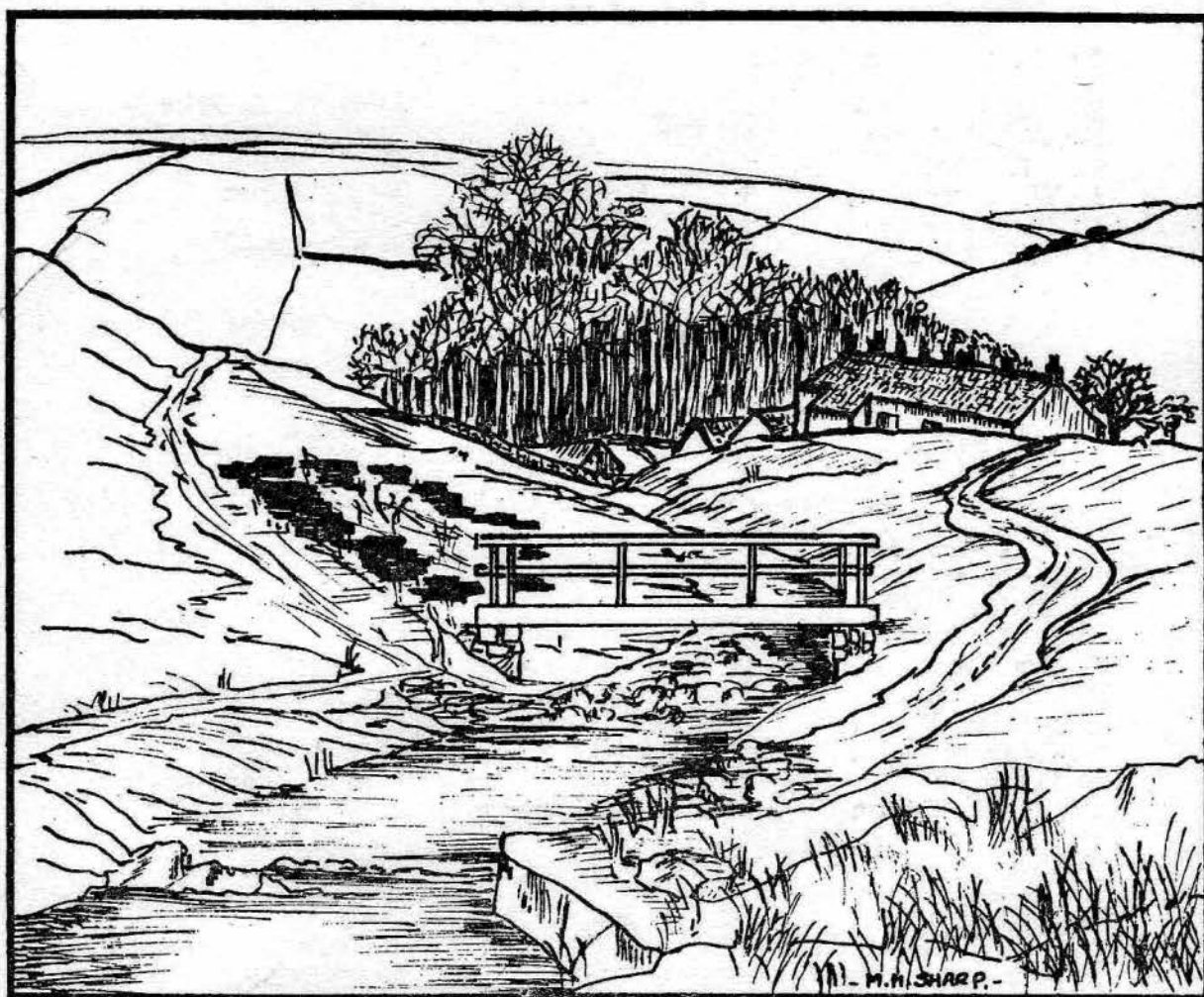


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(To be erected In Memory of our Late Chairman, Thomas Boulger)



Proposed footbridge - Hollingworth Clough, Derbyshire.

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Annual Report

Though the Survey is still with us, our attention is turning more and more to the wave of obstructions and petty interferences with footpaths which is sweeping our district, in common with many others. Theoretically the remedy is simple. The law-abiding citizen reports to the local authority concerned, and they secure the removal of the difficulty. But, all too often this does not happen. The report goes in, but months and even years may elapse before anything effective is done. For one reason or another, some authorities are just not doing their duty. We have even been asked in one difficult case to advise our members not to use the paths until the definitive map has appeared, this year, next year or sometime.

Some years ago Leicester ramblers had to stage a mass demonstration to free footpaths that were actually shown on the definitive map, and were therefore unquestionably public. More recently East Riding ramblers achieved much publicity by forcibly removing obstructions from the "beastgates" on a public bridleway at Millington Pastures. In our own district a resolute and determined local man has personally removed many obstructions from paths in a well-known rambling area. It is unpleasant for members of the public, who only wish to enjoy a country walk, to have to assert their rights aggressively, but episodes such as the above will become commoner if the apathetic attitude of some local authorities continues. Are our friends in local government happy at this position? The remedy is in their hands.

Meanwhile we can only ask members and clubs to continue to walk the less familiar paths. Last year we published a selection for their use; this time we have an even longer list of paths which have been the subject of complaints, and we hope they will turn their attention to these.

The Thomas Boulger Memorial

After an inspection of three suggested sites for the provision of a footbridge in memory of the late Thomas Boulger, the crossing of Hollingworth Clough, near Carr Meadow, Hayfield was chosen as the most appropriate.

In times of heavy rain the bridle path ford is difficult to cross and the need for a footbridge here has long been obvious. Moreover the immediate neighbourhood of Carr Meadow has been

closely associated with the activities of the Society. The first direction post erected by the Society was at Carr Meadow at the commencement of the once disputed way.

On the front cover of this report members will see an artist's impression of a footbridge at Carr Meadow - kindly drawn for us by Mrs. M. H. Sharp.

Having decided upon the site of the proposed Memorial Bridge the Society approached the Derbyshire County Council for their approval and co-operation. The County Council gave real assistance by the preparation of a very suitable design for the footbridge and the design has also been approved by the landowner and by the Peak Park Planning Board.

The total cost of the Memorial Footbridge is estimated at £280, and the Society urgently appeals to members for renewed contributions to the Footbridge Appeal Fund.

THE SURVEY —

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Now that three Definitive Maps have been completed (for the Lancashire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire sections of our area) and only two are outstanding—Cheshire and Derbyshire we can look at the whole question of footpaths preservation as from a watershed and observe the changes that the 1949 Act has made to us. Firstly there is a glaring difference between the attention given nationally and locally to the motorist and the neglect of the needs of walkers.

Two steps forward can however be registered. County authorities whose responsibility for maintaining public footpaths was always implied but not stated clearly either in the Highways Act of 1835 and subsequent Acts of Parliament or at common law, are now accepting greater responsibility for maintenance under the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act and the 1959 Highways Act.

Footbridges

The first step is a willingness to erect footbridges to replace those that have disappeared whether by floods or vandalism. Unfortunately this does not extend to erecting new footbridges where none previously existed. Wherever this service is desired, either we or some other voluntary body must provide it. However, once such a bridge is installed, should it disappear the county authority will replace it.

Signposts

The second step forward is the provision of signposts. Cheshire and Derbyshire of the county authorities in our area have been the most forthcoming. Lancashire decided to provide 150 signs per annum, 100 of them for the Lake District National Park (outside our area) and 50 elsewhere (outside as well as inside). Not a large contribution this compared with the extensive rural areas in the county and the number of footpaths within them. Doubtless if there were sufficient demand more would be forthcoming. Here's where walkers could usefully be more vigilant.

The "black spots" are Yorkshire West Riding and Staffordshire whose county councils have consistently declined to satisfy our signposting requests. The difference between them in this respect is that whereas in Staffordshire the door of persuasion is on the latch, in Yorkshire it is firmly bolted. In addition to work done by local authorities, a great amount of signposting will remain for us to do in all rural areas except Derbyshire and in urban areas everywhere.

Mud, mud, glorious mud!

Besides the above matters, there are various other important questions that receive far less attention than they deserve, such as mud and undergrowth, the cattle-treading and tractor-fouling of occupation roads that are also public footpaths, besides the ploughing up of footpaths. In the past, neglect of these things has caused hundreds of paths in our area to have been lost, but what of the future? We hope that authorities will take this aspect of footpaths maintenance more seriously, not always by surfacing or "metalling" footpaths, but by ensuring that owners and occupiers of land treat them with due consideration, even if this should mean dedicating a strip of land adjoining an occupation or other road expressly for pedestrian use. The Highways Act 1959 makes it a punishable offence for a farmer to plough up a footpath without restoring it afterwards, but this seems frequently to be evaded.

We are happy to say that sometimes a local authority will take remedial action to have a path maintained or even reinstated where it would otherwise have been lost by an "act of God". Such was the case at Bramhall, Cheshire. After the path by Ladybrook through Happy Valley had fallen into the stream, the local council obtained an adjoining strip of land, the footpath being thus retained for the public.

Those obstructions.

One of the great lions in the pedestrian's way has always been the obstructed path, but this need not be so in future. Here let us

pay tribute to all those farmers and other occupiers of land, and they are a great number, who conscientiously fulfil their obligations, keeping stiles open and who often greet the passing walker with a friendly word and a smile. On the other hand too many farmers unceremoniously replace stiles with barbed wire or thorn bushes.

Bernard Shaw used to like country-walking and once wrote that he always put a pair of wire-and thorn-clippers in his knapsack, and used them judiciously. If a walker meets with an obstruction what should he do? If he is using a footpath which he knows beyond doubt to be public and is quite sure that he is on the right line of path, he could remove just so much of the obstruction as would enable him to pass along, but not sufficient to allow cattle or other farm stock to wander from a pasture on to cultivated land or a road. It is important to remember however, that cutting of wire in the wrong places could have serious consequences. In doubtful cases it is better to take due note of the position of the obstruction and send particulars (including map-grid references) to the Society's Hon. General Secretary. This should be done in any case.

Publication of Definitive Maps

Sometime soon we are hoping that the Definitive Maps of Lancashire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire will be published and on sale to the public and that those of Cheshire and Derbyshire will not be far behind. This will enable walkers to ensure that the paths they traverse are public, and they will be able to quote the number of the path they are using either when they are challenged or removing obstructions or complaining about its state.

Yorkshire (West Riding) County Council have already published their Definitive Map, on a scale of 6" to a mile (each sheet costing 8/6d. a price fixed by the Ordnance Survey) obtainable from the County Surveyor, County Hall, Wakefield. This is a large scale for walkers, but the County Council have declined our request to issue it on the 2½" scale. Staffordshire and Derbyshire intend to publish their maps on the 2½" scale in rural and on the 6" scale in urban areas, whilst Cheshire and Lancashire have not yet decided. Of course the Ordnance Survey will feature Definitive Rights of Way when they are available, but it is doubtful whether they will number them. However, the walker using the 2½" map will know he is on the right track whether there is any physical sign of its existence or not and be able to point to his map as a referee.

The Role of the Local Authority

We have seen above what the individual walker can do to help himself and others, and the other parts of this Report show what the Society is doing. What is the role of the local authorities? Besides their responsibilities for maintenance in general, there is a

division of responsibility for certain other matters. In rural areas rural district councils are primarily and parish councils secondarily responsible for keeping footpaths clear of obstruction whilst county councils are responsible for maintaining footbridges and the surface of paths. In urban areas, the urban district council or the borough council is responsible not only for keeping footpaths free from obstruction but also for maintaining footbridges as well as the surface of paths, the county councils having no footpath duties in urban areas. In urban areas also such local authority signposting as is undertaken is the responsibility of the borough or urban district council. These facts should be widely known and clearly understood to avoid duplication of effort, by complainants as well as by the members of councils.

During the past year nearly all the Cheshire Hearings have been concluded the exceptions being mainly towpaths, where our appeals will shortly come before the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, after which the Provisional Map will be published. In Derbyshire the publication of the Provisional Map throughout the area, should only be a question of weeks. Lancashire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire have, as already noted, completed all parts of the Survey.

Relations with county and local authorities have been very cordial, and we trust that in the future by mutual co-operation and the effect of the 1949 and 1959 Acts, the length of time that elapses between the reporting of difficulties and their final removal will be considerably shortened. This timelag has always been a problem.

Members will have noticed during the past year that the Press have given us a large amount of publicity, enabling us to feature many footpaths, including challenges to them as well as our successes. For this publicity we are very grateful.

We must add that we are as firmly opposed to vandalism as any landowner or farmer. It has fairly recently caused us a serious loss in the destruction of the Edwin Royce Memorial on Lantern Pike in Derbyshire.

DIVERSION AND CLOSURE ORDERS

During the past year the Society's attention was directed to a number of Statutory Orders for the proposed closure and/or diversion of footpaths. The affected paths were mainly in urban areas, and as such, concerned with building development. Examination of the proposals was duly carried out in every instance, and generally they could be described as fair and reasonable, having regard to the circumstances.

The Society sometimes attempts to get the plans amended or modified, should the proposals be considered unreasonable or incommodious to the public at large. Such objections are passed on

to the proper authority who may decide to arrange for a public enquiry. Many useful footpaths are to-day threatened with extinction as a result of the never-ending spread of urban development. Therefore all who are interested in the preservation of footpaths should watch their local papers for any notices which may directly affect footpaths, and, as soon as convenient, write to the General Secretary (Mr. E. A. W. Newton) giving full details so as to permit suitable action to be taken within the time period indicated.

Once again the Society's thanks are due to our friends of the Central Rights of Way Committee and the Commons, Open Spaces, and Footpaths Preservation Society, of London, for their valued assistance in advising us of impending developments in the areas in which we operate.

During the past twelve months, the Society's Officers dealt with orders and plans, etc. affecting footpaths in the under-mentioned districts and towns:—

Cheshire Altrincham M.B.
Cheadle and Gatley U.D.C.
Congleton M.B.
Disley R.D.C.
Hale U.D.C.
Hazel Grove and Bramhall U.D.C.
Marple U.D.C.
Macclesfield M.B.
Stalybridge M.B.
Stockport C.B.
Winsford U.D.C.

Derbyshire Chapel-en-le-Frith (Chinley) R.D.C.

Lancashire Failsworth U.D.C.
Kearsley U.D.C.
Westhoughton U.D.C.
Whitworth U.D.C.

FOOTPATH INSPECTION

The year just ended saw no reduction in the number of footpath complaints received, the old familiar stories being told of obstructed stiles and gateways, etc. footbridges in disrepair or missing, footpaths ploughed in etc. Whilst the Society's Officers are not a little concerned over the increasing number of complaints received, it surely goes to show that interest in the task of preserving footpaths for public use is being well maintained. It is good therefore to know that watch is being kept on those who attempt to close footpaths by wrongful obstruction, etc. It is interesting to

recall that one farmer when asked about obstructions near his farm, replied that the barbed wire had been set up to keep out vandals and prevent damage to farm property.

If at all possible before sending in a complaint of a blocked path, it would be very helpful if the person concerned reported to the Surveyor for the area and asked to see the Draft Map, then went to see the person responsible for the obstruction and reported back to the Society.

The Society's work is continually being hampered by the apparent reluctance of certain authorities to compel restoration of affected footpath routes. Several reasons have been advanced for this inactivity-the main ones appear to be pressure of work and shortage of staff. Whilst such difficulties can be understood and appreciated, they do not provide sufficient answer for the long delay in attending to certain items. Every effort is being made to expedite matters, and to secure restoration of obstructed routes, but friends are again asked to be patient until the position eases.

Appeal must also be made once more to those friends, who are charged with the task of preparing seasonal ramble programmes, to include some of the lesser known footpaths in their routes. It would assist the Society's efforts to keep open many interesting footpaths if this were done. Often these comparatively neglected paths provide better facilities for viewing the countryside, and the added interest of breaking new ground.

During the year footpaths, etc. located in the undermentioned districts have been inspected for reported obstruction, etc.

Cheshire Altrincham, Ashley, Astbury, Bollington (Macclesfield), Bollington (Bucklow R.D.C.), Bramhall Cheshire and Gatley, Compstall, Congleton, Dunham Massey, Hale, Hazel Grove, Lymm, Marple, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Romiley, Stockport, Wildboardclough, Wincle.

Derbyshire Aston, Buxton, Castleton, Chinley, Chisworth, Charlesworth, Hartington Upper Quarter, Hayfield, New Mills, Rowarth, Thornhill.

Lancashire Bolton, Bury, Coppull, (Chorley R.D.C.) Heywood, Ramsbottom (Stubbins)

Staffordshire Heaton, Horton, Rushton.

The undermentioned footpaths are receiving attention. In cases of doubt or difficulty please communicate with the Hon. General Secretary as soon as possible.

CHESHIRE

Altrincham 2 and Dunham Massey 2. From Dunham Road and meeting point of three roads, going mainly westwards and over the boundary division continuing through Dunham New Park to the road at Dunhamstown.

Bexton 2 and Toft 3. From junction of Beggarman's, Blackhill and Bexton lanes, at or near Whitehouse Farm, going southwest then southeast by Yew Tree Farm and Bexton Hall, continuing over the boundary division (Toft 3) and joining another footpath (Toft 2) in the vicinity of Toft Hall.

Bollington 5 and Agden 1 and 5. From the Warrington-Altrincham Road, almost opposite the Red Lion Inn (P.H.), going generally southwards to Newfield Covert, turning southwest and proceeding along the northwesterly side of the Covert down to a footbridge at Agden Brook, continuing over the boundary division (Agden 5) which path goes southwest and joins another footpath (Agden 1), northeast of Agden Hall site. Agden F.P. 1 leads northwest from junction of Boothbank, Millington and Reddy lanes to Agden Brow, a distance of roughly on mile.

Bollington 8. From a lane which leads westwards from the vicinity of Bollington Mill and Bridge to an aqueduct, going northwest to another footpath (Bollington 9) which path links two other footpaths, viz. Agden 6 and Dunham Massey 7, at the respective boundary divisions. Dunham Massey 7 goes northwards from the boundary stream crossing point to the road at Dunham Woodhouses. Agden 6 goes mainly southwest from the brook (Agden) crossing point, then southeast and southwest again to pass "Woolstencroft" (on the south side of the buildings) continuing direction to Agden Bridge, at the Bridgewater Canal, and to Warrington Lane.

Bowden 14, 19 and 20. From Shepherds Brow, Knutsford Road, almost opposite Green Walk, going in a westerly direction and joining to other footpaths, viz. Bowden 19 and Bowden 20 in Dunham New Park. Bowden 19 branches southwest to Charcoal Road, almost opposite one of the entrances to Dunham Park. Bowden 20 goes northwards and joins Altrincham F.P. 2, which path, along with other footpaths, connects Dunham Road (Altrincham) with road over the boundary division at Dunhamstown.

Bredbury and Romiley 6....From road at Compstall, northwest of Saint Paul's Church, going mainly northwards and following the easterly side of Benfield Clough to the farm lane at Far Benfield Farm, and cart lane at the far side of the buildings, turning northeast in the vicinity of Near Cloughside Farm, thence northeast to Edmund's Farm and lane.

Bredbury and Romiley 5. From road at Compstall, northwest of Saint Paul's Church, (see also Bredbury and Romiley F.P. 6), branching northeast, just beyond the second stile), turning northeast to School Lane, north of "Bardsleyknowl".

Bredbury and Romiley 57. From Road just north of Otterspool Bridge, at the River Goyt, going mainly westwards, passing "Higher Waterside" and joining Mill Lane and also another footpath (Bredbury and Romiley 56) which lead to Lower Bredbury and the Stockport-Hyde Road.

Cheadle and Gatley 62. From a Road just south of Bradshaw Hall Lane, and slightly to the north of Bradshaw Hall Farm, going generally eastwards, following the northerly side of the hedgerows, until the east end of the buildings is reached, at which point the path route goes over to the southeast corner of the buildings to follow the southern side of the hedgerows, eastwards to Westfield and Highfield Roads.

Henbury 7. From another footpath, (Henbury 8) (which path leads north-northeast off the Knutsford-Macclesfield Road), at or near Moss Cottage, going eastwards then northeast to the Whirley Road, over the Macclesfield boundary division as Macclesfield F.P. 23.

Henbury 8. From the Knutsford-Macclesfield Road, opposite Saint Thomas's church, going mainly northeast towards Moss Cottage, turning northwest near the buildings continuing direction to a road almost opposite "The Mount".

Lymm 32 From Burford Lane, almost opposite another footpath (Lymm 33) just north of Burford Lane Farm, going westwards and through Helsdale Wood to a road, at or near Saint Peter's Church, Oughtrington.

Marple 20. From Smithy Lane, at or near "Brookbottom", going southeast along a lane then eastwards to Far Bradshaw Farm, turning southeast again

beyond the buildings continuing direction to Upper Bradshaw Farm and to Shiloh Road, northeast of The Moorfield Arms (P.H.)

Marple 184. From Hibbert Lane at or near "Booth Cote" (Victoria Farm) going southeast to a lane, southwest of "Ridgeendfold".

Marple 187. From "Booth Cote" (Victoria Farm), Hibbert Lane, going mainly southwards towards the Macclesfield Canal continuing south by Windlehurst House and a lane by Lomber Hey House.

Marthall-cum-Warford 12. From the Knutsford-Macclesfield Road, some 600 yards southeast of All Saints' Church, going north-northeast passing the western side of Moat Hall to cross-roads, at or near "Fallowcross", roughly half-a-mile southwest of Sandle Bridge, at Pedley Brook and lane.

Odd Rode 24. From the Congleton-Newcastle-under-Lyme Road going eastwards by Moreton Old Hall turning southeast to the Macclesfield Canal Tow Path and road, northeast of Mow Cop Railway Station.

Plumley 13 and 14. From Cheadle Lane, some 600 yards southwest of Trout Hall Lane, going northwest passing Moss Cottage to a railway crossing point then north to join another footpath (Plumley 14), which path leads from a lane at Brookhouse Farm, thence northwards by Holford Hall and west by the Holford Mill to the Altrincham Road, almost opposite Leonard's Lane.

Plumley 2. From a lane, roughly three-quarters of a mile northeast of Plumley Railway Station, going southwards to a railway crossing point continuing direction to a lane (Plumley F.P. 4), at or near Wood's Tenements.

Plumley 9. From a road, some 600 yards northwest of Plumley Railway Station, almost opposite another footpath (Plumley F.P. 6), going westwards to the Altrincham Road, northeast of Holford Farm.

Pott Shrigley 5. From a road some 600 yards south of Pott Shrigley Church (Saint Christopher's), going east then northeast to the "Bakestonedale Road", at or near Brink Farm.

Pott Shrigley 6. From "Bakestonedale Road", roughly 600 yards east-south-east of a brick works site, going south and over Andrew's Knob joining another footpath (Pott Shrigley F.P. 5), some 400 yards east of Berristall Hall.

Pickmere 3. From Frog Lane, just north of Wallhill Farm, going mainly eastwards to point on Pickmere Lane northeast of Tanyard Farm.

Pickmere 5. From point on Pickmere Lane, between Brook Farm and Tanyard Farms, going mainly southeast along Milley Lane, passing Providence Cottage, and over the boundary division, continuing as Tabley Inferior F.P. No. 1 by Smoker Hill Farm to point on the Altrincham-Northwich Road, north of Allens Bridge at the Smoker Brook.

Prestbury 30 and Macclesfield 21. From a road at or near YewTree Farm Fallibroome, going mainly southwards and over the Macclesfield boundary division as Macclesfield F.P. 21 to point on Prestbury Road, Upton, northwest of Upton Grange.

Rainow 18. From Chapel-en-le-Frith-Macclesfield Road, almost opposite another footpath (Rainow 15), at or near Charles Head, going mainly southwest to the Black Brook crossing thence to the road, some 400 yards west of Blackbrook Bridge.

Rainow 19. From "Bakestonedale Road", almost opposite the starting point of another footpath (Lyme Handley 24), some 400 yards east-south-east of Brink Farm, going southwest passing Further Harrop Farm (on the westerly side of the buildings) to the Harrop Brook crossing point thence by Harropfold Farm south-southeast to Four-lane-ends, at or near the re-named Highwayman Inn (P.H.)

Rainow 39. From a lane at Waulk Mill, in the shadow of White Nancy

and southwest of Ingersley Hall, going southeast passing the grounds of "Hough Hole" to a brook footbridge en route for Sugar Lane, Rainow.

Rainow 40. From a road at or near "Oakenbank", some 300 yards northeast of Ingersley Hall, going southwards passing "Higher Ingersley" and joining another footpath (Rainow 39), roughly 400 yards north-northwest of Sugar Lane, Rainow.

Rainow 53. From a lane leading off Buxton Road, at or near "Knollnook", going mainly northwards via Marsh Farm to Cliff Lane at Calrofold, and the Chapel-en-le-Frith-Macclesfield Road.

Rainow 55. From Buxton Road, just southeast of the commencement of Bullhill Lane going mainly southwards and over Brink to Macclesfield Road, in the vicinity of Windyway Quarry site.

Rainow 77. From road at Waggonshaw Brow, roughly 150 yards north of Buxtorstoope Farm, going southwest passing Waggonshaw Farm then westwards and through Commonbarn Farm continuing west-northwest to the Chapel-en-le-Frith-Macclesfield Road, roughly 300 yards northeast of the Robin Hood Inn. (P.H.)

Ringway 14. From junction with another footpath (Ringway 15) at Castle Mill, going generally northwest and following the northern bank of the River Bollin, continuing over the boundary division as Hale F.P. No. 10 to Barrow Lane.

Ringway 15. From Back Lane, southwest of Saint Mary's and All Saints' Church, Ringway, going southwest passing through Sunnybank Wood to a road at Castle Mill.

Ringway 16. From Back Lane, southwest of Saint Mary's and All Saints' Church, Ringway, going southeast then southwest and following the westerly side of Cotteril Clough to a road, some 300 yards southeast of Castle Mill.

Rostherne 1. From the Knutsford-Altrincham Road, almost opposite a large castellated dwellings now known as "The Homestead", going mainly eastwards passing Denfield Hall to a lane, west of Saint Mary's Church, Rostherne.

Rostherne 2. From Knutsford-Altrincham Road, almost opposite the commencement of Millington Lane, going southeast passing Rostherne Manor (footpath) to enter a lane, northwest of Saint Mary's Church, Rostherne.

Stalybridge 52. From Huddersfield Road, at or near Church Inn (P.H.) going mainly eastwards ascending to a lane and junction of footpaths at Sun Green.

Stalybridge 55. From Huddersfield Road, just north of Saint James's Church Millbrook, going mainly eastwards ascending to a lane and junction of footpaths at Sun Green.

Stalybridge 56. From Huddersfield Road, almost opposite Church Inn (P.H.) going mainly westwards to Bucktonvale Road, near the Railway and Spring Grove Mills.

Toft 2. From the Knutsford-Holmes Chapel Road at or near the starting point of Gough's Lane, going mainly southwest for some 300 yards then south through woodlands to a road by Plumley Lane Farm.

Tabley Inferior 8. From a lane roughly one mile northeast of Plumley Railway Station, going mainly westwards and following the southern side of woodlands overlooking Tabley Mere, then southwest to White House Farm and over the boundary division as Plumley F.P. 7, which leads to a lane which in turn leads to the Altrincham-Northwich Road, near The Smoker Inn (P.H.)

Wildboarclough 16. From a road just southeast of Cragg Inn (P.H.) going mainly westwards to point near "Tower Nabbs" then northwest to a road southwest of Greenway Bridge.

Wincle 23. From point northeast of Saint Michael's Church, southwest of "Hammerton", going mainly southwards to "Mellorknolls" then southeast to a road southwest of Dane Bridge.

Wimboldsley 4 and 5. From Church Minshull Road at Lee Green going northeast, passing Lee Green Hall and Yew Tree House, to the River Weaver crossing point, continuing direction to Boundary Wood and The Dingle, turning east to cross the canal, thence by Twelve Acres Farm and over the railway to the Middlewich-Nantwich Road, near Occlestone School (Wimboldsey).

DERBYSHIRE.

Buxton 44. From a road near Ladmanlow, going southwards over Stanley Moor and a railway crossing to junction of footpaths (Hartington Upper Quarter 72 and 73), at or near Turncliffe Farm over the boundary division.

Buxton 55. From a road near to "Brookbottom", almost opposite another footpath (Buxton 47), going mainly northwards, passing near Fern House and "Cottage Content", to the Buxton-Ashbourne Road, south of the Recreation Grounds

Castleton 8. From a lane near Goosehill Lane, Castleton, and link with another footpath (Castleton 10), going mainly southwest by Hurdlow Plantation site near which another footpath is joined, (Castleton 41,) south of Hurdlow, thence to a lane near the Hazard Mine site.

Castleton 10. From a road just east of the Speedwell Mine, going east-south east turning northeast to a lane near Goosehill Hall, Castleton.

Castleton 26. From another footpath (Castleton 14), at or near Back Tor Nook, going southwards via only Grange Farm continuing to a lane which leads westwards to Hollowford Road and Castleton.

Castleton 41. From Cave Dale, going south-southwest to link with another footpath (Castleton 8), south of Hurd Low, continuing to a lane etc. just north of the Hazard Mine site.

Eyam 17. From Lydgate, by the Plague Memorial Grounds, going southeast by Cliffstile Mine to Stony Middleton at or near a Chapel.

Eyam 18. From another footpath (Eyam 17), by the Cliffstile Mine site, going mainly southeast by The Grip to Middleton Dale, west of "Lover's Leap" Rocks, and Stony Middleton.

Hartington Upper Quarter 72. From footpath junction at or near Turncliff Farm, south of Anthony Hill, going mainly southwards, passing Dalehead Farm, continuing to the Buxton Road, northwest of Thirkelow Rocks.

Kingsterndale 6. From the Buxton-Bakewell Road, almost opposite Pig Tor, going southeast and along Kidtor Dale to a road, just southwest of Christ Church and northeast route to Kingsterndale .

Kingsterndale 11. From a road southwest of Christ Church, at or near Horse Shoe Hill Plantation site, going southeast to Priest's Dale, and over the boundary division as Chelmorton F.P. 14, thence along Horse Shoe Dale to a road, a short mile east of Brier Low Bar and the Ashbourne-Buxton Road.

Little Longstone 6. From Legs Lane, north of "Longstone Dale", going southwest then northwest, passing near "Dutch Barn", and joining another footpath (Little Longstone 5), which path leads northwards to Charity Lane.

New Mills. From a road northwest of Watford Bridge, New Mills, going northwards via "Cobsters", passing near "Golden Spring", turning northwest to a road, northwest of Blake Hall, which road leads to Aspenshaw Hall, etc.

New Mills 19. From "Shiloh Road", at or near Ringstones Farm, Rowarth, going mainly eastwards (from the north side of the farm buildings,) following the north side of the hedgerows down to a footbridge and rising to Upper

Rowarth Farm etc. thence to a lane which leads southwest to Rowarth.

New Mills 164. From another footpath (New Mills 19) at Upper Rowarth going mainly southwards to a lane, which, which lane leads southwest to the main Rowarth road.

New Mills 69. From Pole Lane (Mellor Road), just south of the Pack Horse Inn (P.H.), going northwest to Castle Edge Road, at or near "The Homestead"

Peak Forest 30. From a junction of footpaths at or near Lodes Wood site, going generally eastwards, passing to the north of Lodes Barn, to the Chapel-en-le-Frith-Chesterfield Road, northwest of the Church of King Charles the Martyr.

Taddington 12. From "Blackwell Road" at Priestcliffe Ditch, going mainly southwards to the Buxton-Bakewell Road, west of the Waterloo Hotel (P.H.)

Taddington 14. From Sough Lane, opposite another footpath (Taddington 15), going southwest and over the Chelmorton boundary division (Chelmorton 4) to Pillwell Lane, almost opposite another footpath (Chelmorton 2.)

Taddington 15. From Slipperslow Lane, southeast of Saint Michael's Church going mainly southwest to Sough Lane, almost opposite another footpath (Taddington 14.)

Barlow 7. From Johnnygate Lane, west of Barlow Woodseats, (316775) northwest, then westwards through Rose Wood to boundary division, north-east of F.P. No.2 (310757), continuing by Holmesfield 32, northwest to Unthank.

Barlow 58. From a road, east of Brindwoodgate (335762) going southeast, crossing F.P. No. 59, to a bridle road (F.P. No. 49), north of Lee Bridge, (344755)

Brampton 37. From road, east of Newgate (340744), going in a southwesterly direction to another F.P. No. 36, southeast of Newgate Farm (339743), continuing by Brampton F.P. 6 southwest to the Chesterfield Road, southwest of Thorpe House, (331733).

Eckington 10. From a bridle road (F.P. No. 147), Owler Bar Lane, southeast of Owler Bar Wood (376801) going northeast, crossing F.P. No. 5 and bridle road (F.P. No. 4) in turn, continuing northeast crossing another bridle road (No. 147), south of Povey Farm (385807)

Holmesfield 35. From Dickfield Road, northeast of Bank Wood (307768), going in a southwesterly direction, crossing F.P. No. 37, and continuing through Bank Wood to Fox Lane at or near the southwest corner of Bank Wood (307466).

Walton 43. From F.P. No. 40, east of Well Lane (319696) going northeast then eastwards through Bank Wood, continuing along southerly side of Burkenshaw Wood to F.P. No. 45, west of Chanderhill Lane (332699).

LANCASHIRE.

Bolton From Beaumont Road, east of Rumworth Lodge (Reservoir), going mainly eastwards, and along Greenhill Lane, continuing to Wigan Road, almost opposite the commencement of Chip Hill Road.

Bolton From Beaumont Road, east of Rumworth Lodge (Reservoir) going mainly northeast to Junction Road, New York.

Bury 79. From Pilsworth Road, east of Jackson Fold Farm (see also Bury F.P. 74), going generally southwards to Captains Farm, thence southwest passing a large bleach works building, then northwest to Croft Lane.

Bury 87 and 2. From Castle Road, (see also Bury F.P. 85), south of a large bleach works building, and by Castle House, going generally eastwards from the footbridge at Brightley Brook, passing two farms in turn, thence to the

southern continuation of Moss Hall Road, northwest of Whittle Hill, a short mile south of The Three Arrows Inn (P.H.)

Coppull 17 and Charnock Richard 19. From point on Clancutt Lane, near a railway footbridge, going mainly northwards and downhill to Clancutt Brook footbridge there joining another footpath (Charnock Richard 19), rising northwards to a lane which leads to Dob Brow.

Coppull 22. From the northerly end of Mill Lane, north of Coppull Railway Station, and by two large cotton mills, going generally northwards following the westerly side of the railway to Chorley Lane, at or near a railway traffic bridge.

Coppull 23. From the northerly end of German Lane, (off Spendmore Lane) by a farmstead, going mainly northwards descending to a footbridge at Clancutt Brook, rising northeast and joining another footpath (see Coppull 22-Mill Lane), at or near a railway footbridge.

Failsworth 36. From Medlock Road, Woodhouses, southwest of a school, going mainly westwards descending to Lord's Brook crossing point, rising to Leicester Road (new estate road.)

Failsworth 47. From Ashton Road, Woodhouses, near a Mission Church, going southeast then south to Daisy Nook.

Failsworth 49. From Medlock Road, Woodhouses, opposite a school, going southeast then east by Bottom Field Farm, joining another footpath (Failsworth 47), south of a Mission Church.

Failsworth 51. From Medlock Road, Woodhouses, at or near Meadow Croft Farm, going southeast then east to Ash Bridge, at the River Medlock continuing over the Droylsden boundary division in a southeasterly direction to the Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Canal, at or near Cinderland Bridge and Hall, Littlemoss.

Heywood 73. From a lane, at or near Higher Broadfield Farm, southeast of Broadfield Railway Station, going south and joining another footpath which links Hareshill Road to the southwest and Wolsey Street to the northeast.

Heywood 81. From Bury Old Road, Darn Hill, northeast of Heap Old Farm, going northwest downhill to the Bury New Road, Prettywood.

Heywood 90, 3 and 14. From Simpson Clough, on the west side of a mill, Bury and Rochdale Old Road-Heywood F.P. 90 goes mainly northwest, following the westerly side of Dob Wood-adjacent to Cheesden Brook-to Windy Cliff Bridge there joining another footpath (Heywood 3) which continues direction to a point some 60 yards from Kershaw Bridge where Heywood F.P. 14 is joined which then leads to Kershaw Bridge and Cheesden Brook.

Middleton 116 and 132. From the Middleton Road, almost opposite a lane which leads westwards to the Heywood-Manchester Road-going eastwards along Oaken Bank Road for a short distance thence by Yew Tree Farm South and Yew Tree Farm East and through woodlands joining another footpath (Middleton 132) and to the Rochdale-Manchester Road.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Heaton 9. From a road at Heaton going northeast and eastwards to Toft Hall, thence northeast to junction of footpaths and road, west of a Methodist Chapel.

Heaton 14. From a lane, some 600 yards south of Heaton, at or near "Axstones Springs", going mainly southeast to the "Gun Road", southwest of "Overhouses".

Heaton 27. From a lane south of Dane Bridge, and junction with another footpath (Heaton 33), going northeast through Holehouse Bank Woods to Hangingstone Farm, turning eastwards beyond the buildings, continuing

over the Leekfrith boudary division (Leekfrith 22) via "Paddock" to "Clough Head", etc.

Rushton 21. From a lane at or near "Oulton" and another footpath Rushton 24 (see also notes re Rushton 23), going westwards for a short distance then southwards to a road, which road leads in a westerly direction to Dial Lane, etc., point at or near the Fox Inn (P.H.), almost opposite another footpath (Rushton 38), which path leads southwards to Dingle Lane.

Rushton 23. From Askerbank Lane, almost opposite another footpath (Rushton 18) and west of Saint Laurence's Church, going westwards for roughly 300 yards then turning southwest, (at which point Rushton F.P. 24 leads northwest to a lane at or near "Oulton") to "Lane-end", point northwest of the Crown Inn. (P.H.) Bandridge Lane, and Beat Lane.

Rushton 24. From another footpath (Rushton 23) some 300 yards west of Askerbank Lane, going northwest and west to a lane at or near "Oulton" and junction with two other footpaths (Rushton 21 and 22.)

Rushton 25. From Askerbank Lane at Rushton Bank, roughly 300 yards southwest of the railway station site, going westwards and southwest to a road, point near "Blackwood Hill".

Rushton 40. From another footpath (Rushton 38), which path leads southwards from a road, almost opposite Rushton F.P. 21 and west of the Fox Inn (P.H.), going southwest by Ashmore House and "Marl Flat" to a road, northwest of Bentley House.

Rushton 44. From Askerbank Lane, southwest of Saint Laurence's Church, going in a southerly direction to Beat Lane, just east of the Crown Inn (P.H.)

Leekfrith 16 and 17. From junction of footpaths at or near "Thornyleigh" and a lane, going mainly southwest and crossing over another footpath route (Leekfrith 14), continuing to a lane, north of Gun, and over the Heaton boundary division (Heaton F.P. 38).

Rushton 29 and 31 and Horton 26. From Beat Lane, just west of the railway crossing point, going southwest (Rushton 29) by Lee House and joining another footpath (Rushton 31), continuing in a southeasterly direction over the Horton boundary division (Horton 26) passing near Cliffe Park to "Birch-trees" and road at or near Rea Cliffe Farm.

YORKSHIRE (West Riding)

Maltby Laughton. From Maltby Church (5275-9815), going S.E. and along Maltby Dike to Roche Abbey (5275-9815), there turning S.W. crossing the Dike and through King's Wood to Laughton village (5200-8820).

Laughton Saint John's. From Laughton village (5200-8820), going W. to Castle Hill, there turning S.-S.E. circling to Saint John's (5235-8760) thence E. crossing fields to Thwaite House (5515-8885).

Brampton-en-le-Morthen-Hardwick Lane. From Brampton (4850-8800), going S.W. to "Ulley Beeches", thence E. by lane footpath to Hardwick Lane (4810 8570).

Wickersley Ravenfield. From Wickersley cross-roads (4790-9190), going N. to Silverwood (4835-9365), thence N. to Ravenfield (4850-9500).

Ravenfield Conisborough. From Ravenfield (4850-9500), going mainly N.E. by lane to Firsby (4950-9600), continuing d rection by footpath and by lane to Conisborough.

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.

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.

Mr. F. Wood, 61 Marple Road, Chisworth, Broadbottom, via Hyde, Cheshire, covers North Derbyshire, Saddleworth areas.

SIGNPOSTS

Three new signposts and one fingerpost were erected during 1965. Of these, No. 145, presented by Mr. G. F. Stanniforth, was erected on the Saltersford Road near to Greenhead Farm, Kettleshulme. Mr. Harry Gilliat accepted the post on behalf of the Society at a dedication ceremony on July 3rd. Miss A. Hollows of Swinton kindly presented signpost No. 148 which has been erected on the roadside just south of Bolder Hall, Higher Disley, at the start of the footpath to Moorside Hotel, and will be dedicated early this year. The hotel will probably be bypassed at some future date. Signpost No. 149 was erected southwest of Gawsworth church on the opposite side to the ladder stile leading to the footpath. It was dedicated on July 24th when some forty persons attended and the post was accepted by Mr. Gilliat from Mr. Newton, President of Stockport C.H.A. Club. Two fingerposts will be added further along the footpath later in 1966.

Fingerpost No. 30 was erected at the junction of footpaths near to Mellor church in memory of Mr. Fred Ogden, and was presented by the Ramblers' Association (Manchester Area) in appreciation of his services. Mr. H. Gilliat and Mr. E. E. Ambler (President and Secretary of the Manchester Area) spoke at the dedication ceremony on May 15th, when about fifty people attended. Oldham C.H.A. presented signpost No. 146 (erected during 1964) to commemorate their 50th anniversary, and were thanked by Mr. Harold Wild, one of our Vice-Presidents at a dedication ceremony attended by some 30 club members on October 2nd.

Three of our signposts have been badly mutilated during the year and the Society has for various reasons decided not to replace them. These are No. 25 at the junction of paths near the summit of Win Hill, No. 77 at the junction of paths on the slopes of Lose Hill, and No. 80 just off the roadside on the Disley-Whaley old road, on the path over Whaley Moor to Lyme Park. The opening of the Pennine Way made signposts Nos. 112 and 113 at Edale redundant and they have been removed. No. 69 has also been taken down because of the construction of the new reservoir at Greenfield; anyone wishing to buy this post should apply to the Secretary. Signposts Nos. 93 and 120 have been repainted and shortened, and No. 118, which was found uprooted, has been replaced and painted.

The biggest job was undertaken on April 11th when members of the Peak Wardens' Association played a most active part despite hail and thunder. No. 53 signpost, now fitted with an angle iron upright, was replaced in position on Ashop Head on the footpath from Hayfield to the Snake road. It was bedded down with cement and should remain secure for many years—vandalism apart.

Signposts Nos. 13, 30, 59, 76, 90, 99, 114, 120 and 121 are in need of repair, and two may be possibly fitted with angle iron posts, but Nos. 128, 140, 141, 142, 143 and 144, which were inspected during the year, appeared to be satisfactory. It is again appreciated that the Ramblers' Association Warden Guides have promised to provide working parties on May 8th and June 19th, and the Peak Wardens' Association on May 28th and July 3rd. The Altrincham C.H.A. have promised to assist in the erection of their signpost in the Lyme Park area on April 1st.

A big programme of erecting new signposts, mainly at the junctions of paths away from the roadside in Cheshire and Staffordshire, will be undertaken during the course of the year when it is hoped that many able members of the Society will do their utmost to assist. Will members please also try to attend the dedication ceremonies which take place from time to time. Many thanks are again due to the Cheshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire County Councils for their signposting activities during the year. Staffordshire County Council has agreed to consider twenty five footpaths recommended for sign-

posting and will then give a decision. It is regretted that the West Riding County Council will not agree to provide footpaths signposts which are so essential these days when so many stiles and gates are being obstructed by landowners and tenants. A complete list of the Society's signposts was printed in last year's annual report.

DONATIONS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES

We are happy to say that this year's appeal to the local authorities was the most successful we have yet made in the number of contributors as well as in the total received. Fiftytwo contributed a sum of £307 5 0 which will enable us to face the future without anxiety and with high hopes of achieving our endeavours and meeting such tasks as may be laid upon us. It is a great encouragement to us that the footpaths in our area are so highly valued by those bodies which are responsible for its administration.

County Councils: Cheshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire.

County Boroughs: Barnsley, Bolton, Bury, Derby, Huddersfield, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield and Stoke on Trent.

Municipal Boroughs: Altrincham, Bacup, Buxton, Eccles, Farnworth, Glossop, Haslingden, Heywood Hyde Macclesfield, Manfisd, Middleton, Mossley, Newcastle U Lyme, Radcliffe, Sale, Stalybridge, Stretford.

Urban District Councils: Alfreton, Bakewell, Bollington, Bredbury & Romiley, Dronfield, Failsworth, Hale, Hazel Grove & Bramhall, Kirkby in Ashfield, Knutsford, Longdendale, Lymm, Marple, Middlewich, New Mills, Penistone, Royton, Wath upon Dearne, Winsford.

LIBRARY

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

Mondays to Saturdays ... 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The collection contains many guide books, 716 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.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR 1965

Membership

	1964	1965	Gain or Loss
Ordinary Members	334	344	+10
Husband/wife members taken as two members	186	180	-6
Junior members	1	7	+ 6
Affiliated Clubs and Societies	78	79	+ 1
Local Authorities	31	52	+21

The total membership, taking husband and wife memberships as two members now stands at 524 which is more or less stationary.

Finance

Income is greatly up and expenditure slightly down on all accounts which has given us surpluses on the General-Expense, Survey and Signpost Accounts.

Income has considerably benefited by a further generous response to our appeal to local Authorities and the generosity of several members and kindred organisations who have donated quite large sums to the General Fund and Signpost Account.

The year shows a marked improvement and we have been able to repay to the Defence Fund £200 owed by the other accounts in the form of loans to make up previous years deficits. The constant drain on the Fund now appears to have been halted, but the need for many more individual members still exists if we are able to remain a financially healthy Society.

The Peak District & Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1965

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GENERAL EXPENSE RESERVE ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1965

1964								1964							
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
-	-	-	Balance brought forward from 1964	149	8	1		205	17	8	Balance brought forward from 1964 (Deficit)	-	-	-	
205	17	8	Loan from Defence Fund	-	-	-		40	0	0	Transfer to Survey Account	50	0	0	
			Surplus Brought Forward from Income and					-	-	-	Transfer to Signpost Account	114	10	5	
189	8	1	Expenditure Account	798	3	10		-	-	-	Repayment of Loan from				
								-	-	-	Defence Fund	164	10	5	
								149	8	1	Balance being Surplus carried	200	0	0	
											forward to 1966	585	1	6	
								395	5	9					
<u>£395</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£947</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>						<u>£947</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	

DEFENCE FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1965

1964				1964			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
1,163	14	11	Balance brought forward from 1964	918	14	0	
11	7	0	Donations received during year -9	2	19	0	
-	-	-	Repayment of Loan from Signpost Account ..	200	0	0	
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SURVEY FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1965

1964								1964							
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
-	-	-	Balance Brought Forward from 1964	18	2	2		7	8	3	Balance brought forward from 1964 (Deficit)	-	-	-	
7	8	3	Loan from Defence Fund	-	-	-		28	15	4	Survey Expenditure	28	14	1	
6	17	6	Donations received during year -20	6	19	0		18	2	2	Balance being Surplus carried forward to 1966	46	7	1	
40	0	0	Transfer from Gen Exp. Reserve Acc.....	50	0	0									
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£51	5	9		£75	1	2		£54	5	9		£75	1	2	

EDWYN ROYCE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE GRANT FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

1964 £ s. d.		£ s. d.	1964 £ s. d.		£ s. d.
91 2 3	Balance brought forward from 1964	91 2 3	91 2 3	Balance being Surplus carried fwd. to 1966	91 2 3
<u>£91 2 3</u>		<u>£91 2 3</u>	<u>£91 2 3</u>		<u>£91 2 3</u>

T. BOULGER MEMORIAL FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1965

1964 £ s. d.		£ s. d.	1964 £ s. d.		£ s. d.
54 3 7	Balance brought forward from 1964	114 5 7	114 5 7	Balance being Surplus carried forward to 1966	156 1 1
60 2 0	Donations received during year	41 15 6			
<u>£114 5 7</u>		<u>£156 1 1</u>	<u>£114 5 7</u>		<u>£156 1 1</u>

SIGNPOST ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1965

1964 £ s. d.		£ s. d.	1964 £ s. d.		£ s. d.
22 5 4	Loan from Defence Fund	- - -	22 5 4	Balance being Deficit brought forward from 1964	64 10 5
167 11 5	Donations received during year -81	401 19 0	22 5 4	Repayment of Loan to Defence Fund	- - -
- - -	Transfer from General Expense Reserve Account	114 10 5	209 16 6	Signpost Maintenance and Erection	172 12 6
64 10 5	Balance being Deficit carried forward to 1965	- - -	- - -	Balance being Surplus carried forward to 1966	279 6 6
<u>£254 7 2</u>		<u>£516 9 5</u>	<u>£254 7 2</u>		<u>£516 9 5</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1965

1964				1964			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
26	9	7	Cash in Hand [Treasurer and Officials]	4	9	11	
14	8		Cash Petty	-	-	-	
193	7	9	Cash at Bank	805	14	0	
999	6	0	Deposits and Investments	1,430	7	0	
64	10	5	Signpost Account (Deficit)	-	-	-	
12	2	2	Accrued	31	16	0	
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£1,296	10	7		£2,272	6	11	

1964				1964			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
918	14	0	Defence Fund	1,105	18	0	
-	-	-	Signpost Account	279	6	6	
18	2	2	Survey Account	46	7	1	
149	8	1	General Expense Reserve Account	583	1	6	
91	2	3	Edwyn Royce Mem. Committee Grant	91	2	3	
114	5	7	T. Boulger Memorial Fund	156	1	1	
4	18	6	Subscriptions paid in advance	10	10	6	
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£1,296	10	7		£2,272	6	11	

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, 1965, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

London, 24th January, 1966.

A. IRVING, Auditor

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Altrincham and District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Altrincham and District Natural History Society.
 Ashton-under-Lyne C.H.A. and H.F. Club.
 Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Barnsley Mountaineering Club.
 Bowdon Warlocks.
 Boy Scouts' Association, Hazel Grove, Bramhall and District.
 Boy Scouts' Association, S.E. Lincs.
 Boy Scouts 3rd Altrincham Group.
 Bradford C.H.A. Club.
 British Naturalists' Association, Manchester & District Branch.
 Bury & District C.H.A. Group.
 Buxton H.F. and C.H.A. Club.
 Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, Lincs. and Cheshire Assoc.
 Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, London.
 Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, N.W. Region.
 Chorley and District Rambling Club.
 C. E. Holiday Homes Ltd., Liverpool.
 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. Manchester.
 Crescent Ramblers, Northwich.
 Derbyshire Pennine Club, Sheffield.
 Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society, Derby.
 The Disley Society.
 Eastwood Rambling Club, Nottingham.
 Eccles C.H.A. Club.
 Good Companions Rambling Club, Sheffield.
 Goyt and District Boy Scouts' Local Association.
 Halcyon Rambling Club, Sheffield.
 Hanliensian Rambling Club, Stoke-on-Trent.
 High Lane Residents. Association.
 Holiday Fellowship Ltd. London.
 H.F. Bolton Group.
 H.F. Bury Group.
 H. F. London
 H.F. Manchester Group.
 H.F. Oldham and District.
 H.F. Rochdale Group.
 H.F. Sheffield Group.
 Kindred Spirits Walking Society, Dob Cross.
 Leicester C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Leigh and District C.H.A. Club.
 Macclesfield and District Field Club.
 Macclesfield Rambling Club.
 Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.
 Manchester Associates Rambling Club.
 Manchester C.H.A. Club (Section D).
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club, Section C.
 Manchester Fellowship (Ramblers Section).
 Manchester Pedestrian Club.
 Manchester Pedestrians' Association for Road Safety.
 Manchester Rambling Club.
 Manchester Rambling Club for the Blind.
 Manchester and Stockport Catholic Rambling Club.
 Manchester Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.
 Mansfield C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Marple Branch Cheshire County Federation of Ratepayers and Kindred Associations.

Marple Residents' Association
 Motor Drawing Office Staff, A.E.I.
 Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society.
 Moor and Mountain Club.
 North Western Naturalists' Union, Manchester.
 Oldham C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Peak Wardens Association.
 Ramblers' Association, Derbyshire Area.
 Ramblers' Association, Liverpool and North Wales 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. Club Section A.
 Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling and Social Club Section B.
 Sheffield Co-operative Rambling Club.
 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.
 Sutton-in-Ashfield and District Rambling Club.
 207 Rambling Club.
 United Field Naturalists, Northenden.
 Wayfarers Rambling Club (Manchester)
 Wayfarers Rambling Club (Nottingham).
 W.T.A. Ltd., London.
 Y.H.A. Ashton-under-Lyne Area Group.
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 Y.H.A. Stockport Area Group.
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Footpaths which could be improved by being used regularly

1. Footbridge at Marple, replaced by local U.D.C.
2. Five footpaths at Adlington, Cheshire, being investigated for obstructions and missing footbridges.
3. Footpath at Holmfirth: obstructions removed four times by U.D.C. but as regularly replaced by recalcitrant occupier.
4. Footpath at Somerford Booths, Cheshire,—partially cleared of obstruction by Congleton R.D.C., its final clearance pending.
5. Footpaths at Cheddleton and Ipstones, Staffordshire being investigated.
6. Kettleshulme footpath appeal won.
7. Plattwood Farm paths, near Lyme Park, now freer than before, with signs of greater success.
8. Footpath at Prestbury: Footbridge renewal expected soon.
9. Ladybrook Valley, Bramhall: Footbridge replaced by Hazel Grove and Bramhall U.D.C.
10. F.P. at Bollington, Macclesfield: New stile to replace barbed wire promised by U.D.C.