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President's Report

Clarke Rogerson



The Society's 120th year had the potential to be a very difficult one; looking back, it was not the first difficult year we've had and probably won't be our last. The situation arose, as you will know from last year's report, when John Broadbent stepped down due to ill health. Past experience has shown that finding a replacement Chair is never the easiest of tasks and, as happened, in the early part of this millennium the prospect of dissolving the Society raised its ugly head. Fortunately Alistair Taylor stepped into the breach to give the Trustees time to find a replacement. Of course, the other danger when such a hiatus occurs is that all attention is diverted to the immediate problem and everyday business suffers. As you will see from individual reports the team remained focused, delivering the results we expect on footpath matters.

The year also saw a change in my own circumstances, which means this will be my eighth and final annual report. Much has changed in those years, none of which could have been achieved without the strong team spirit and willingness of volunteers to get stuck in. I would like to thank all our volunteers, especially Rhoda Barnett, David Bratt, Terry Norris and Alistair Taylor, who served as trustees during my time as chair. Without their support very little would have changed and a lot less would have been achieved.

It is an honour to have been elected a Vice President of the Society and, whilst the challenges facing the Society will no longer be my direct concern, I will be taking a keen interest. I am sure that the team will be setting out their priorities and plans at the AGM and trust they will not mind my commenting on the challenges ahead.

The first challenge the team must face is the host of technical changes to the law applicable to orders affecting the network. The changes flow from the expected enactment of the De-Regulation Bill before the general election. There is much detail yet to be clarified, but the Bill aims to avoid anomalous consequences from the 2026 'cut-off' date and pave the way for 2026 by enacting a package of changes, agreed between the government and representative organisations, which is designed to speed up order processing. No doubt, as it has in the past, the Society will rise to whatever legislative and procedural challenges are thrown across its path!

The second challenge, whilst not as pressing, is one that relies on you the membership as much as the management team for its solution; and that is volunteers. First and foremost, we always need more volunteers. In addition, clause 4.3 of our constitution states that 'we are an equal opportunities society'. To me that means that we represent all age groups, people of all abilities and all ethnic groups and that we do so irrespective of gender. If we are to do that effectively, then the greater the diversity of our volunteers and especially the management team the better chance we have of delivering benefit to the whole community.

It's been a privilege to contribute to the Society, and I look forward to seeing you either at meetings or along the way'.

Alistair Taylor

When I took over as chairman prior to the last AGM I did so as a matter of expediency. At the time we didn't have a chairman, and one of the trustees needed to step forward and take on the role. I was the only trustee who was not an officer and so appeared to be the obvious candidate. My own plans had been quite different in that I'd wanted to take a back seat after several years as Treasurer and Trustee so I never considered myself as the ideal candidate and was happy with the caretaker role. At this point I need to thank all the officers and volunteers who gave me support and guidance. In particular I need to thank Clarke Rogerson, who undertook a considerable amount of work behind the scenes and was determined not to let the Society fail.



What took me a bit by surprise was that PNFS didn't go into a rapid decline but continued to thrive. You will see from the other articles in this report that our membership numbers and finances remain stable; we have continued to erect signposts and construct bridges; and, most importantly, we have continued to defend our rights of way. I think that this can be explained by the overwhelming enthusiasm from ourselves as members who recognise the need for PNFS and are determined not to let it fail. Indeed the recruitment of our current president, chairman, vice chairman and secretary came about as an initiative put forward by our membership.

However, the year was not without its challenges. One of the key concerns we had was in making the new computer equipment work effectively. There were times when we thought that we had wasted our money. There were numerous problems such as gaining access to the membership database and to emails. Hopefully a lot of these issues have now been resolved. There were also early indications of the future benefits of the systems we had acquired. I was particularly impressed by the use of Skype software, which enabled remote access to our management meetings. As chairman I found it initially rather strange to have Peter Rothwell taking part from a TV screen on the wall, but I got used to it surprisingly quickly and found it very effective. The clear message was that if you are based some distance away from Taylor House this should not prevent you from taking an active part in the management of our Society. The systems we now have should also enable PNFS to take full advantage of digital mapping and the opportunities that presents for us.

Another concern early in the year was the shortage of trustees. There is always the accusation of too much power in too few hands. However, when you find that you are one of the few that needs to make the right decisions for the Society and stay within the Charity Commission guidelines, the role can be a lonely and challenging one. This is why I stayed on as a trustee after handing over my Treasurer responsibilities to Paul Easthope. During 2014 I'm pleased to report the recruitment of David Hurrell and Jack Burling as new trustees.

Anyway enough from me. I hope that you enjoy reading the rest of the annual report. And do please volunteer. PNFS really does need you.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Easthope

These accounts have been prepared using the "receipts and payments" method, rather than the "accruals" method as used up to 2006. This is in accordance with Charity Commission guidance and the trustees decisions made in 2006

Overall receipts were showing a large increase on last year at £69,168. However taking out legacies of £30,200, which are ring fenced, and allowing for the total payments £45,537 (£44,110 expense payments plus computer purchase of £1,427), the Society accounts showed a deficit of £6,569. This was due to financing the footbridge at Far Benfield £6903 from ring fenced reserves. Allowing for this a small surplus of £334 was achieved.

Income

Subscriptions were down again slightly for the third year in a row, by £284 to £10,836. This is a worrying trend. Direct Debit income for subs increased slightly by £354 to £6,387. Numbers paying up 14 to 361. We are trying to get more members to subscribe by Direct Debit. Over half our subs are now paid by Direct Debit.

Affiliations were also down slightly by £92. Our members must also be feeling the economic squeeze because general donations were down £2,380. Last years donations were however boosted by donations of £1,100 for Fiona Cordan's London marathon sponsorship appeal.

Gift Aid income was at a record up £859 to £3,099. This mainly due to encouraging people donating signposts to gift aid there donations.

A near record or maybe a record for Signpost donations of £7,876, up from £4,059 last year. A footbridge donation of £2,000 was also received.

Dividend income was down due to last year receiving a special dividend for subscribing to the new Co Op bond issue. Our investments are now showing a surplus compared with the purchase price following the Co Op bond problems last year. Further investments were purchased during the year. This resulted in a 5.9% return, very good in this time of low saving account returns.

Expenditure

The following expenditure was down on last year. Savings were made in Taylor House running costs down £168. Printing costs down £849 due to only producing two newsletters and the Annual report. Post/Telephone/Stationery also down by £681 again due to only three publications. Function/Fundraising costs down £1,366 mainly due to not exhibiting at country shows. Legal/Professional costs down £2,183 due to no legal costs this year. A large increase in Signpost/Footbridge expenditure of £8,274 due to record or near record of signpost erections and the Far Benfield footbridge.

The large increase in Travel costs of £1,391 (£1,415 less £24 of subsistence costs) can be explained. The expenses of our Court & Inquires Officers were £887 higher due to a much busier year and one returning from illness. £300 of the increase was relating to 2013 expenses that had been submitted in Jan 2014. The 2013 travel expenses were lower than 2012

Computer software/maintenance cost were up £3,356. Mainly due to £1,798 for installing the new computers in Jan, £401 for cloud backup of data, £1,133 for solving computer problems with the new computers/printers.

Balance sheet

Due to receiving the first part of the Geoff Errington legacy of £30,000, our reserves are now quite high. Our liquid assets are £88,276 and our investments are £125,859. A total of £214,135, including ring-fenced funds which now stand at £46,568.

We need to find suitable projects to finance from our ring-fenced funds.

Independent Examiner's Report

Direct Debits

CAF (Charity Aid Foundation) bank, who collect our direct debits on our behalf, have made changes last year to the way direct debits are collected. You will no longer see on your statements and online bank details any mention of Peak & Northern Footpaths Society. Instead you will see 'Charity Donation' with FRS followed by a six-figure number. Collection dates are 1st or 15th of the month. Please think about changing to paying your subscriptions and donations by direct debit, and if you are a tax payer signing up for Gift Aid.

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Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of PNFS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2014, which are set out on form CC16a.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

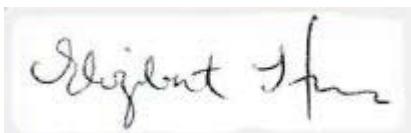
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Elizabeth Hudson ACA
Bradley Fold, Woodford Lane,
Newton, Macclesfield, SK10 4LH
10 March 2015

2014 Accounts

Peak & Northern Footpath Society

No 212219



Receipts and payments accounts

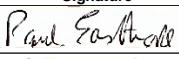
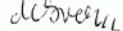
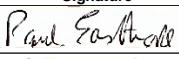
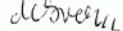
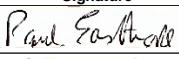
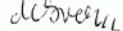
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For the period from	01/01/2014	To	31/12/2014
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Legacies,bequests	30,200		-	30,200	12,140
Donations general	5,958			5,958	8,338
Donations signposts		7,876	-	7,876	4,059
Donations footbridges		2,000	-	2,000	500
Gift Aid tax	3,099		-	3,099	2,240
Interest/Dividends	7,451		-	7,451	8,251
Subscriptions	10,836		-	10,836	11,120
Affiliations	1,478		-	1,478	1,570
Miscellaneous	270		-	270	386
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59,292	9,876	-	69,168	48,604
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Treasury gilt investment redemption	18,000		-	18,000	-
Sub total	18,000	-	-	18,000	-
Total receipts	77,292	9,876	-	87,168	48,604
A3 Payments					
Taylor House running costs	3,399		-	3,399	3,567
Signpost & Footbridges,	10,826	5,953	-	16,779	8,505
Travel & Subsistence	6,518		-	6,518	5,103
Printing,Copying including newsletter	4,016		-	4,016	4,865
Postage Telephone Stationery	4,591		-	4,591	5,272
Computer Software/Maintenance	3,792		-	3,792	436
Functions / Fund raising costs	1,230		-	1,230	2,596
Insurance	1,671		-	1,671	1,579
Subscriptions, Donations & Training	700			700	415
Legal Professional & Secretarial	1,341			1,341	3,524
Misc,Boulger memorial				-	767
Sundries	73		-	73	
Sub total	38,157	5,953	-	44,110	36,629
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investec & Murray International bonds	36,400		-	36,400	
Computer Hardware	1,427		-	1,427	11,550
Sub total	37,827	-	-	37,827	11,550
Total payments	75,984	5,953	-	81,937	48,179
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,308	3,923	-	5,231	425
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-			-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	81,968	1,077	-	83,045	82,620
Cash funds this year end	83,276	5,000	-	88,276	83,045

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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Consultations & Orders Report

Alan Hooley



The only change in staffing is that Jeff Lomax returned to the section in February after an absence of two years for family reasons. We welcome him back.

The decline in the section's workload to which I referred in last year's report accelerated in 2014. Those of you minded to compare the figures at the end of this report with those from last year will calculate that the fall in the aggregate number of cases of all types is over 26%. The previous year's fall was 3.6%. The staff cuts in local authority ROW departments are obviously biting. The largest fall is in alley gating – only 17 cases in 2014. This is only to be expected as by now almost all the alleys in northwest England must have been gated. The figures I quote are those cases dealt with at

Taylor House. To those must be added the workload of the Area Officers to arrive at the totals dealt with by the Society.

Whilst the decline takes the pressure off the section, we are left to wonder what essential work is being left undone. On this criterion the outlook for the future health of the footpath network is not good.

We are indebted to all those who work with us; the inspectors who submit reports, and the ROW staff of the local authorities who have a high level of expertise. We have few problems with the best-performing authorities. Their people have the experience to know what is and what is not acceptable to us and present their proposals accordingly. When there are contended issues they usually stem from points insisted on by land-owners.

One effect of the staff cuts is that one or two authorities have delegated their order-making powers to second tier authorities, whose staffs do not always have the required experience. We do our best to help and have been known to conduct the odd tutorial.

The number of objections we have lodged has fallen to a more normal level of 8 against last year's 22. I suspect that with reduced staff local authorities are less inclined to embark on time-consuming controversial proposals. This again is a cause for concern. If irregular situations are not being picked up, what self-help solutions are being adopted that will cause trouble in the future?

Statistics: Received at Taylor House (2013 figures in brackets):

- 267 orders of all types (329)
- 214 pre-order consultations (256)
- 17 alley-gating orders (55)
- 170 other matters (251)

We lodged 8 objections (22).

Rhoda Barnett

As the Courts and Inquiries Officer for Derbyshire, and Area Officer for four of the Derbyshire Districts, my role is particularly concerned with two of the specific Objects of the Society, as spelled out in our constitution. These can be summed up as protecting the rights of the public to use existing public rights of way, whether they are recorded on definitive maps or not, and trying to create new ones. The removal of obstructions on paths and maintenance of their surfaces is obviously of great importance, and I have continued to work closely with our valiant Inspectors to try to achieve this. In 2014, Derbyshire County Council was comparatively well-staffed with some good officers, and the Inspectors and I have generally been able to get satisfactory results, or, if not, at least agree with the priorities of the Council. The exception to this is the matter of making diversion orders; the Council seems to give priority to orders made in the interests of landowners, rather than those which would solve long-outstanding path obstructions. I am now seriously challenging this. I did not find it appropriate in 2014 to ask the Society to serve any legal notices on the Council to try to secure the resolution of faults. I feel though that, with inevitably more cut-backs, the situation in 2015 will deteriorate, and notices will become essential to fulfil our Objects.

Other aspects of my work in 2014 have involved commenting on over 20 proposals for diverting rights of way, being able to ensure that such diversions met the legal tests for not unduly affecting the convenience and enjoyment of the users of the paths. I have also been consulted on about 26 proposed modification orders, which seek to legally recognise currently unrecorded public rights over paths, and so are generally welcome. I have been able to ensure that such orders were made correctly, taking part in one public inquiry to remedy a defective order. Proposals for modification orders which seek to recognise public vehicular rights over footpaths and bridleways, 13 in Derbyshire in 2014, are not good news for walkers, but can only be challenged on the basis that such rights do not exist. I have objected to two such orders in Eyam, whose fate will probably be decided at a public inquiry in 2015 or later.

Much of my time has been spent on responding to consultations on a greatly increased number of planning applications for developments which would affect public rights of way, over 170 this year. Many are quick and simple to deal with, but those for large housing developments, particularly prevalent in South Derbyshire and the more urban parts of Amber Valley, have needed very careful consideration to ensure that the amenity of existing public paths is protected, particularly with the much greater use that will be made of them because of the increase in the numbers of residents. There have also been real opportunities to create new rights of way, which generally the planners have been keen to implement.

Courts & Inquiries Reports

John Harker

In Stockport, 2014 saw the successful resolution of Cheadle & Gatley Footpath 38's obstruction. Evidence from our archives refuted the allegation that this section of the path had been closed over 20 years ago by a road-widening scheme. Stockport Council has now installed a kissing gate where fencing had previously blocked the path. The Marple Footpath 18 legal case mentioned in last year's report reached the Magistrates' Court but was called off as the alleged obstruction was shown not to be on the definitive line of the footpath, but on an unofficial diversion put in decades ago by a previous occupant of Pistol Farm. The 'solution' is a legal diversion of the footpath to restore the 'status quo', so we await a Public Path Order from Stockport Council. Elsewhere in the borough, the list of outstanding problems grows as budget cuts continue. We have been informed that a review of the public rights of way function within the authority is imminent and we will be asked for our input.

In South Yorkshire, cases mentioned in last year's report were resolved. The problems of Dunford Bridleway 1 were eventually resolved, but not until after we had served notice of our intention to proceed to the Magistrates' Court. Barnsley Council agreed to supply material to the landowner for him to build up the surface above the waterlogged field that was rendering the bridleway 'out of repair'. The route is now usable for the first time in many years, especially for horse riders and cyclists. In Doncaster, we face a threat from Network Rail to close the 'at grade' crossing at Rossington where Footpath 10 crosses the main line. Bradfield Footpath 81 near Sheffield remains blocked and I have authority to serve notice on Sheffield Council.

In Wakefield, the issue of Footpath 33 across Pontefract racecourse led to an application by the course owners for a legal diversion when they came under Society-induced pressure from the Highway Authority. We have been consulted and have raised no objections as this seems a common-sense way to resolve the matter. In Leeds, obstructed Footpath 15 Great and Little Preston, mentioned last year, has been successfully reopened by Leeds Council entirely due to this Society's persistence.

In the Derbyshire areas that I cover, our attention was drawn to misleading signage on Bamford Footpath 9 across the caravan/camping site near the railway station. This is proving a source of vexation between site owners, site users and path users as the legal line crosses several pitches. A legal diversion would seem to be a pragmatic solution, but no one wants to pay the financial costs of it. Missing or 'out of repair' bridges continue to concern us. The Doctor's Gate bridge over Shelf Brook is still closed by a temporary Traffic Regulation Order. We have hopes that the replacement bridge will be allocated funding in the 2015/16 financial year, but if it isn't, we are left with a dilemma. Better news is that the bridge over the Ashop off the A57 Snake Pass on Hope Woodlands Footpath 6 has been replaced.

Obstructions successfully resolved range from Hayfield Footpath 28 near Little Hayfield, through Chapel-en-le-Frith Footpath 134 at Back Eccles near Chinley to Smalley Footpath 42 near the town of Heanor. However, for every problem solved many others remain to be resolved. Too much to do, too little time to do it in.

Terry Norris

The Society served a notice on Kirklees Council to clear a long-standing obstruction on Colne Valley 24. Whilst this was successful, the landowner then sought to have the path deleted from the definitive map on the ground that it was recorded in error. This some 60 years after the path was first recorded on the map! Fortunately the Council rejected this application, in part because of evidence produced by the Society from the West Yorkshire archives, which contain most of the documentation produced during the creation of the original definitive map. A document was found indicating that the council of the day objected to the width of part of the path as recorded on the provisional map. This indicated that they accepted the path as a public right of way. The landowner is, however, still making life difficult for walkers using the path which passes in front of her house.

I represented the Society at a hearing into an application by Cheshire East Council to extinguish part of a path in Sandbach. The Council claimed that the path was not needed for public use as walkers could use estate roads instead, a longer and less pleasant route. The case against the order was presented in conjunction with Sandbach Ramblers, a group affiliated to the Society. The Inspector refused to confirm the order on the basis that, if the obstruction were removed, the path would be well used by walkers.

Inspectors have reported large numbers of defective stiles, particularly in the districts of Tameside and Oldham. Upkeep of stiles is the responsibility of the landowner. The highway authority has the power to serve a notice requiring a defective stile to be put into repair, but seems loath to do so. In the past rangers went out and did basic repairs, but council cuts have made most of these posts redundant. The Society cannot serve such a notice on the landowner but can serve a notice on the highway authority if the condition is so bad it amounts to an obstruction. This has been done on a number of occasions in the past year. Replacing stiles with gates is the best option but this activity has largely ceased, again due to lack of funding. Inspectors should be aware of the document 'Authorising structures (gaps, gates and stiles) on rights of way. Good practice guidance for local authorities on compliance with the Equality Act 2010' (available on line). This should mean that new stiles are only authorised in very exceptional circumstances and should never be used on diversions, where there is an obligation to use 'the least restrictive alternative'. Councils should have a policy document reflecting these guidelines, normally as part of their Rights of Way Improvement Plan. If not, this is a good subject to pursue at a PROW forum or user group meeting.

Where a path is well used but not recorded on the definitive map, it is a good idea to inquire of the Society whether it would be possible to claim the path as a public right of way on the basis of user evidence (normally use of path as a public right of way over 20 years). If the use of the path is challenged it is essential to do so, as councils cannot use enforcement powers until the status of the path is clarified. I was pleased to assist our inspector in Rossendale to make such a claim in respect of a very useful and well-used path on the council's land linking a footpath and a byway. This claim was

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rejected by Lancashire County Council in December. Society officers are now preparing an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate and are optimistic about the outcome.

Last year I reported on the Society's condition survey of the Bolton Rotary Way, a recreational route around the Bolton boundary. Whilst the council PROW officer responded promptly and constructively, the response of Rotary was distinctly underwhelming. I am now very pleased to report that some members of Rotary have now enthusiastically taken on the task of revising the route, renewing way-marking and producing a new booklet.

Another matter raised in last year's report is not yet resolved but much nearer a solution. That is the diversion of part of the route of the path between the Cloud and Bridestones on the Cheshire/Staffordshire boundary, which was successfully claimed by the Society after a public inquiry. Whilst the route of the diversion to avoid a stockyard and tunnel has been agreed, the council could not confirm the new path and legally close the former route due to part of the route being subject to severe puddling as a result of cattle movement along the path. The landowners have now agreed to install concrete sleepers. This should be completed early this year in time for an enjoyable spring-time walk.

Harry W Scott

There has been good and bad news for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent during 2014. Stoke on Trent Council added a few more footpaths to the definitive map during 2014, but there are still around 1300 footpaths missing from the map and it is unlikely all will be on the map by the cut-off date of 2026. However, I am now being consulted by the Stoke RoW Officer and recently had a meeting with him to discuss the cut-off date. The officer at Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way Office was replaced during the year, although contracting out the work still remains a threat. I received 22 diversion consultations from Staffordshire County Council and the district councils. Only one was objected to: footpath 15 and 0.333 at Burntwood Lichfield District. The paths are being diverted under the Town and Country Planning Act to accommodate a housing development. Along with the Ramblers we agreed new routes for the paths with the developer Taylor Wimpey, but Lichfield Council decided to disregard the agreement.

I received 167 planning applications. All were investigated and commented on if they affected a footpath. Staff cuts in the Legal Services Department at Staffordshire County Council have led to delays in issuing orders, there being a more than 12-month delay. A worry is the standard of order making from the County Council and the district council. I am continually pointing out drafting errors. The order to close part of Sheen 10 through Pool Farm and the diversion footpath 7 Sheen was delayed by several months. With the agreement of the trustees I have objected on behalf of the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society. Fault reports to Staffordshire County Council are taking longer to resolve due to the cuts in the Ranger Service. Rangers carry out the initial assessment of a footpath problem before they go to a Rights of way Officer.

Faults and Inspectors Reports

Hilda Bowler

This has been a difficult year as I have been unable to get to Taylor House for a large part of the year due to a broken wrist and hospital appointments on Monday mornings. Then, once I was able to get to the office I could not access the faults emails for a further five Mondays. My apologies to everyone who has unacknowledged reports sent to faults, which will be dealt with, and my thanks to everyone who helped me get back online.

Sue Clarke and Andrew Harter have done sterling work inputting data into the faults database and getting to grips with the new Excel form of the database – no easy task. Sue has also worked hard at contacting inspectors to check we have the correct information and that the information we have on the database agrees with the inspector's records. She has also worked on checking old faults and enabled a considerable number of these to be cleared from the current database. Both she and Andrew deserve a medal!

I am more than happy to leave the faults database in the capable hands of Sue and Andrew, and concentrate on the faults emails, so any fault reports should still be sent to faults@peakandnorthern.org.uk.

My thanks to Sue and Andrew, and to Brian Summerscales who continues to find footpath numbers when they are not known by the person reporting the fault. This is often challenging as grid references might not be included, and Brian often has to struggle to make sense of the report.

I look forward to 2015 being a better, more efficient year as far as faults are concerned.

David Gosling

Hilda passed the job of appointing inspectors to me at the beginning of the year. The Society owes a huge thanks to Hilda for all the years that she managed the inspectors' team. I confess that it has taken me a while to learn the ropes and I know I still have a lot to learn.

The number of inspectors has continued to grow during this year. 15 new inspectors were appointed, while 5 have resigned. By the end of 2014 there were 6 Area Officers (4 of whom are also inspectors) and 88 inspectors, 2 'agents' and 2 more who inspect 'on request' an inspection team that totals 98 volunteers.

The work of inspectors is important to the achievement of the Society's aims. To all those who have resigned during the year, thanks for your contribution to the work of the Society and to those new to the role, welcome.

Two events have been held during the year. A training day for new inspectors in March was attended by 11 new inspectors. In October, a very successful Inspectors Conference was attended by 31 inspectors. The venue was the Friends Meeting House in Manchester, where we were addressed by Andrew Smith, the Rights of Way Officer for Bolton. An Inspectors Newsletter has also been commenced to improve communication with and between inspectors.

There are approximately 1,430 parishes within the PNFS area. The Society has inspectors for approximately 375 of these parishes, while other areas are covered by area officers and 'agents'. We need more inspectors, so if you are a member of PNFS and would like to contribute to the inspection of rights of way, please get in touch.

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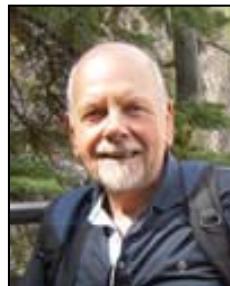
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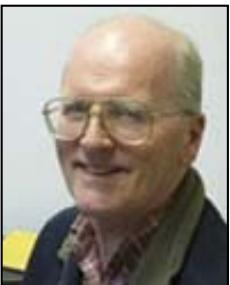
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Signpost Officer's Report

David Morton

In 2014 we added **31** new signposts, mainly financed by donations (£300 per sign) and Gift Aid. Part of the Ward legacy was used to cover 7 new signposts in the Limb Valley, Sheffield, but 3 of these have already attracted private donations. Two more have been placed in Bowland, giving us 10 there in total. Three have gone to Ormskirk, where we had none before, and a second sign has gone to Huncoat, Accrington, thanks to our Footpath Inspector Roy Chetham.

New in 2014

- S453 Dunsop Head (1380'), Forest of Bowland.
- S454 Whitendale, Bowland; IMO **Alan Fowler** of Leyland, Lancs.
- S456 NE of Abney; IMO **Barry Ware** of Marple Ramblers.
- S457 SE of Stoke Ford; IMO **Andrew and Pauline Rollo** of Breaston, Notts.
- S458 E of Manley Common; donated by **David Bratt** of Manley & Culcheth.
- S459 NW of Spout House Wood, Huncoat; donated by **Roy Chetham** (PNFS).
- S460 S of Beeston Tor Farm, Manifold Valley (unadopted).
- S461 On Cown Edge Way at Linnet Clough; donated by **M/C & H.P. R.A.**
- S462 Erncroft, SW of Chisworth; IMO **Donald Macrae Black**.
- S463 S of Holmesfield; 70th Birthday of **Gordon Richards**, Hucknall, Notts.
- S464 Damstead, Mellor; donated by **Percy Hutchinson** (PNFS, ex S/P Officer).
- S465 On C.E.W. at Longhurst Lane; IMO **Colin Turner and Michael Bloyce**.
- S466 Lr. Birchenough, Mellor, IMO **Clare Griswold**.
- S467 N of Hollywood End, Mellor; IMO **Fred Travis** (PNFS).
- S468 Hollywood Cottages; donated by **M/cr & Dist. Retired Teachers Assoc.**
- S469 Hollywood Cottages; donated IMO **Andrew Robinson**.
- S470 School Lane, Thurstaston; IMO **Gloria Thayer** of M'side & W Cheshire. R.A.
- S471 above Walkers Clough, Derwent to replace F1S4, IMO **Geoff Lord**.
- S472 E of Ormskirk Station; IMO **Peter and Mgt. Smith** of W. Lancs F'path Soc.
- S473 E of Ormskirk Station; IMO **Peter and Mgt. Smith** of W. Lancs F'path Soc.
- S474 E of Ormskirk Station; IMO **Peter and Mgt. Smith** of W. Lancs F'path Soc
- S475/6/7/8/9/80/85 to be installed at Limb Valley, Whirlow, Sheffield.
- S481 Top Greenhil Farm, High Crompton; IMO **Hilda and Geoff Cox**.
- S482 Primrose Lane, Mellor Moor; IMO **Denzil Hallam**.
- S483 Higher Birchenough Farm, Mellor; IMO **Beti Sutcliffe** (PNFS).
- S484 Greenhill Farm, High Crompton; IMO the **Radcliffe-Prenty family**.

It has also been a very good year for signpost maintenance, thanks largely to Mike Hoar and Pete Ash, who repainted 18 signposts in situ between May and December. These were **S5, S105, S107, S108, S118, S119, S147, S158, S160** (& its cross plate), **S220, S225, S228, S237, S239, S241, S252, 254**. Photographs can be seen in our website's Signpost Gallery.

In addition, **F10** and **F12** above Walkers Clough and **S8** at Tunstead Milton were shotblasted and repainted. **F10** and **F12** were, after being repotted, re-instated by the Fairholmes PDNP wardens under Paul Wetton.

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Altogether, six signs were reposted and memorial plaques, honouring **Harold Wild** and **GHB (Bert) Ward**, were fitted to **S118** and **S400** respectively in recognition of their many years of service in the cause of walkers' rights to roam. Harold had to negotiate persistently for seven years to get the bridleway from Westend Clough to Alport reopened in 1940. **S400** in Bradfield points to Bar Dyke, where the second mass trespass foregathered.

New memorial plaques were also fitted to **S336 (Jim and Marjorie Wild)**, **S434 (Macclesfield R.C.)**, **S263 (Barney and Margaret Brown)** & **F008 (Alex Maxwell)**.

S227 at Ollerton was replaced after being stolen. Various loose plates have been wedged.

S352 in the Weaver Hills near Alton Towers, was replanted after livestock loosened the post.

S019 above Kinder Reservoir and **S294** east of Sheen were both moved a few yards.

S146 near Saddleworth G.C. was re-erected, after its angle-iron post rusted and broke at ground level. Being shorter, it no longer pokes its head above the wall, so it should last many more years!

Once again my thanks are due to Ted and John, Mike and Pete, Dave B., Bill B. and numerous other officers, inspectors and members for their help and to the individuals and walking groups whose donations have made this work possible.



S118 with Harold Wild's memorial plaque

Footbridges Report

Neil Collie

The year started with the handover event for the Far Benfield footbridge (B28) on Romiley & Bredbury FP 91, Stockport on 31 January 2014. This bridge was fully reported in the 2013 annual report and remains a major success for the Society as it opens up a path which, for many years, was impassable.

Later in 2014, a footbridge was completed across a muddy stream in very attractive woodland close to Taxal Edge and Windgather Rocks, Kettleshulme. This bridge (B35) was paid for by a generous donation of one of our members and constructed by Derbyshire County Council on Hartington Upper Quarter FP 135. The handover event was held on 23 September 2014 when the cheque for £1,500 was presented to Derbyshire's structural engineer for the project. Walkers can now keep their feet dry and avoid having to cross the stream by balancing on two slippery logs of wood. Walkers using the path have been heard to remark "the bridge will make a big difference in winter".

This is the second project in recent years that has been fully financed by a donation from a member. The member had suggested he would like to make a donation provided it was used for a footbridge in east Cheshire or north-west Derbyshire. We would, of course, be very pleased to hear from any other members who might wish to sponsor a footbridge.

Two more projects are in the pipeline, one on the Barnsley-Kirklees boundary near Denby Dale and the other near Doncaster; both should be completed early in 2015. In addition, there are a number of other sites that have been proposed and are under investigation. In all cases the Society asks for a contribution to the total cost from the Highway Authority. This contribution may be in the form of improvements to the adjacent footpath leading to the bridge, or the Highway Authority may carry out the construction of the footbridge while the Society pays for the materials.



Bridge Handover near Windgather Rocks

Membership Secretary's Report

Bill Buckley

Last year it appeared that we had managed to reverse the slow decline in overall membership numbers following an all time-peak in 2009. It is disappointing to report that by December 2014 some 15% of our members had not so far renewed their subscriptions.

It was noticeable during the year that more members were reporting financial difficulties and were informing us that they were reluctantly having to look to making cuts in all unnecessary areas of household expenditure. Also, as usual, relocation from the area and failing health were known to lead to the loss of some members.

It has also become apparent for some time that many members are not aware that under the Constitution:

'Subscriptions shall be due within 1 month of each AGM.....'

and I doubt that many new or even existing members actually spend much time sifting through the finer details of the Constitution when there are far more interesting counter attractions in the Annual Report of the Society.

Our problem is that sending out individual renewal reminders is increasingly expensive and also time-consuming. One possibility we are considering is to put the *Renewal Date* on the printed address label we use in sending out copies of the newsletter . (An alternative scheme will be needed for members who receive email copies). I'd like to receive any thoughts any members have on this or alternative proposals, by email or by post to me at Taylor House. Of course renewing membership by direct debit avoids all this confusion.

On a more positive note, many members have spent evenings and weekends recruiting new members to the Society and I'd like to record our thanks to all of them for their efforts during the year

Members	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Annual	739	674	823	1021	923
Ten Year	292	266	226	179	147
Five Year	351	275	187	117	48
Hon Life	32	33	32	28	31
Total	1414	1274	1268	1345	1149
Affiliates	84	75	81	84	77

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Manchester Associates Rambling Club
Manchester Field Club
Manchester Rambling Club
Marple District Rambling Club
Mid Cheshire Footpath Society
New Mills Radical Ramblers
North Turton Parish Council
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RA New Mills & District Group
RA Nottinghamshire Area
RA Oldham Group
RA South Yorks & NE Derbyshire Area
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Parishes

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BARNESLEY

Hunshelf.....	HUR
Langsett.....	FOR
Oxspring.....	FOR
Thurgoland.....	BEL
Wortley.....	BEL

BOLTON

Blackrod.....	GER
Bolton Town.....	FOS
Bradshaw North	FOS
Bradshaw South	FOS
Bromley Cross (Non-def only).....	ARU
Eagley.....	ARU
Egerton & Turton.....	FOS
Horwich.....	FOS
Westhoughton.....	GER

BURY

Prestwich.....	AND
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CALDERDALE

Blackshaw.....	NOR
Brighouse.....	NOR
Elland.....	NOR
Erringden.....	NOR
Halifax.....	NOR
Hebden Royd.....	NOR
Heptonstall.....	NOR
Northowram.....	NOR
Ripponden.....	NOR
Shelf.....	NOR
Sowerby Bridge.....	NOR
Todmorden.....	NOR
Wadsworth.....	NOR

CHESTER EAST

Agden	RED
Alderley Edge.....	GOU
Ashley.....	RED
Barthomley.....	HEA
Bexton.....	MIL
Bollington.....	BAM
Brereton.....	HAB
Bunbury.....	DAE
Chelford.....	ABL
Chorley	ABL
Congleton.....	HIN
Crangage.....	HAB
Disley.....	TAD
Gawsworth.....	BLA

Goostrey.....	HAB
Haughton.....	DAE
Henbury.....	GOO
Higher Hurdfield.....	BAM
Hulme Walfield.....	WHI
Kettleshulme.....	TAD
Knutsford.....	MIL
Little Bollington.....	RED
Lower Withington.....	BLA
Lyme Handley.....	TAD
Macclesfield.....	BAM
Macclesfield Forest.....	BAM
Marton	BLA
Mere.....	RED
Millington.....	RED
Moreton-cum-Alcumlow.....	HIN
Mottram St Andrew.....	RAY
Nether Alderley.....	GOU
Over Alderley.....	RAY
Pott Shrigley.....	GOU
Poynton With Worth.....	MAT
Prestbury.....	FON
Rainow.....	TAD
Rostherne.....	RED
Siddington.....	BLA
Somerford.....	WHI
Somerford Booths.....	WHI
Sutton	BRO
Swettenham.....	HAB
Tabley Inferior.....	MIL
Tabley Superior.....	MIL
Tatton.....	MIL
Toft.....	MIL
Twemlow.....	HAB
Wildboarclough.....	BAM
Wilmslow.....	SUM
Wincle.....	BOO

CHESTER WEST AND CHESTER

Alstock.....	SUM
Cuddington.....	PAR
Davenham.....	PAR
Delamere.....	CHA
Frodsham Ashton.....	GAS
Hartford.....	PAR
Helsby.....	CHA
Lach Dennis.....	SUM
Lostock Gralam.....	SUM
Moulton.....	PAR
Nether Peover.....	SUM
Oakmere.....	PAR

Tarporley.....	.COE	Gratton.....	.HUA	
Utkinton.....	.COE	Great Hucklow.....	.COJ	
Weaverham.....	.PAR	Great Longstone.....	.LYO	
Whitegate and Marton.....	.PAR	Grindleford .....	.HOW
DERBYSHIRE AMBER VALLEY				
Aldecar & Langley Mill .....	.HAJ	Grindlow.....	.COJ
Alderwasley.....	.WES	Harthill.....	.NOR	
Alfreton.....	.HAJ	Hartington Middle Quarter.....	.BOD	
Ashley Hay.....	.WES	Hartington Town Quarter.....	.HAM	
Codnor.....	.HAJ	Hassop.....	.RAY	
Crich.....	.ROA	Hathersage.....	.HOW	
Denby.....	.HAJ	Hazelbadge.....	.COJ	
Heanor & Loscoe.....	.HAJ	Highlow .....	.COJ
Horsley.....	.ROA	Hopton.....	.BAM	
Horsley Woodhouse.....	.ROA	Ible.....	.BAM	
Ironville.....	.HAJ	Ivonbrook Grange.....	.BAM	
Mapperley.....	.HAJ	Little Hucklow.....	.COJ	
Pentrich.....	.ROA	Little Longstone.....	.DAM	
Riddings.....	.HAJ	Litton.....	.NOD	
Ripley Town.....	.HAJ	Matlock.....	.HIR	
Shipley.....	.HAJ	Matlock Bath.....	.HIR	
Shottle & Postern.....	.WES	Monyash.....	.NOD	
Smalley.....	.HAJ	Nether Haddon.....	.GOO	
Somercotes.....	.HAJ	Northwood & Tinkersley.....	.WOO	
South Wingfield.....	.ROA	Offerton.....	.SIS	
Swanwick .....	.HAJ	Outseats.....	.COJ
DERBYSHIRE DALES				
Abney & Abney Grange.....	.COJ	Over Haddon.....	.NOD	
Ashford in the Water.....	.RAY	Pilsley .....	.RAY
Bakewell.....	.RAY	Rowland.....	.DAM	
Baslow & Bubnell.....	.WOO	Rowsley .....	.WOO
Beeley.....	.WOO	Sheldon.....	.RAY	
Biggin.....	.GOU/ROB	South Darley.....	.HIR	
Birchover.....	.GOO	Stanton In Peak.....	.GOO	
Blackwell .....	.BOD	Stoney Middleton.....	.GOS
Bonsall.....	.HIR	Taddington.....	.BOD	
Bradwell.....	.COJ	Tansley.....	.HIR	
Brushfield.....	.BOD	Tideswell.....	.NOD	
Callow.....	.BAM	Wardlow.....	.NOD	
Calver.....	.GLE	Wheston.....	.NOD	
Carsington.....	.BAM	Winster.....	.GOO	
Chatsworth.....	.WOO	Wirksworth.....	.BAM	
Chelmorton.....	.BOD/TYR	Youlgrave.....	.NOD	
Cromford.....	.HIR	DERBYSHIRE EREWASH		
Curbar.....	.BUC	Dale Abbey.....	.DAM	
Darley Dale .....	.HIR	Ilkeston.....	.PRO
Edensor.....	.RAY	Ockbrook.....	.DAM	
Elton.....	.HUA	DERBYSHIRE HIGH PEAK		
Eyam.....	.GOS	Aston.....	.SIS	
Eyam Woodlands.....	.COJ	Bamford.....	.SIS	
Flagg.....	.BOD	Brough & Shatton.....	.SIS	
Foolow.....	.GOS	Buxton.....	.ALW	
Froqgatt.....	.BUC	Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside.....	.BRT	

Parishes

Charlesworth.....	HOW	LANCASHIRE CITY OF LANCASTER
Chisworth.....	HOW	Elhel..... TYN
Derwent.....	BEL	Quernmore..... TYN
Edale.....	BEL	Scotforth..... TYN
Glossop.....	BRB	Silverdale..... MIC
Green Fairfield.....	ALW	Warton..... FEA
Hartington Upper Quarter.....	BOD	Yealand Conyers..... FEA
Hayfield.....	SAL	Yealand Redmayne..... FEA
Hope.....	SIS	
Hope Woodlands.....	BEL	
King Sterndale.....	ALW	
New Mills	MAK	
Peak Forest.....	BRT	
Thornhill.....	SIS	
Tintwistle.....	EAS	
Whaley Bridge.....	FRI	
Wormhill	BOD	
DERBYSHIRE NE		
Ashover.....	FEL	Ormskirk..... NAY
Barlow.....	CLB	Parbold..... NAY
Brackenfield.....	FEL	Wrightington..... NAY
Brampton.....	WOO	
Calow	FEL	
Clay Cross.....	FEL	
Grassmoor+Hasland+Winsick.....	FEL	
Heath & Holmewood.....	FEL	
Morton.....	FEL	
North Wingfield.....	FEL	
Pilsley	FEL	
Shirland & Higham.....	FEL	
Stretton.....	FEL	
Sutton-cum-Duckmanton.....	FEL	
Temple Normanton.....	FEL	
Walton	WOO	
Wessington.....	FEL	
Wingerworth.....	FEL	
DERBYSHIRE SOUTH		
Elaston.....	DAM	
KIRKLEES		
Batley.....	HOR	
Denby Dale.....	LAW	
Dewsbury North.....	HOR	
Heckmondwike.....	HOR	
Holmfirth.....	LAW	
Kirkburton.....	LAW	
Mirfield.....	HOR	
Spenborough.....	HOR	
LANCASHIRE CHORLEY		
Chorley.....	NAY	
LANCASHIRE FYLDE		
Westby With Plumpton.....	SEN	
LANCASHIRE HYNDBURN		
Accrington.....	CHE	
LANCASHIRE SOUTH RIBBLE		
Leyland.....	NAY	
LANCASHIRE WEST		
Ormskirk.....	NAY	
Parbold.....	NAY	
Wrightington.....	NAY	
LANCASHIRE WYRE		
Hambleton.....	SEN	
MANCHESTER		
Ringway.....	ADD	
City.....	GOU	
OLDHAM		
Chadderton.....	RIL	
Crompton.....	RIL	
Failsworth.....	RIL	
Lees.....	RIL	
Oldham Town.....	RIL	
Royston.....	RIL	
Saddleworth.....	RIL	
ROTHERHAM		
All parishes.....	HIR	
SEFTON		
Southport.....	NAY	
SHEFFIELD		
Bradfield.....	ADJ	
Stocksbridge.....	HUR	
STAFFORDSHIRE EAST		
Anslow.....	STE	
Branston.....	STE	
Hanbury.....	STE	
Outwoods.....	STE	
Ramshorn.....	HEW	
Rolleston on Dove.....	STE	
Stretton.....	STE	

Tattenhill	Blighfield	STE	WAKEFIELD
Tutbury		STE	Crigglestone.....COG
Wootton		HEW	Walton.....MOR
STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS			
Alton		HEW	West Bretton.....COG
Biddulph		WHI	Woolley.....COG
Checkley		HEW	
Cotton		HEW	
Draycott in the Moors		HEW	
Farley		HEW	
Fawfieldhead		CAC	
Grindon		WYK	
Heathylee		CAC	
Heaton		HIN	
Hollinsclough		CAC	
Horton		HIN	
Longnor		HAD	
Oakamoor		HEW	
Quarnford		TEM	
Rushton Spencer		HIN	
Sheen		CAC	
Warslow & Elkstones		CAC	
Waterhouses		PRO	
Wetton		WYK	
STOCKPORT			
Cheadle & Gatley		BOO	
Hazel Grove & Bramhall		GRN	
Marple		PAP/CLS	
New Mills		CLS	
Stockport Town		CLS	
TAMESIDE			
Ashton U Lyne		WEX	
Audenshaw		WEX	
Denton		WEX	
Droylesden		WEX	
Dukinfield		WEX	
Hyde		THO	
Longdendale		THO	
Mossley		THO	
Stalybridge		THO	
TRAFFORD			
Altrincham		FYS	
Bowdon		FYS	
Carrington		FYS	
Dunham Massey		FYS	
Hale		FYS	
Partington		FYS	
Sale		CLM	
Stretford		CLM	
Urmston		WIL	
Urmston		CLM	
Warburton		FYS	
WARRINGTON			
Appleton		BRA	
Burtonwood		OLM	
Croft		OLM	
Cuerdley		OLM	
Culcheth and Glazebury		OLM	
Golborne		OLM	
Grappenhall & Thelwall		BRA	
Great Sankey		OLM	
Hatton		OLM	
Lymm		BRA	
Lymm		OLM	
Penketh		OLM	
Poulton with Fernhead		OLM	
Rixton with Glazebrook		OLM	
Stockton Heath		BRA	
Stretton		OLM	
Walton		OLM	
Warrington Town		OLM	
Woolston		BRA	
WIGAN			
Aspull		ATH	
Haigh		ATH	
Orrell		ATH	
Shevington		ATH	
Standish with Langtree		ATH	
Worthington		ATH	



Invitation to Members

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 18 April

at

Britannia Hotel, Dialstone Lane,
Offerton, Stockport SK2 6AG

Ample free car parking is available

Number 383 bus from Stockport and 384 from Marple
stop near the hotel.

Service 192 and 199 buses stop on nearby A6.

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10:30 Coffee, tea, biscuits

11:00 AGM commences

12:30 Hot buffet lunch

13:30 Guest speaker

*Richard Pett: RoW Officer at Rotherham Council  
and Peak District National Park*

14:30 Open forum

15:30 Meeting closes

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To reserve your place at the AGM please inform David Brown
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no later than 12 April stating if lunch is required.

To help defray catering costs a donation of at least £8.50 is invited.