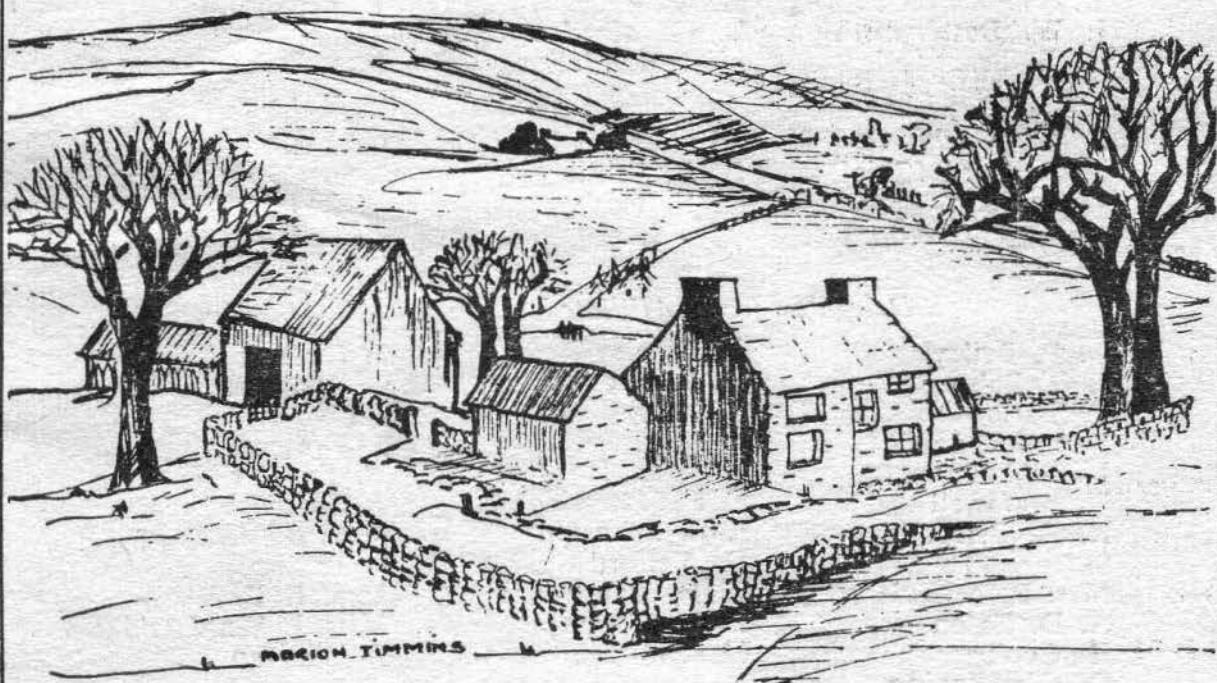


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THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY—1964

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FOREWORD

THE 70th ANNIVERSARY year of our Society has seen widespread activity on the Survey front, with many important hearings in Cheshire at which we have been actively represented. Now that the final definitive maps for our areas of Lancashire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire have been published, the Derbyshire hearings completed, and those in Cheshire nearly finished, we can look forward to the completion of this massive operation which has occupied us for a great many years and consumed much time and energy.

But what of the future? Signs are not lacking that it will be at least as difficult as the past, and considerable efforts will be required to defend what the few have saved for the many in the Survey struggle. Unfortunately the many seem themselves less numerous than formerly, and footpaths generally are threatened as much by neglect as anything else.

Apart from the possibility of legal closures, we are faced with a rising tide of obstructions and hindrances, even on established and signposted paths. A number of signpost direction plates have been removed, and not always by hooligans. In one case the police suggested that a farmer should be prosecuted for theft. Recently another farmer applied to his local council for the closure of all footpaths on his land, but fortunately was rebuffed. It is more than ever important that all obstructions should be reported to the Society without delay.

Our membership figures have yet to recover from the losses suffered two years ago, and existing members could help greatly by recruiting their friends. The financial position, on the other hand, is happily much less adverse than it was, thanks to generous support from many local authorities whom we warmly thank for their timely assistance. For this we are greatly indebted to our veteran Vice-President, Arthur Smith, who organised the appeal for us.

ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has been a difficult and exacting one necessitating a considerable amount of work being done in connection with Hearings, Railway closures, Footpath inspection and obstructions, Signpost renewal and repair, Survey, Finance, Conferences, Site meetings, Membership, Transport etc., and had it not been for this voluntary work, the public would have been the poorer.

Eight Council Meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 28 which was generally satisfactory except for the club delegates, 10 failing to attend a single meeting.

For a second time within a few years the Edwin Royce Memorial on Lantern Pike has been damaged. After the cost of repairs has been met out of the fund held by the Society, the Ramblers Association (Manchester Area) has agreed to be responsible for the future repairs and for maintenance of the memorial. A copy of the revised pamphlet on the aims and work of the Society is enclosed and you are invited to apply for extra copies with a view to obtaining new members. With the exception of those kind friends who assisted with the signposts, we appeal for more help from younger workers who are prepared to report footpath obstructions to the authority concerned, or to our Inspectors. Names to Secretary please.

Your attention is drawn to the revision of library times which for many years have been a cause for complaint.

Formal objection to the withdrawal of the railway passenger services on the Manchester (Central) and Sheffield (Midland) line has been made to the Transport Users Consultative Committee.

In the 1963 Report in an article describing "The Present Position of the Survey" we inadvertently recorded "In Derbyshire there have so far been informal meetings only to consider objections to the Draft Map and formal Hearings will have to be held later" etc. We do apologise to the Clerk of the County Council for this error as the position is that our Representations have been dealt with by Hearings which terminated on the 9th December, 1961 with a series of six Hearings covering the Bakewell R.D.

The positions of Technical Secretary and Librarian are still vacant.

Thomas Boulger Memorial

Permission is to be sought for a footbridge to be erected over Hollingworth Clough near Carr Meadow, Hayfield.

THE FOOTPATHS SURVEY AND THE COUNTIES

Lancashire completed the Definitive Map of the whole County over a year ago, being the first County in our area to reach this, the final stage of the Survey.

We are consulting the County Council as to their policy on the maintenance of footpaths and bridle roads in rural districts and on the signposting of footpaths, the replacement of footbridges and the erection of new ones.

In **Staffordshire** the final Definitive Map stage of that part of the county which lies within our area will have been reached in January 1965, but outside it four rural districts are still in the previous stage.

The policy of the County Council on maintenance of footpaths and bridle roads is that they have agreements with ten parish councils in the Peak District, giving them full authority to undertake such work as may be necessary. This is certainly a step forward.

On the signposting of public footpaths and replacement of footbridges, the County's policy is that normally they would approve the erection of signs where there might be some doubt as to the location of the path, but individual requests will be considered prior to those of the Society. We submitted a list of 25 paths for signposting, but as they have all been rejected we feel very disappointed and are trying to induce the County to adopt a more positive attitude.

When Parliament passed the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act it intended the part relating to footpaths to increase and improve access to the countryside. There can be no better way of doing this in these days of motor infested roads than by properly maintaining and signposting footpaths.

Yorkshire West Riding County Council have now completed the Definitive Map of that part of their area that we cover. They have not yet issued any statement about their liability to repair public paths. It is their policy, however, to carry out necessary repairs to them and to bridges and other features such as stiles which are part of public paths in rural districts.

It is not the County's policy to erect signposts or to contribute to their cost. They have been asked by the Peak Park Planning Board for action to be taken to improve the signposting of public footpaths in their part of the National Park. This has yet to be considered, and we hope that a more positive attitude will result.

Cheshire County Council have not yet completed the Survey in any part of our area. During the early part of the year, two Hearings were held, one at Northwich where Mr. A. E. Nash very industriously organised and our solicitors had charge of our case concerning well known paths in the Petty Pool area; the other at Sandbach dealing with footpaths near Moreton Old Hall. We were

well supported at both these enquiries; people from Odd Rode turned up at the latter in force, mainly the Women's Institute and old age pensioners. Although at these and other hearings held in the Autumn of 1963, we won in 9 cases and lost in 18 mainly for lack of witnesses.

In the Autumn, three hearings were held at Macclesfield R.D.C. offices. On the 4th November, besides four minor paths there was a contest about the Lady's Incline path at Poynton.

The Hearing on the 25th November into four paths at Wildboarclough was a very different affair, and mainly concerned the path from Parks Farm (Dane Valley) to Wildboarclough. This provoked a ding-dong struggle for over 3 hours with most of the local people against us. Happily some of our stalwart members attended and there were many dramatic moments.

Another well-contested hearing was that of the 9th December, which also lasted 3 hours and concerned the path from Manor House, Tytherington via Cold Arbour Farm leading to Kerridge. The owner of Cold Arbour Farm was the only objector. A good number of local people supported us, one of whom was born at the farm, and documentary evidence was given proving the path to have been public and to have existed for 116 years.

We anxiously await the result of these Hearings, and are sure that the witnesses whom we thank most heartily, enjoyed their experience. Further hearings are to be held in 1965.

About the provision of signposts, the Cheshire County Council are now more forthcoming, having allocated £1,000 in this year's estimates, to be spent in signposting 12 footpaths in each of the ten rural districts this year. As some of these districts (e.g. Disley and Tintwistle) only contain one parish whilst others (e.g. Macclesfield) contain as many as twenty seven, some reconsideration is clearly desirable. The County are to consider the possibility of signposting more footpaths in the Peak at an early meeting and it is pleasing that throughout our area (where we can expect 50 of the signposts to be provided) they wish to have our co-operation.

Derbyshire has not yet reached the final stage of the Survey but Hearings into all cases have been held, and the County are hoping to speed up the publication of Provisional and Definitive maps.

On the general question, they have issued a statement of policy on the liability to repair public footpaths and bridleways, and as to signposts they consider that we ought not to use our limited resources for this purpose as far as their area is concerned, but make recommendations for them to execute. Theirs is the most positive attitude of the councils in our area. They have already signposted very many footpaths.

If all the signposts and other promises mature we shall still be responsible for signposting in urban areas, some of which contain very important footpaths. Every step forward is a challenge to our resources, and we shall need all the help of every member and supporter to meet the present one. Members should read and re-read

rule no. 7 (3) of our constitution to see to what we are committed in our vast area.

Lastly, we are very grateful to the County councils and other authorities which co-operate with us. We also heartily thank the Press for the unstinted publicity which they have given us in connection with all the hearings. Without it we could not have gained the successes we have.

DIVERSION AND CLOSURE ORDERS

Statutory orders for the closure or diversion of footpaths brought to the notice of the Society are duly investigated by our officials, and in most cases the sites are inspected and detailed reports drawn up. If the proposals contained in the order are considered unreasonable or incommodious to the public, efforts are made to get the plan(s) amended or modified. If considered necessary, objections are sent to the proper authority, who may decide to hold a public enquiry. The continuous spread of urban development may threaten the existance of many useful footpaths. It therefore behoves members and friends to watch their local press for any announcements affecting footpaths. If any such notices appear, advice should be given as soon as practicable to the General Secretary to enable suitable action to be taken in due time. In this connection, the Society's thanks are due to our good friends. The Central Rights of Way Committee and to the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, for their action in informing us of impending developments in the five county areas in which the Society operates. During the last twelve months or so the Society has handled and/or dealt with orders and plans affecting footpaths in the following mentioned districts. etc.

LANCASHIRE—Failsworth, Blackrod, Crompton and Ince-in-Makerfield Urban Districts

CHESHIRE —Cheadle and Gatley Urban District.
Hazel Grove, Bramhall and Woodford Urban District.

DERBYSHIRE —Over Haddon (Bakewell)

YORKSHIRE —Maston Moor

FOOTPATH INSPECTION

Footpaths complaints received from members and friends during the year have been more numerous than ever. From all sides one hears of obstructed stiles, gateways etc., footpaths ploughed in and not rolled out, footbridges crumbling into decay and missing, misleading notices, etc. Each and every complaint is examined, and where necessary the matter is taken up with the proper authority for attention, but progress is painfully slow, and members and friends are asked to be patient during this seemingly unavoidable waiting period. Meantime everything possible is being done to expedite matters. The Society's efforts to keep open footpaths would be greatly assisted if walkers would use some of the lesser known footpaths occasionally. Many of these are delightful viewing points, and offer an attractive alternative to the old and tried ways.

During the year footpaths located in the following mentioned urban and rural districts have been examined for reported obstructions, etc.

Cheshire

Bucklow R. D., Ashley, Marthall-cum-Warford, Plumley, Pickmere, Ringway, and Tabley Inferior.
Macclesfield R. D., Kettleshulme, Lyme Handley, Poynton-with-Worth, Pott Shrigley, and Rainow.
Disley Rural District, Dukinfield M.B. Hale Urban District
Hyde M.B. Marple Urban District, Bredbury and Romiley Urban District, Stalybridge M.B. (Millbrook), Lymm Urban District, Lengendale Urban District, (Broadbottom)

Lancashire

Ashton-under-Lyne M.B., Bolton M.B., Chorley Rural District, Bury M.B., Heywood M.B.

Derbyshire

Chapel - en - le - Frith Rural District, New Mills Urban District, Castleton, Charlesworth, Chisworth, Peak Forest, Hope, Hathersage.

Staffordshire

Leek Rural District, Heaton, Leekfrith.

CHESHIRE

Styal Woods The National Trust have no plans afoot for replacing the suspension bridge over the river Bollin in the immediate future, due to cost, but we are urging them to reconsider this matter.

Lyme Park. In the days when Lyme Park was privately owned it was crossed by several well-known rights of way, and it came as a great surprise to the Society when none of these was included in the draft footpaths map of the district. We appealed to the Minister some years ago when the county refused to add them to the map, but have now withdrawn our appeal since the National

Trust is not likely to interfere with these paths. We remain of the opinion, however, that they are public rights of way which should have been included in the map. Their omission from the definitive map will not invalidate this claim.

Runcorn and Northwich Areas Thanks to the efforts of our Inspector a farmer has been instructed to re-establish three stiles in the Runcorn area, and a footpath at Crowton, in the Northwich area is now clear of obstructions after two and a half years effort. Motor cyclists using footpaths on the Overton Hills have been warned by the police.

DERBYSHIRE

The County Council have accepted liability for the maintenance of the two footbridges in Chee Dale given in memory of Colonel Crook and P. M. Oliver.

A site meeting called by I.C.I. was held at Tunstead Quarry on the 26th November attended by representatives from Chapel-en-le-frith R.D.C, Derbyshire C.C. and the Society to discuss the realignment of a length of the footpath at the north end of their works. The diversion is minor one, to F.P. Wormhill 19, will be clear of the oil tanks in the works, and protected by traffic islands. No objection was made and it will now be recorded on the provisional map.

A conference called by the Peak Park Planning Board was held at Bakewell on the 17th March to discuss the provision of pony trekking facilities in the Peak District National Park, when a committee representing various riding schools, the National Farmers Union and the Licensed Victuallers Association was appointed to examine the project generally.

YORKSHIRE

We understand that the footpath through the new school grounds at Westfield Comprehensive, and the old road from Rowlee Farm to Gillatt Hay are rights of way. Footpaths at Somersall, Chesterfield and Dronfield have been inspected.

The route of the projected Leeds motorway has been inspected to find out what footpaths will be affected.

FOOTPATH INSPECTORS

Mr. J. Cookson, 15 Connought Avenue Burnage, Manchester,
19. The area is mainly SE. LANCASHIRE, north of the River Tame, and the Cheshire border, bounded on the east side by the Yorkshire districts, and on the west by the Bolton district parishes, etc. The northern districts for coverage include Todmorden, Heywood, Ramsbottom, Wardle, Whitworth, and Littleborough, the western districts are Bury, Radcliffe, Prestwich, Kearsley, Worsley, Eccles, Urmston and Davyhulme, etc. The south side includes Manchester and Salford, Stretford and Denton, the east Milnrow, Crompton, Royton, Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Mossley, Stalybridge, etc. The central districts of Middleton, Swinton and Pendlebury, Failsworth, Droylsden, Chadderton, Whitefield, Audenshaw, and Rochdale, complete the area for covering.

Mr. H. Dickinson, Lhotse, Burgh, Lane, Chorley, has charge of the Bolton Area.

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

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 eastward 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, Penistone — Barnsley — Doncaster—Bawtry—Worksop and, within Derbyshire the Rural Districts of Clown and Chesterfield.

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

SIGNPOSTS

New signposts have been erected and presented to the Society by the Good Companions Rambling Club, Oldham C.H.A. Rambling Club and Mrs A. Watson. Mr. G. F. Staniforth has promised a second signpost for erection on Saltersford Lane near Kettleshulme and Stockport C.H.A. a post on the Gawsworth/North Rode F.P. A further post to be given by Miss A. Hollows for erection near Bolder Hall on the F.P. to Kettleshulme via Moorside Hotel. Working Parties from Littlemoss School Droylsden, the Kindred Spirits Club, Oldham, R.A. (Manchester Area) Warden Guides with five parties and eight vehicles, the Peak Wardens Association and the C.H.A. Manchester (Section "D") assisted with the work of carrying, excavating, cementing, painting, flying plates etc., on many sites after a long trek over the moors.

Plates are missing from posts 29 given by the Manchester Rambling Club for the Blind, and 65 in the Goyt Valley.

The R.A. (Manchester Area) signpost given in memory of the late Mr. F. Ogden is to be dedicated on Saturday 15th May 1965 on the F.P. from Mellor Church at Mill Brow.

Signpost No. 147 given by Mrs. Watson was dedicated on 31st October 1964 near the Howarth-Macauley footbridge and accepted by Mr. H. Gilliat on behalf of the Society.

Donations from Local Authorities

This year marked the 70th birthday of the Society, and it was appropriate that we should make a special Appeal in view of the financial situation. We are very grateful for the response of 36 **Local Authorities** mentioned below who have contributed £196 10 0
County Councils: Derbyshire, Lancashire.

County Boroughs: Barnsley, Bolton, Derby, Manchester, Rochdale

Municipal Boroughs: Accrington, Altrincham, Bacup, Eccles, Heywood, Hyde, Macclesfield, Radcliffe, Sale, Stalybridge, Stretford.

Urban District Councils: Bakewell, Bollington, Bolsover, Bredbury & Romiley, Crompton, Dronfield, Failsworth, Hale, Hazel Grove & Bramhall, Knutsford, Longendale, Marple, Matlock, Penistone, Royton, Wath upon Dearne, Whaley Bridge, Winsford.

There is still one further promise which may mature before the Annual Meeting, and certain other authorities are considering the matter. A pleasing feature is that some of them intend to make their donation an annual subscription. Interesting sidelights on the society's activities and how they could develop have arisen in the correspondence, some of them being mentioned in another part of the Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR 1964

Membership

	1963	1964	Gain or Loss
Ordinary Members	306	334	+28
Husband/wife members taken as two members	180	186	+ 6
Junior members	3	1	- 2
Affiliated Clubs and Societies	79	78	- 1
Local Authorities	2	31	+29

The total membership, taking husband and wife memberships as two members now stands at 520 which is moving in the right direction towards regaining the position at which it stood in 1962 when the figure was 639, although this number included a substantial proportion of those who had not renewed their membership for some years.

Finance

In general, income is up and expenditure down on all accounts which has given us surpluses on the General-Expense and Survey Accounts.

Income has considerably benefited by a generous response to our appeal to local Authorities and the generosity of Mrs. Agnes C. Watson, who has donated £75 to the Signpost account for Macauley Memorial Posts and £25 to the T. Boulger Memorial Fund. The late Mr. F. B. Kirk also gave £50 to the Society.

Unfortunately the signpost account still shows a deficit in spite of reduced expenditure. Although the year shows a marked improvement it must be borne in mind that the Defence Fund is still owed £513 - 5 - 11 by the other accounts in the form of loans to make up previous years deficits. This drain on the Fund has meant a reduction of interest and a weakening of the Society's reserves for defence purposes. It is to be hoped that this drain has now been permanently halted and that the future will see a further strengthening of the financial position.

The Peak District & Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December 1964

DR.				CR.				
1963			1963					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To EXPENDITURE :-								
Annual Report :								
87 13 11	Printing	78 0 0						
10 11 4	Distribution	6 16 8						
			84 16 8					
29 17 0	Hire of Rooms	29 5 0						
117 18 6	Printing and Stationery	61 14 10						
5 19 0	Insurance Premiums	6 8 6						
4 13 6	Subscriptions to Kindred Bodies	4 13 6						
3 15 0	Advertising	7 12 0						
9 10 0	Sundry Expenses	2 3 0						
6 14 6	Cost of Annual General Meeting	7 13 0						
30 0 0	Honorariums : Secretaries'	15 0 0						
100 0 0	Footpaths Inspectors	50 0 0						
			65 0 0					
Travelling Expenses :								
11 19 0	Secretaries	3 3 4						
30 0 8	Foothpath Inspectors	11 4 6						
27 18 5	Other Officials	12 7 8						
			26 15 6					
104 11 5	Postages and Telephones	32 18 10						
16 8	Cheque Books	8 4						
		7 8 5						
4 5 10	Bank Charges	7 16 9						
10 15 0	Maps and Plans	2 4 0						
3 3 0	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1965	4 18 6						
			344 0 1					
600 2 9	Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure Carried Forward to the General Expense Reserve Account ...	189 8 1						
600 2 9		£553 8 2						
			600 2 9					
						£553	8	2

GENERAL EXPENSE RESERVE ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1964

1963			1963		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
41	14	1	Balance brought forward from 1963	-	-
-	-	-	Loan from Defence Fund	205	17 8
-	-	-	Surplus Brought Forward from Income and Expenditure Account	189	8 1
205	17	8	Balance being Deficit carried forward to 1965	-	-
£247	11	9	£395	5	9
			£247	11	9
			£395	5	9

DEFENCE FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1964

SURVEY FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1964

1963	£ s. d.	1963	£ s. d.	
36 1 7	Balance Brought Forward from 1963	- - -	Balance brought forward from 1963 7 8 3	
- - -	Loan from Defence Fund	7 8 3	(Deficit)	28 15 4
8 5 0	19 Donations received during year.....	6 17 6	Survey Expenditure	18 2 2
- - -	Transfer from Gen Exp. Reserve Acc.....	40 0 0	Balance being Surplus carried forward	
7 8 3	Balance carried forward to 1965 [Deficit]	- - -	to 1963	
£51 14 10		£54 5 9		
		£51 14 10		
			£54 5 9	

EDWYN ROYCE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE GRANT FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

1965			1963						
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
91	2	5	Balance brought forward from 1963	91	2	3	91	2	3
£91	2	3	£91	2	3	£91	2	3	

T. BOULGER MEMORIAL FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1964

GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1964				
1963		1963		
£	s.	£	s.	
- - - Balance brought forward from 1963. (30 Donations)	54 3 7	54 3 7	Balance carried forward to 1965	114 5 7
54 3 7 37 Donations received during year	60 2 0			
£54 3 7		£114 5 7		
		£57 3 7		
			£114 5 7	

SIGNPOST ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1964

1963				1963							
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.				
103	8	10	Balance brought forward from 1963				Balance brought forward from				
300	0	0	Loan from Defense Fund	22	5	4	1963 (Deficit)	22	5	4	
57	12	0	49 Donations received during year (include				Signpost Maintenance and Erection	209	16	6	
			£75 Macauley Memorial Post Donation)	167	11	5	Repayment of Loan to Defense Fund	22	5	4	
22	5	4	Balance being Deficit carried forward to								
			1965	64	10	5					
£483	6	2		£254	7	2		£483	6	2	
									£254	7	2

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1964

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

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 these 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 to me, the said Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Society as at 31st December, 1964, and the Income and Expeniture Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

London, 8th February, 1965.

A. IRVING, Auditor

Footpaths which could be improved by being used regularly

CHESHIRE

Ashley 6 commencing at Ashley Rd. junction, at or near Ashley Hall North Lodge, going S. to the South Lodge (Ashley Rd.) and continuing at the opposite side of the road S. through fields and woodlands to a road at or near Arden Lodge.

Ashley 7 - Mobberly 70 commencing at Ashley Rd. S.W. of Stock Farm, a lane leads to a Lodge, here S. to join footpath which leads to Mobberly Brook and Mobberly F.P. 70 - Beyond Birtles Farm S.S.E. to Four-lane-ends Broadoak Lane.

Ashley 8 commencing at Ashley Rd. S.W. of Stock Farm a lane leads to a Lodge, here E.S.E. to a road at or near a railway traffic bridge, some 400 yards S.W. of Houghgreen Farm.

Altrincham 26 from Timperley Brook crossing point, N. of Hale Moss, going mainly E. and over the Timperley Golf Course to Green Lane, at or near Delahays Farm, continuing at the opposite side of the road to Wellfield Lane N. of Well Green.

Disley 51 - Lyme Handley 29 from Mudhouse Lane, N. of Dissop Head Farm, going W. to "Cock Knoll" thence N. to "Matherclough" and join Lyme Handley Footpath 29 which continues direction to Bollinhurst Lane, Lyme Park etc.

Hale 21 from Ash Lane, S. of Well Green, going E. to Butteryhouse Lane at or near the farm site of similar name.

Hale 22 from Butteryhouse Lane, near site of farm, of similar name, going N. to Whitecarr Lane at or near B.M. 159 and S.E. of Clay Lane.

Hale 23 from Roaring Gate Lane, almost opposite farm of similar name, going mainly W. and joining another footpath (Hale 22) at or near two cattle ponds which path links Butteryhouse Lane and Whitecarr Lane.

Hyde 158 from Apple Street at or near "Rhodes Fold" going mainly E. to Back Wood and Bottoms Hall, etc.

Hyde 150 from Cock Brow, S.W. of "Windy Harbour", going S.W. to junction of footpaths at or near an old quarry.

Marple 193 commencing at or near Lomber Hey House going N.W. and N. by Windlehurst House to the Macclesfield Canal, etc.

Marple 194 commencing almost opposite Lomber Hey House, at

or near Cawkwell Fields Farm, going S.E. to Wybersley Rd. point N. of Wybersley.

Mobberley 3 commencing at a lane E. of Mill Cottages, some 600 yards S. of Mobberley Railway Station, going S.S.E. to Valewood Farm and footpath junction.

Mobberley 7 - Knutsford 11 from Broadoak Lane, at or near farm of similar name, going S.W. to a road which leads S. to a railway traffic bridge and Shaw Heath, etc.

Mobberley 6 from Broadoak Lane, almost opposite farm of similar name, going N.E. to a railway crossing and continuing in the same direction to Smith Lane, at or near Mill Cottage, S of Railway Station.

Macclesfield Forest 11 from a lane which leads in a southerly direction from the Buxton Rd., at or near "Greenways", going S. to St. Stephen's Church at Macclesfield Forest.

Macclesfield Forest 10 from Buxton Rd. some 600 yards W. of Macclesfield Forest Footpath 11 (see above) going S.S.E. by "Winchalltop" to a road some 400 yards N.W. of Macclesfield Forest.

Poynton-with-Worth 47, 48, 50 commencing at Coppice Rd. W. of the railway and Elms Bed Rd., going S.S.E. to a railway crossing thence to Poynton Brook crossing point in the vicinity of Hagg Farm.

Sutton 19 commencing at Hollin Lane, at or near "Lowerhouse" going N.N.E. to a road some 300 yards N. of the Methodist Chapel.

Sutton 20 from Hollin Lane, by Ryles Arms (P.H) going E.N.E. to a road at or near "Suttonsfold".

Mottram-in-Longdendale 90 from Wooley Lane, Just W. of Woolley Bridge, going S. through Woolley Farm turning S.W. to junction of footpaths, near a brook and Mottram Footpath No. 88 which path leads to Broadbottom.

Mottram-in-Longdendale 92 commences just S.W. of Woolley Farm (Mottram Footpath No. 90) (mentioned above) going mainly W. to Carrhouse Lane which lane leads to Mottram Moor.

Mottram-in-Longdendale 93 from Carrhouse Lane, off Mottram Moor, going mainly W. to Mottram Footpath No. 86 (lane) which leads S. to Saint Michael's Church.

Mottram-in-Longdendale 94 from lane N.E. of Littlehill Farm going N.-N.W. to a lane at or near the Grammar School, Warhill.

Mottram-in-Longdendale 101 from a lane just off Market Street, Broadbottom, near the Methodist Chapel, going N. turning N.E. passing "Hague Bank" to Littlehill Farm and junction of footpaths beyond buildings Mottram Footpath No. 94 branches N.W. to

Warhill, whilst the other Mottram Footpath No. 95 branches E. to join Carrhouse Lane and Gamesley path routes.

Mottram-in-Longdendale 102 from Lower Mudd Lane (S. of Saint Michael's Church), near cattle ponds, going S.E. to Pingot Lane continuing to Mottram Footpath 101 and Littlehill Farm route.

Mottram-in-Longdendale 103 from Mottram Hill, S. of Saint Michael's Church and N. of "Whitegates", going N.E. and joining Mottram Footpath No. 102 (above) which path leads S.E. to Pingot Lane, etc.

N.B. Any difficulty and/or obstruction should be mentioned without undue delay.

DERBYSHIRE

Castleton 3 commencing at Chapel-en-le-Frith Rd., W. of Blue John Mine (B.M. 1353.5), going S. to the Sparrowpit Rd. (B.M. 1362.4).

Castleton 23 commencing at Chapel-en-le-Frith Rd., (B.M. 883) west of Odin Mine site, going S.E. and following Odin Sitch, over the Flatts, to the Castleton-Hope Rd. at or near the Methodist Chapel.

Castleton 36 commencing at Sparrowpit Rd., going S., (of Oxlow House) to a minor road at or near Slitherstone Mine site.

Chinley 40 & 42 from Buxton Rd. at or near Alder Bank going N. to the railway thence N.W. to Otter Brook crossing point and "Alders" (Chinley Footpath 42) here direction mainly E. by "White Knoll" to Hayfield Rd.

Chinley 46 from a bridle road in the shadow of Mount Famine, going S.E. by Mainstone Farm to a junction of footpaths and way to Andrews Farm, Hull End, etc.

Charlesworth from Long Lane, at or near the R.C. Church, going S. following the River Etherow for a short distance thence through woodlands to Woodseats Lane. S.W. of Warhurst Fold.

Hope 1, 3,4. - Castleton 31 commencing at Edale Rd. at or near "Bleak House", going N.W. and turning west to the Loose Hill notice board and stile, which ignore and continue S.W. then W. to Spring House Farm joining Castleton footpath 31, above Loosehill Hall, to Robinlands Lane and Castleton-Hope Rd.

Peak Foreste 3 commencing at Sparrowpit Rd. going S.S.W. to a road which leads to Old Dam. (N.B. The commencing point is a short mile E. of Perryfoot.)

Peak Forest 37 commencing at Perry Dale Rd. S.E. of "Nether

Barn", going mainly S. to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rd. by Jackson's Plantation.

Tideswell 27 commencing at the easterly end of Old Dam Lane, at or near "Brocktor", going mainly E. by Adam's Well then turning N.E. towards the Bradwell boundary and joining Bradwell footpath 2 which path continues to Bathamgate and Bradwell.

LANCASHIRE

Bury 74 commencing at Pilsworth Rd, at or near Jackson Fold Farm, going mainly N. to Moor Hole Farm thence to junction of two paths, one branching N.W. and over the Heywood boundary to Spout Bank Lane, at or near a railway traffic bridge-the other branching E. over the Heywood boundary by Brook Cottage to Moss Hall Rd.

Bury 78 from Croft Lane N. of Hollins Vale, and near (B.M. 291.75,) going N. to a lane which leads W. to Roach Bank Farm.
Bury 67 from lane which leads to Roach Bank Farm going N. to junction of footpaths, near reservoirs, continuing over the Heywood boundary to Waterfold Lane.

Heywood from southern section of Moss Hall Rd. Roughly half-a-mile S.E. of the Three Arrows Inn (P.H.) going N.E. to Hareshill Rd. S.E. of farm with similar name.

Kearsley commencing at Manchester Rd. (opposite side to Hawthorne Rd.) going mainly N. to railway-side footpath and tunnel.
Kearsley commencing at Manchester Rd. at or near Alva St. going N.E. to railway- side path and tunnel.

Swinton and Pendlebury commencing at Manchester Rd., at or near Saint Anne's Church, Clifton, going N.E. and descending to a railway crossing.

Swinton and Pendlebury commencing off Manchester Rd, point E. of the Robin Hood Inn (P.H.) going N.E. and descending to a railway crossing.

Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society

This year marks the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Society in 1865. Arrangements have been made to hold a conference at the Winter Gardens, Ilkley Moor on Saturday the 12th June and a Rally on Ilkley Moor on Sunday the 13th June 1965 at 4 p.m. A special excursion will run from Manchester to Ilkley, on the Sunday.

Walks Programme

SUNDAY 25th APRIL 1965

BUXTON — LONG NOR — BUXTON

9-30 a.m. TRAIN. PICCADILLY BUXTON RETURN

MR. J. B. JOHNSTON. LEADER

LEADER JOINS TRAIN AT STOCKPORT

May 22 Disley-Whaley Bridge, 2-30 p.m. Piccadilly Station. Book Whaley Bridge return. Leader E. E. Stubbs.