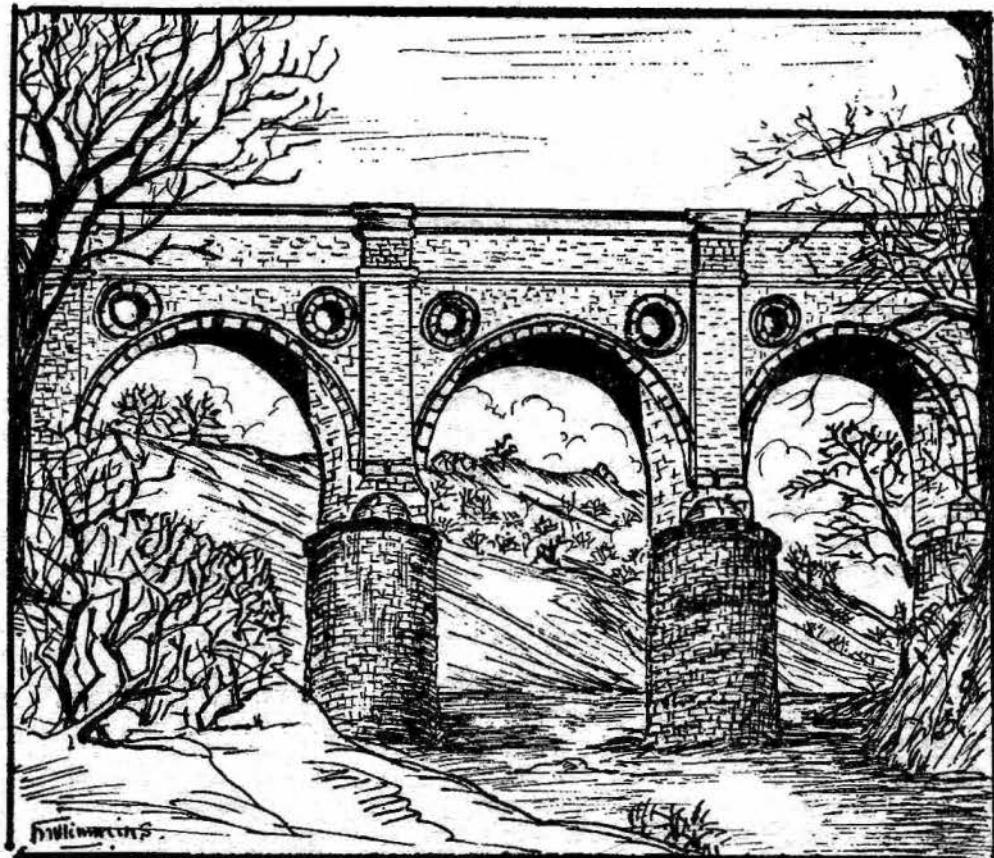


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FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Annual Report for 1962

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES
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INTRODUCTION

Most members will be aware by now that this report is appearing much later than usual as a consequence of unforeseen circumstances which have made its production unusually difficult. The Society's officers greatly regret this delay, which has necessitated the postponement of the annual meeting till the autumn. They regret also the curtailment and somewhat incomplete form of the report now presented, but are much indebted to Messrs. Cooper and Massey, who have written it from such information as was available to them.

In the hope of avoiding a recurrence of the recent difficulties, the secretarial work has been divided. Mr. Eric Newton has kindly agreed to become the Society's General Secretary, and will deal with all correspondence with members and the public, whilst Mr. H. King will continue to assist with the legal side of our work as Technical Secretary.

Unfortunately the postponement of the Annual Meeting, at which many people normally renew their membership, has adversely affected subscription renewals, and our income has suffered accordingly. Our work will suffer too unless the present trend is reversed. With a new and enthusiastic General Secretary we are confident that this can be done, but we are urgently in need of the renewed support of all our members and affiliated bodies. We appreciate that the patience of some of them has been strained recently, but hope that they will have less, if any, cause for complaint in the future.

More than money is required, however. Our recent difficulties are in some degree the result of too much work being attempted by too few people. Recent years have seen increased activity in respect of the Footpaths Survey and the general day to day work of the Society. It will be appreciated that quite a large proportion of this work calls for immediate attention, and in some cases meetings need to be called at very short notice. The Society needs to recruit younger workers to take some of the burden off the shoulders of the older members who have carried it over the past thirty years or more.

We know that the majority of our members are enthusiastic that the work of the Society should continue unabated. What they do not seem to realise is that the work cannot be done for ever by the same few people. We do implore every member, if he or she is one of the enthusiastic majority, to examine the amount of spare time they have available and come forward to help with some smaller or greater task to augment the efforts already being made by what could be called the "faithful few".

The Late Mr. Thomas Boulger

With the death of Mr. Thomas Boulger on February 21st, the Society lost a loyal and devoted worker who had held office for over 43 years. Mr. Boulger, indeed, was very proud of his record and had hoped to complete fifty years' service, but it was not to be.

He first joined the Society in 1920 with the encouragement of his employer, the late Mr. A. Moon, who was himself its Hon. Secretary, and later President. Mr. Boulger served as an Inspector of Footpaths for one year, but then became the Society's secretary, a post in which he was notable for his diligence and legal resourcefulness. He held it for 25 years, and many older members will feel that the Society reached its peak of achievement during this period. In 1946 he resigned as Secretary to become Vice-Chairman and later Chairman, which office he held up to the time of his death.

For many years he was a member of the Council of the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, and of the Voluntary Joint Committee for the Peak District National Park; he was also chairman of the Pennine Way Association for some years. Throughout his long connection with the Society he never missed an Annual Meeting and very few council meetings.

Being a solicitor's clerk, he was well versed in the law and his vast knowledge of footpaths law, in particular, was of the greatest assistance and is now sorely missed. As secretary, he dealt with many noteworthy cases, including the final freeing of the Doctor's Gate bridleway in 1926, the establishment of the Cut Gate path from Hazlehead to Ladybower, and the fight for the Benfield footpath on Werneth Low which resulted in a remarkable series of public demonstrations. He also played an active part in securing the track of the Manifold Valley Light Railway as a public path.

Mr. Boulger's term of office as Chairman roughly coincided with the period of the survey of footpaths instituted under the National Parks Act of 1949. Readers of this report will hardly need to be told that this vast scheme for testing the validity of every public footpath right created enormous and almost insurmountable difficulties for the Society and similar organisations in other parts of the country. Mr. Boulger, indeed, had foreseen some of the difficulties, and had raised a warning voice before the 1949 Act was passed. Nevertheless, he realised that once it became law we must make the best use that we could of the Act,

and he held the reins during the difficult years which followed, and which are with us still.

He was a man of modest and unassuming character whose disinterested attachment to the cause of footpaths preservation will long be remembered. Believing that many friends and admirers would wish to contribute to a memorial to Thomas Boulger's life work, we are opening a fund with a view to the erection of a suitable memorial—possibly a footbridge. Any suggestions would be welcomed. A contribution form is enclosed and our Treasurer would be glad to receive donations large or small.

LIBRARY

The Society's collection in the Manchester Central Library is available to all members free of charge on production of the Society's Library Card, at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The collection contains many guide books, volumes of interest to the country lover, and maps which include not only the area covered by the Society, but many districts visited by members when on holiday. A list of these maps is obtainable from the General Secretary.

Members are invited to make more use of the Society's library and are reminded that library cards are obtainable from the Treasurer.

APPRECIATION

Our thanks are due to those Local Authorities which continue to give financial aid to the Society and to those which secure the repair of footbridges and styles and cause obstructions to be removed from footpaths.

FRONTISPICE

We are most grateful to Miss M. H. Timmins for her drawing of Marple Aqueduct taken from an old steel engraving.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Your attention is drawn to the advertisements appearing in this Report. They help to pay for the cost of printing it.

Anyone wishing to take space in next year's Report is asked to apply to the Treasurer.

MISS B. ROWLAND AND MRS. KING

The Society is indebted to the services rendered by these two ladies who have relinquished the positions of Membership Secretary and Registrar respectively: Miss Rowland because of ill health and Mrs King for domestic reasons.

THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Since its inception in 1955 the General Purposes Committee has met 38 times and has dealt with many and varied problems, some of which have been the subject of reports to Council in the form of suggestions and/or recommendations.

In some cases Council has referred to the Committee for consideration problems which have required detailed investigation and to which the full Council has not been able to devote sufficient time. During the present year the Committee has already met on seven occasions.

Tribute must be paid to Mr. G. S. Cooper, who has continued to act as an able and efficient convenor for every meeting.

FOOTPATH INSPECTORS

The areas now covered by the Society's inspectors are shown below:—

Dr. A. J. Bateman, 9 Easte Meade, Manchester 21, has charge of the area lying west of the Macclesfield Canal to a line from Lymm to Sandbach (the east boundary of the Runcorn and Northwich R.D.C.s) and from Mr. Estill's area in the north running south to the end of the Society's area.

Mr. H. Dickinson, Lhotse, Burgh Lane, Chorley, has charge of an area in Lancashire including Chorley R.D.C. and the area eastward (including Bolton).

Mr. G. R. Estill, 23 Ambleside Road, Flixton, Urmston, Manchester, covers the Lymm, Sale, Altrincham, Bowdon, Partington, Carrington, Warburton and Dunham Massey districts.

Mr. M. Keane, 12 Beckett Street, Manchester 18, covers North Derbyshire (Chapel R.D.C.), Tintwistle, Longendale, Saddleworth and the adjoining areas north of Romiley—Hathersage railway line.

Mr. A. E. Nash, 130 Northwich Road, Weaverham, near Northwich, has charge of our area from a line from Lymm to Sandbach (the east boundary of the Runcorn and Northwich R.D.C.s) running westward to the end of our area and going southwards from Warrington.

Mr. J. Parsons, 136 Sandford Grove Road, Sheffield 7, covers the southern part of the following area—the River Derwent to the Woodhead Road — Flouch Inn, Pennistone — Barnsley — Doncaster—Bawtry—Worksop and, within Derbyshire, the Rural Districts of Clown and Chesterfield.

Mr. E .R. Scholfield, 17 Pollen Close, Sale, has charge of the Peak of Derbyshire from Edale south to Matlock, and Cheshire south of the Romiley — Hathersage railway line and east of the Macclesfield Canal.

Mr. P. J. Thornton, 5 Goldsmith Drive, Rotherham, is responsible for the northern portion of the above area.

Vacant: Lancashire north and west of the River Tame to Mr. Dickinson's area, commencing south of Bolton.

Footpaths in Cheshire

It is pleasing to note that a footbridge has been provided across Agden Brook connecting the footpaths Bollington to Agden in the Bucklow R.D.C. (Bollington path No. 5 and Agden path No. 5).

Diversions of footpaths in consequence of the building of two schools near George V. Pool, Altrincham, has been effected in accordance with recommendations made by our inspectors.

During the year some 120 footpaths were inspected, many of which were found to be obstructed while some had been ploughed up. The removal of barbed wire and the cutting back of overgrown hedges was undertaken by the inspectors concerned and local authorities were informed of other types of obstruction and cases of the collapse of footbridges or the need of maintenance.

The attempt to close the footpath at Yewtree Farm, Adlington, was successfully resisted since when a section of the path has been diverted, but our inspector reports that this diversion appears to be quite satisfactory.

It was discovered that during the past year all diversions and closures of footpaths along the M6 motor way in Cheshire had been finalised without the Society's knowledge as long ago as 1958. Nevertheless, in general, the Ministry of Transport has gone to considerable pains to preserve affected footpaths.

To comply with requests made by the Central Rights of Way Committee covering Ministry Orders, footpaths were inspected at Nantwich, Lostock Gralam, Rudheath, Acton and Dutton Lock on the River Weaver.

The Society has been helpful in local matters particularly in the case of the arrangement of a temporary diversion of a footpath during building operations and the subsequent reinstatement of the path.

A new footbridge has been built by a local authority after representations made by our inspector regarding the dangerous condition of the old bridge.

The Society has been represented at meetings of the Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society and help has been given whenever possible.

During the year the Society received a request for assistance from Bredbury and Romiley Urban District Council relating to the right of way along the footpath running from Otterspool

bridge following the line of the river to Osborne Street, Lower Bredbury.

As a point of interest, one of our inspectors in Cheshire writes as follows:

"As a footpaths inspector I have covered a fair area of the county apart from my personal interest in rambling.

"This year, once again, I am writing up walking routes and mapping them (for the third year). They are published by the I.C.I. Alkali Division in their division magazine. As a result a large number of people and their families are enjoying the countryside and many footpaths are being kept in use.

"One Women's Institute (Rudheath) has run a rambling club for the past two years on the strength of these write-ups. Another is bringing the matter under discussion and the Mid-Cheshire Water Board young employees and friends formed a rambling party to follow these routes."

Our thanks are due to this inspector for his efforts as many footpaths are lost annually owing to lack of use.

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Footpaths in Derbyshire

Obstructions have occurred on many footpaths in the County, particularly in the parishes of Tissington, Bradbourne, Lee Hall and Parwich.

All cases are receiving the attention of the inspector concerned and the position carefully watched.

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Footpaths in Lancashire

The definitive map for Lancashire has now been published and our inspector for that area has concentrated on going over as many footpaths as possible. These appear to be in order except that a number are difficult to follow owing to lack of use.

It is regretted that one or two footpaths in the Charnock area appear to have been lost owing to the positioning of new footbridges over the new motorway.

In the Chorley district the footpath No. 41 from Barn Lane to Burgh Lane was obstructed at its entrance by the construction of a private road, but this has been satisfactorily dealt with by the building of a stile by the Chorley Corporation after representations were made by our inspector.

A stile on the footpath round Anglezarke Reservoir was demolished by a motor vehicle and the adjoining fence damaged. The entrance to the footpath has been wired across to prevent cattle straying, but the matter is receiving attention and our inspector is keeping a watch on developments.

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Footpaths in Staffordshire

Many stiles are obstructed in the Upper Elkstone district in the Leek Urban District Council area and the inspector concerned is taking energetic action.

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Hallamshire Footpaths

Considerable activity has taken place in this area lately regarding suspected obstructions and diversions, but the principal item, and a very formidable one, is the system of motorways and attendant special roads which run through the area. These are:

- (a) The Crick—Doncaster motorway.
- (b) The Leeds motorway.
- (c) The Sheffield Circle By-Pass.

Official notice is awaited of the Leeds motorway.

The Society, in co-operation with the Inspector is watching the situation carefully and hopes soon to be able to report a satisfactory conclusion to this matter.

The inspector concerned has been occupied in connection with new housing estates which, however, have been of little importance so far as footpaths are concerned.

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Southern Area

Many footpaths were blocked by fallen trees in the Sheffield area during the gales of February, 1962. Users of these footpaths eventually made their own slight diversions in most cases and the Sheffield Corporation Engineer's Department has made gradual progress removing the more difficult obstacles.

A footpath was obliterated by the building of a private housing estate at Fulwood, Sheffield, vide O.S. Sheet 111, 300857/302856. This footpath had been recognised as public by residents of long standing, but there was a reluctance on the part of such residents to provide the required evidence.

A stile on a footpath near Holymoorside vide O.S. Sheet 111, 328728, had become useless owing to overgrowth of holly bushes, and our inspector took the matter up with the farmer accordingly.

Barbed wire obstruction took place on a footpath in Haddon Fields vide O.S. Sheet 111, 223675, which, after attention, was duly removed.

Hathersage Parish Council brought to the attention of our inspector a case of obstruction caused by the building of a paddock across the ancient carriage-way at Mocar Lodge, vide O.S. Sheet 111, 232880/232882. Building permission has been granted by the Derbyshire County Council. Agreement was obtained between the Outseats Parish Council and the Derbyshire County Council for the erection of a finger-post indicating the way round the obstruction.

Draft maps were inspected during June at Matlock.

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Canal Towpaths

The Society has taken a keen interest in the matter of the restoration of the Marple Aqueduct and has promised to subscribe to the cost of this work.

FOOTPATHS SURVEY

(Under the National Parks Act, 1949)

For some years past efforts have been made to walk or otherwise survey the many footpaths in the adjacent county areas in which the Society has its main interests.

Some idea of the magnitude of this task will be gained when it is realised that certain urban districts include upwards of 300 footpaths within their boundaries.

The results of this survey to date have been very revealing, for a good many of the footpaths were found to be obstructed or passage hindered in a variety of ways—by barbed wire and other erections, faulty or broken stiles or gates, tracks ploughed in or otherwise made difficult to follow, and footbridges (mainly at stream crossings) in disrepair or missing. Lists of these items are still in course of preparation and after further verification representations are to be made to the proper authorities.

What is considered most necessary is for clubs and other bodies to arrange for rambling excursions in some of the more remote areas in order to publicise the footpaths, otherwise some delightful paths may well disappear altogether through lack of use. Districts suggested for such visitations are mentioned below.

Cheshire.—The rural districts of Bucklow, Congleton, Macclesfield, Nantwich and Northwich.

Lancashire.—The rural areas around the towns of Bolton, Bury, Ramsbottom, Rochdale and Chorley.

Staffordshire.—The northern portion down to Uttoxeter and Stone.

Yorkshire.—West Riding—Uppermill, Greenfield, Marsden and Holmfirth.

Derbyshire.—Bakewell, Chesterfield and Ashbourne Rural Districts.

Hearings called to consider objections and representations to draft map omissions have already been held in Cheshire, Derbyshire and certain other areas. While it is considered inevitable that some objections will fail there is good reason for satisfaction in the number of items which have been added to the draft maps.

Personal statements of local path knowledge and usage, to support the Society's claims, were collected from a fair number of elderly folk, long resident in the more remote hamlets and villages. In the main these elderly people responded most enthusiastically to our request for information regarding these threatened footpaths and much valuable matter was forthcoming. It is interesting to note that in some instances statements were given covering 50 and more years of personal knowledge and use.

In response to enquiries received from the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, inspections of footpaths threatened with closure under the Manchester overspill schemes at Longdendale, etc., were carried out during the earlier part of the year.

The question of adequate path substitution was also examined.

Footpaths at Cheadle and Gatley (Cheshire) also threatened with closure under a development scheme were inspected.

Signposts

Although the past year has seen greater activity than ever before in the history of the Society, it is planned to increase still further the erection and maintenance of signposts.

This greatly increased programme will call heavily on the financial resources of the Society at a time when the special fund used to implement this work is at its lowest ebb as will be seen from the Treasurer's report.

However, it is proposed to continue with this part of the Society's work as signposting is considered to be a most important function of our activities as an adjunct to footpath protection.

During the past year the following work has been undertaken:

Posts painted and direction plates painted with white lettering:

Nos. 7, 8 and 9 on the Whaley Bridge to Chapel-en-le-Frith path at Tunstead Milton.

No. 46 At Yew Tree House, Tabley.

No. 80 On the Disley to Whaley Old Road, near Longside plantation.

No. 82 Near Stake Farm on the main Buxton to Macclesfield road.

No. 83 On cart road to Shutlingsloe Farm, Wildboarclough.

No. 95 Near Whitehall, on the old road between Buxton and Whaley Bridge.

No. 102 On the Disley to Whaley old road at Higher Disley.

No. 104 Near Clough House, Wildboarclough.

New posts provided and direction plates repainted:

No. 22 At Barber Booth, Edale on the path from Mam Nick.

No. 38 At Brough, on the Bradwell road.

No. 77 Above Lose Hill Farm and below Lose Hill.

No. 78 On the Sir Willaim road at Edge road.

No. 105 On footpath one mile south of the Cat and Fiddle.

Signposts found to be satisfactory:

No. 61 On the Street above Goyt's Bridge.

No. 68 Off the main road in Hope village.

No. 81 Near Flittogate Farm close to the M6 motorway two miles north of Knutsford.

No. 121 At the commencement of the Westend to Alport footpath.

General:

- No. 46 At Yew Tree House, Tabley, has been resited nearer to the roadside from the hedgeside.
- No. 91 Near Lilley Farm, Arley, Cheshire, has been removed until a motorway has been completed.
- No. 90 At Hollow Farm, Tabley, Cheshire, is missing. A motorway is under construction on this path and a new footbridge is being provided.
- No. 99 This post requires attention and will be attended to next year. This is at Stoke Ford, in Derbyshire.
- No. 8 Near Blackshaw Farm, requires repainting and will be attended to shortly.

New posts and direction plates have been ordered for:

- No. 103 On the Buxton to Allgreave road.
- No. 108 Near Allport Farm, in Derbyshire.

“Dogs on Leash” notices have been instituted on the Ashop footpath.

Signposts Given by Members:

On April 7th the erection took place of a signpost near Lower Cliffe Farm, Lyme Handley, followed by a short ceremony. This post was given by Miss Meadowcroft in memory of her brother, the late Nathan Meadowcroft.

On July 14th the presentation and erection of two signposts took place in the Crag Hall area. These posts were given by Mrs. Watson in memory of her late husband, Mr. J. Macauley.

Three signposts, numbers 127, 128, and 130, with memorial plates, were erected in the Belmont, Bolton area in memory of the late Harold Jones, of Bolton, for his good work for the Society. These posts were provided by the proceeds of the “Harold Jones” Memorial Fund. A ceremony will take place at a date to be arranged during 1963.

An additional direction plate has been added to the signpost near the Packhorse Bridge at Slippery Stones and on October 7th, Mr. Fred Heardman, O.B.E., of Edale, kindly presented the Society with a signpost which was erected near the footbridge in Cranberry Clough.

The Saltersford signpost, kindly presented to the Society by Mr G. Staniforth, was erected on 19th December.

The Derbyshire County Council is undertaking the signposting of footpaths in the County and a list of suggested paths has been drawn up and submitted to them for consideration.

Footbridges

Derbyshire

The footbridge carrying the path across the Bletch Brook at Lee Hall and Parwich boundaries is still missing.

The footbridge in Doctor's Gate is also missing.

The tree between the footbridges in Chee Dale has now been removed and will make for a safer passing along the narrow footpath at this point. One of these bridges, the Col. Crook Bridge, is reported to have a life of another five years only, when it will have to be replaced.

Attention has been given to both bridges during the year. Unfortunately, the memorial plates are missing from these two bridges.

Cheshire.

The footbridge in Todd Brook is now satisfactorily repaired, but the footbridge near Jenkins Chapel is missing.

Yorkshire.

The footbridge at Slippery Stones in Cranbury Clough requires attention and the Wortley Urban District Council, which is responsible for maintenance, has been notified.

OBITUARY

We regret to learn of the passing of the following:

Mr. T. Boulger, Chairman of Council.
Mr. A. W. Hewitt, Member of Council.
Mr. W. R. Jones, Delegate to Council.

And the following members:

Mr. J. G. Chapman.
Mr. W. B. Hargreaves.
Mr. A. Kenyon.
Mr. A. S. Knagg.
Mrs. D. T. McGown.
Dr. F. W. Rawlings.
Mr. C. R. Sanderson.
Mr. E. Taylor.
Mr. S. Housley.

Treasurer's Report for 1962

Membership.

As the following figures show, the membership appears to have moved forward to some extent over three categories, since the previous noticeable increase in 1959.

	1961	1962	Increase	Decrease
Ordinary members	429	485	56	-
Husband/wife members	63	77	14	-
Junior members	6	10	4	-
Affiliated Clubs and Societies	75	75	-	-

The total membership now stands at 572 members (649 if husband/wife members are taken as two members) and 75 societies which is still about half the strength required to meet the cost of the Society's present activities.

Finance

This year again sees an excess of expenditure over income amounting to £14, brought about for the second year running by a continued absence of donations from local authorities, causing the surplus brought forward from 1961 to fall by £14 to £41. As this surplus is so small, no transfers have been made to the special funds which must therefore rely entirely on donations during the coming year.

This situation is particularly serious in regard to the Signpost Fund and is giving your Council cause for concern, especially so as an increased programme of signposting has already taken place during the year under review and an even more ambitious programmed is planned for 1963 as will have been seen in that section of the report dealing with this work.

Again we have the usual alarming discrepancy between the income received from the membership at £306 and the cost of running the Society at £455. This discrepancy has, as in previous years, been disposed of by the use of funds made available from income from other sources, which is made up of interest, legacies, local authorities' donations and donations from members. Unfortunately this source has produced only £133 this year against £248 for 1961, which has not been sufficient to absorb the discrepancy between income and expenditure, with the result that our reserves have been consequently reduced by some £15.

Contributions to the special funds at £107 have also proved inadequate to meet the expenditure incurred on these funds which amounts to £265. The resulting deficit amounting here to £158 has been met by the surpluses brought forward from 1961.

This graphically illustrates the weakness of relying on the proceeds of fortuitous bequests and grants instead of having an assured income from an adequate number of members which should at least be 1,000 or more.

The following table of financial information covering 1961 and 1962 may assist in a better understanding of the foregoing.—

	1961	1962
	£	£
Income from membership and affiliations	256	306
Expenditure	457	455
Deficit	£199	£149
	—	—
Income donated to special funds	75	107
Expenditure on account of special funds	175	265
Deficit	£100	£158
	—	—
Income from other sources:		
Interest	103	118
Legacies	-	-
Local authorities donations	33	9
Other donations	12	6
	—	—
£148	£133	
	—	—
Total deficits on all accounts	£299	£307
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These deficits have been met by:—

	£	£
(a) The "income from other sources"	148	133
(b) Some of the 1961 surplus on the General Expense Reserve Account	51	15
(c) Surpluses on the Special Funds	100	159
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	£299	£307
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The remaining surpluses carried forward to 1963 are now:—

	1961	1962
Defence Fund	1486	1453
Signpost Account	239	103
Survey Account	4	36
General Expense Reserve Account	55	42
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	£1784	£1634
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Other surpluses available for use in special
circumstances:—

Edwin Royce Fund	£91	£91
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Conclusion

The Council again extends its thanks to all who have so generously given their financial support over the past years and trusts that it may look forward to a continuance of that support in the future.

Members and Affiliation

The minimum annual subscription rates due on the 1st January, are as follows:—

Ordinary membership for individuals	5/-
Junior membership for those under 18 years.....	2/6
Husband/wife membership	7/6
Affiliation for clubs and societies	10/6

Subscriptions, affiliation fees and donations to the Survey, Signpost, Defence and General Funds are now due, and may be sent to the treasurer or to the membership secretary, both of whom will be pleased to receive applications for membership of the Society.

G. S. COOPER, Hon. Treasurer.

The Peak District & Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1962

1961			1961		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
EXPENDITURE:—					
Annual Report:			£	s.	d.
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16 5 2	Distribution		10	2	11
18 5 0	Hire of Rooms		87	5	1
104 15 4	Printing and Stationery		88	0	5
5 16 7	Insurance Premiums		5	19	11
4 14 0	Subscriptions and Affiliations to Kindred Societies		6	5	6
7 10 0	Advertising		4	0	0
2 2 6	Sundry Expenses		5	15	6
8 15 0	Cost of Annual General Meeting		11	8	0
30 0 0	Honorariums: Secretary		30	0	0
109 0 0	Footpaths Inspectors		50	0	0
12 10 0	Signposts Inspector		12	10	0
5 5 0	Treasurer		5	5	0
1 18 6	Travelling Expenses: Secretary		2	11	6
17 6 9	Footpaths Inspectors		24	5	5
8 10 0	Signpost Inspector		11	9	11
53 0 5	Other Officials		38	6	40
16 8	Postages and Telephones		85	12	5
2 2 0	Cheque Books		8	4	
2 2 0	Bank Charges		2	2	0
1 17 8	Maps and Plans		2	10	4
2 8 0	Library		7	1	6
6 0 0	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1963		13	14	6
461 14 4			£468	0	0
BY INCOME					
7 7 6	Subscriptions: Paid in advance for 1962		6	0	0
142 6 0	485 Ordinary Members		165	5	3
15 0	10 Junior Members		12	6	
26 18 0	77 Husband/Wife Members		41	4	0
78 19 0	75 Affiliated Societies		93	11	6
11 19 6	Donations		5	18	6
33 8 0	Grants from Local Authorities (3)		9	9	0
65 6 11	Interest on Deposits and Investments		61	13	3
37 3 5	Interest on P. M. Oliver Trust Fund		56	10	9
6 0 0	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1963		118	4	0
410 13 4			13	14	6
Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income carried forward to the General Expense Reserve Account					
51 1 0			14	0	9
461 14 4			£468	0	0

GENERAL EXPENSE RESERVE ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1962

1961			1961								
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
106	15	10	Balance brought forward from 1961	55	14 10	51	1	0	Deficit brought forward from Income and Expenditure Account	14	0 9
<u>106</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>55</u>	<u>14</u> <u>10</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>14</u> <u>10</u>		Balance carried forward to 1963	<u>41</u>	<u>14</u> <u>1</u>
						<u>106</u>	<u>15</u> <u>10</u>				<u>£55</u> <u>14</u> <u>10</u>

DEFENCE FUND AS AT DECEMBER 31st 1962

1961			1961								
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
1469	18	9	Balance brought forward from 1961	1486	6 5	50	0	0	Transfer to Survey Account	50	0 0
16	17	8	Add Donations received during year	16	14 0	1486	6	5	Balance carried forward to 1963	1453	0 5
<u>1486</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>1,503</u>	<u>0</u> <u>5</u>	<u>1486</u>	<u>6</u> <u>5</u>				<u>£1,503</u> <u>0</u> <u>5</u>

SIGNPOST ACCOUNT AS AT DECEMBER 31st 1962

1961			1961								
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
261	14	8	Balance brought forward from 1961	238	16 4	203	14	6	Signpost Maintenance and Erection	203	14 6
45	6	8	Add Donations received during year	46	11 6	103	8	10	Balance carried forward to 1963		
- - -			Transfer from H. Jones Memorial Fund	21	5 6						
<u>307</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£307</u>	<u>3</u> <u>4</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>1</u> <u>4</u>				<u>£307</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u>

SURVEY ACCOUNT AS AT DECEMBER 31st 1962

1961			1961								
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
96	5	1	Balance brought forward from 1961	3	15 6	106	11	3	Survey Expenditure	61	14 10
14	1	8	Add Donations received during year	44	0 11	3	15	6	Balance carried forward to 1963	36	1 7
- - -			Transfer from Defence Fund	50	0 0						
<u>110</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£97</u>	<u>16</u> <u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u> <u>9</u>				<u>£97</u> <u>16</u> <u>5</u>

HAROLD JONES MEMORIAL FUND AS AT DECEMBER 31st 1962

1961				1961				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
21	15	6	Balance brought forward from 1961.....	21	15	6	- - - Transfer to Signpost Account	21 15 6
<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>				<u>- - -</u>		<u>£21</u> <u>15</u> <u>6</u>

EDWYN ROYCE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE GRANT FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

1961				1961					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
91	2	3	Balance brought forward from 1961	91	2	3	91	2	3
91	2	3		£91	2	3	91	2	3

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1962

1961				1961				1961			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
80	19	6	Cash in Hand	56	18	9		1486	6	5	Defence Fund
6	6		Petty Cash	10	4	3		238	16	4	Signpost Account
257	19	8	Cash at Bank	220	18	7		3	15	6	Survey Account
1564	5	2	Deposits and Investments	1620	16	8		55	14	10	General Expense Reserve Account
-	-	-	Accrued	20	0	0		91	2	3	Edwyn Royce Memorial Committee Grant
				21	15	6		Harold Jones Memorial Fund	-	-	
				6	0	0		Subscriptions paid in advance for 1963	13	14	6
				-	-	-	Accrued		189	16	7
<hr/> 1903 10 10				<hr/> 1928 18 3				<hr/> 1903 10 10			

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY. AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION

I have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of my Audit. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Society so far as appears from my examination of those books. I have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account, which are in agreement with the Books of Account. In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given me, the said Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Society as at 31st December, 1962, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date.

London, 19th February, 1963.

A IRVING, Auditor.

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES, 1962.

Accrington Naturalists' Antiquarians' Society.
Altrincham and District Rambling Club.
Altrincham and District Natural History Club.
Ashton-under-Lyne C.H.A. and H.F. Club.
Barnsley Mountaineering Club.
Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Boy Scouts' Association, S.E. Lancs.
Boy Scouts 3rd Altrincham Group.
Bradford C.H.A. Club.
British Naturalists' Association, Manchester & District Branch.
Bury & District C.H.A. Club.
Buxton H.F. and C.H.A. Club.
Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, N.W. Region.
Chorley and District Rambling Club.
C. E. Holiday Homes Ltd.
College of Adult Education Rambling Club.
Comradeship of the C.E. Holiday Homes, Manchester Section.
Comradeship of the C.E. Holiday Homes, Stockport Group.
C.H.A., Birch Heys.
Crescent Ramblers.
Derbyshire Pennine Club.
Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
The Disley Society.
Eastwood Rambling Club.
Good Companions Rambling Club.
Goyt and District Boy Scouts' Local Association.
Hanliensian Rambling Club.
Halcyon Rambling Club.
High Lane Residents' Association.
Holiday Fellowship Ltd.
H.F. Bolton Group.
H.F. Bury Group.
H.F. Manchester Group.
H.F. Oldham and District.
H.F. Rochdale Group.
H.F. Sheffield Group.
Leigh and District C.H.A. Club.
Macclesfield and District Field Club.
Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.
Manchester Associates Rambling Club.
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club, Section C.
Manchester C.H.A. Club (Section D).
Manchester Rambling Club for the Blind.
Manchester Fellowship (Ramblers Section).
Manchester Pedestrians' Club.
Manchester Rambling Club.
Manchester and Stockport Catholic Rambling Club.
Manchester Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.
Mansfield C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Marple Residents' Association.
Marple Branch Cheshire County Federation of Ratepayers and Kindred Associations.
Metro-Vickers Motor Drawing Office Staff.
Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society.

Moor and Mountain Club.
North Western Naturalists' Union.
Oldham C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Ramblers' Association, Liverpool and North Wales Area.
Ramblers' Association, Derbyshire Area.
Ramblers' Association, Manchester Area.
Ramblers' Association, Nottingham Area.
Ramblers' Association, Sheffield Area.
Ramblers' Association, West Riding Area.
Rochdale, C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Rucksack Club.
Sheffield Clarion Ramblers.
Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling and Social Club.
Sheffield C.H.A. Club Section A.
Sheffield Rambling Club.
Spires Rambling Club.
Stockport C.H.A. Rambling and Social Club.
Stockport Corporation Transport Social & Athletic Society—Rambling Section.
Stockport Field Club.
Stockport W.E.A. Rambling Club.
Stoke-on-Trent H.F. Club, Section D.
Sutton-in-Ashfield and District Rambling Club.
207 Rambling Club.
United Field Naturalists.
Wayfarers Rambling Club (Manchester).
Wayfarers Rambling Club (Nottingham).
W.T.A. Ltd.
Y.H.A Ashton-under-Lyne Area Group.
Y.H.A. Manchester and District Regional Group.
Y.H.A. Chorley.
Y.H.A. Prestwich Area Group.
Y.H.A. Stockport Area Group.
Y.H.A. Oldham.