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***Front Cover : Bob Proctor and John Harker of PNFS hand the Bridge at Sykehouse over to representatives of Doncaster council Photographed by Neil Collie***

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# Chairman's Report

## Gavin Miller



When I took over as Chairman at the November 2014 half-year meeting, there were a number of issues immediately facing the Society.

The first and, at the time seemingly the most urgent, was the poor performance of the IT system, which was in danger of demoralising many of the volunteers without whose work at Taylor House the Society could not function. The problems appeared to have arisen because the architects of the system were no longer available and the system maintenance was dependent on a firm which was effectively a 'one-man band' with many conflicting pressures on his time. The Trustees decided to change the maintenance contract to a different supplier, which has resulted in a significant improvement in performance and reliability.

We have also begun using software which enables some Officers to work remotely from home. This is of obvious benefit in that busy people can work whenever they have the time, rather than being tied to fixed sessions at Taylor House. It also, of course, means that officers can work on files without the need to travel to the office and is of particular benefit to those who live some distance away from Stockport.

Another major issue was the lack of volunteers for some functions which were seen as vital to the Society's continued progress and success. Among these problems were the lack of IT expertise and the absence of a person to act as Publicity Officer and someone with the time to edit our Signpost newsletter on a regular basis. I am pleased to report that we have had some success on these fronts. One of our inspectors, Mel Bale, has agreed to take over as Membership Secretary from Bill Buckley, who has served the Society loyally in this and other capacities for many years. Mel also brings with him considerable systems and IT experience and I am sure he will be an asset to the Society. Meanwhile we hope Bill will continue his work as an inspector and Trustee.

Another important gap in our team has been filled with the appointment of another inspector, Ian Salvage, to the post of Publicity Officer. Ian has already been active pursuing opportunities to publicise and canvass support for the Society's activities and aims, and has edited and published the recent edition of Signpost. I am confident that his efforts will bear fruit and that his appointment should enable us to produce our newsletter Signpost more regularly than we have been able to in

the recent past, so that we are better able to keep you, the members, up to date with the activities of your Society.

During the year the Society has been continually active in carrying out its aims and objectives, as you will see elsewhere in this report and in Signpost. The work of footpath inspectors, ably and energetically managed by David Gosling, continues, with a welcome increase in the number of parishes covered by inspectors. We are seeing more and more reductions in Rights of Way staff at local authorities as expenditure cuts take effect, which means that action to remedy footpath problems is often less swift than before. However, I believe that this makes our activity more necessary than ever if we are to prevent our footpath network falling prey to neglect. These cuts also place additional stress on our Courts and Inquiries officers, who are vital to the work of the Society and, while we have recently been able to recruit one new member of the team, I am conscious of how much we are indebted to the knowledge, experience and energy of a few people. We would welcome any further volunteers with experience or an interest in this aspect of our work.

During the past year, a couple of significant events took place which should be mentioned. The erection of our 500th signpost coincided with our 120th anniversary and was marked with a small ceremony near Edale in October. Earlier in the year we had marked the official opening of the Adrian Littleton Memorial Bridge at Benfield.

Your Society's finances, as you will see in the Treasurer's Report, are, I believe, in a sound position to enable us to meet the challenges which lie ahead in the form of new government legislation and the continuing effect of cuts to local authority finances, to name but two.

In closing, I must pay tribute to the work of our volunteers and officers, on whom the Society is entirely dependent. Without them, we would be unable to continue our work in protecting our hard-won access to the countryside which means so much to us and which is so valuable as a means of escape from an increasingly urban and pressurised world. On behalf of the Society, I thank all of them most sincerely for their energy and dedication to the cause. A special word of thanks is due to our Secretary, Dave Brown, who has done an amazing amount of work and keeps the administrative wheels of the Society moving.

Finally, when I stepped into the breach and accepted the role of Chairman at the 2014 half-year meeting, I did not intend that my period of service in that post would be long term. I am pleased, therefore, to say that David Hurrell, our current Vice-Chairman, who has been of tremendous help during my period of office, has agreed to put himself forward for election as Chairman, which will enable me to step down and hopefully continue to serve the Society in whatever way I can.

# Financial Report

## ***Paul Easthope***

### **Accounting basis**

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.

Receipts were up slightly to £71,507. This was mainly due to ring-fenced legacies of £33,382. Taking out legacy income, a small surplus of £767 was achieved in the Society’s running costs.

### **Income**

Members’ subscriptions were up at £12,210, the highest for several years. This was due to pursuing and sending reminders to overdue members. Affiliation income was up slightly to £1,589. Donations reversed last year’s downward trend and increased by £694 to £6,652. Gift Aid income was another record at £4,092, up a third, again due to constant requests to signpost donors and subscription payers who are tax payers to sign up to Gift Aid. Signpost donations were down £2,366; however, last year was a record. Dividend/ interest was higher due to moving a large proportion of our cash reserves to a higher-interest account.

### **Expenditure**

Overall expenditure was down £8,179, mainly due to only spending £427 on footbridges this year. Taylor House running costs were up £1,378 due to essential electrical work costing £1,253. Travel costs were down slightly by £357. Signpost/footbridge costs fell appreciably due to having financed the Far Benfield footbridge last year. Printing and postage costs were down due to producing one less Newsletter this year. Our Training costs were down £553 due to having financed an Inspectors conference in Manchester last year. Computer software costs were up £320 due to appointing a new maintenance contractor who sorted out various problems. Since then our computer problems have been minimal. Legal/professional/secretarial costs were up £288 due to the cost of taking extra Management/CIO meeting minutes. Expenses were inflated by the purchase of a public address system for use at AGMs and HYMs to resolve complaints about difficulty in hearing the speakers. Hiring equipment seemed too expensive so the Trustees decided to purchase the equipment. Sundries were up due to our bank now charging 50p to clear a cheque when paying in more than 50 cheques per month. We will be encouraging members to renew online via the website in the near future.

### **Balance sheet**

The balance sheet is up £30,133 mainly due to legacies. Our investments are down by £4,016 (3.2%) to £121,843; quite good considering the large fall in the stock market over the year. Even so we still had a return of 5.8% on our investments. Liquid assets now stand at £122,424.

### **Direct debit subscriptions**

CAF (Charity Aid Foundation) bank, who collect our direct debits on your behalf, made changes two years ago 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 and 15th of the month.

Please think about changing to paying by direct debit, and if you are a tax payer signing up for Gift Aid. Forms are available at <http://www.peakandnorthern.org.uk>

Direct debits now account for nearly 60% of our membership subscription income, £7,046. 404 payments were taken accounting for 510 members, of which 41% are household members, a much higher proportion than those who pay by cheque. 41 cancelled during the year of which 15 renewed. We had a total of 72 new DD payers this year.

## Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of PNFS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2015, 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.

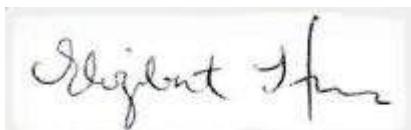
### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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 Acthave 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.



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3rd February 2016

# 2015 Accounts



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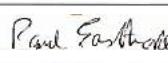
## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2015	To	31/12/2015
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Legacies/bequests	33,382		-	33,382	30,200
Donations general	6,652			6,652	5,958
Donations signposts	5,510		-	5,510	7,876
Donations footbridges	-		-	-	2,000
Gift Aid tax	4,092		-	4,092	3,099
Interest/Dividends	8,028		-	8,028	7,451
Subscriptions	12,210		-	12,210	10,836
Affiliations	1,589		-	1,589	1,478
Miscellaneous	44		-	44	270
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	<i>71,507</i>			<i>71,507</i>	<i>69,168</i>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Treasury gilt investment redemption	-		-	-	18,000
<i>Sub total</i>	<i>-</i>			<i>0</i>	<i>18,000</i>
<i>Total receipts</i>	<i>71,507</i>			<i>71,507</i>	<i>87,168</i>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Taylor House running costs	4,777		-	4,777	3,399
Signpost & Footbridges,	7,856		-	7,856	16,779
Travel & Subsistence	6,161		-	6,161	6,518
Printing/Copying including newsletter	3,717		-	3,717	4,016
Postage/Telephone/Stationery	3,709		-	3,709	4,591
Computer Software/Maintenance	4,112		-	4,112	3,792
Functions / Fund raising costs	1,233		-	1,233	1,230
Insurance	1,767		-	1,767	1,671
Subscriptions, Donations & Training	147		-	147	700
Legal Professional & Secretarial	1,629		-	1,629	1,341
Sundries	223		-	223	73
<i>Sub total</i>	<i>35,331</i>			<i>35,331</i>	<i>44,110</i>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Investec & Murray International bonds	-		-	-	36,400
PA Sound System	1,509		-	1,509	
Computer Hardware	518		-	518	1,427
<i>Sub total</i>	<i>2,027</i>			<i>2,027</i>	<i>37,827</i>
<i>Total payments</i>	<i>37,358</i>			<i>37,358</i>	<i>81,937</i>
<i>Net of receipts/payments)</i>	<i>34,149</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>34,149</i>	<i>5,231</i>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>					
	83,276	5,000	-	88,276	83,045
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>117,425</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,425</b>	<b>88,276</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Cash bank accounts	117,277	5,000	-
	Petty cash	148	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>117,425</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Government stocks			21,149
	Loan stock			84,328
	Equities			16,366
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>121,843</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Taylor House building		60,153	
	Computer Equipment		13,458	
	Furniture fittings & other equipment		4,351	
	P A Sound System		1,509	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Paul Easthope	16/02/2016	
		David C Brown	16/02/2016	

# Consultations and Orders Report

## ***Alan Hooley***

It was a year of stability on the staffing front. No assessor left us and no new ones were appointed.

The level of the section's workload stabilised in 2015. In fact, as you see from the figures at the end of this report, the number of cases we dealt with at Taylor House bore a very close correlation with the previous year. Could it be the case that the cuts in local authority ROW departments have now been completed for the time being? If the media reports of further reductions in local government expenditure are accurate, we may have more staffing cuts to come.

The effect for us was to make 2015 a largely uneventful year. The cases that caused us heart searching were few and far between. One effect of reduced ROW staffing was that applicants for public path orders are being more commonly asked to make the approach to the Society themselves, instead of having the local authority do it for them. We do of course respond in exactly the same way that we do to a local authority request. If the issue causes no problem the local authority gain by this, but if there is something contentious the ROW officers have to sort it out, and that may turn out to be more time consuming than doing it themselves in the first place.

I put on record my thanks to the assessors for the work they do, and to the inspectors for their reports. I do not want any local authority to get the idea that we are no more than a rubber stamp for what they want to do. The cogent and pithy reports the inspectors put in ensure that that does not happen. Again I make particular mention of those inspectors who make site visits and reports off patch. In parishes where we have no inspector we are prepared to do a paper inspection where there is obviously no problem – but who can be sure there is no problem when all we have is the view from the office desk? Where the proposal looks questionable it is a robust decision to manage without a site inspection and we would prefer not to do it.

Statistics: Received at Taylor House – ie not including those areas where there is an Area Officer in post: (2014 figures in brackets):

- 275 orders of all types (267)
- 148 other matters (170)
- We lodged 11 objections (8)
- 215 pre-order consultations (214)
- 13 Alley Gating Orders (17)

*Another view of Sykehouse bridge illustrates just how valuable it is*



## Neil Collie

In spite of a lot of work and significant 'cajoling' of local authorities, only one bridge or boardwalk has been completed in 2015. It is, however, pleasing that this boardwalk is in one of the areas more remote from Taylor House and is the result of a suggestion by Doncaster MBC. Handover was completed on a sunny day on 6 October 2015 when their enthusiastic Rights of Way staff joined us on site, as shown in the photograph. The council covers a large rural area around Doncaster with many interesting footpaths and has a keen Rights of Way Unit. I am told the area is well worth further exploration.

The other project mentioned in my 2014 report remains in the pipeline. This is on the Barnsley-Kirklees boundary near Denby Dale (Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth FP 2/Denby Dale FP 7). Kirklees very promptly cleared the obstructions on the definitive line on their side of the boundary and we hope Barnsley will be able to carry out the bridge construction once the weather improves.

Bridge B28 over Gigg Brook on Bredbury & Romiley FP 91 was the scene of a memorial celebration for Adrian Littleton on 11 July 2015. This was ably organised by John Harker and David Bratt and attended by many members of Adrian's family and the Society. I found it was very satisfying that, against the odds, the Society had been instrumental in opening up a completely blocked footpath and had funded such a splendid bridge. I felt that Adrian's family really appreciated the effort made by the Society, which was to express a small 'thank-you' for all the time, over many years, that Adrian had devoted to the Society.

In all cases where the Society is funding a bridge, we ask for a contribution to the total cost from the Highway Authority. This contribution may be in the form of improvements to the adjacent footpath, or the Society may pay for the materials and the Highway Authority may carry out the construction of the footbridge. One disappointment this year has been that a couple of projects we would have wished to see carried forward have been turned down by Derbyshire County Council on the grounds that they could not devote their resources to them. Derbyshire is obviously a popular walking area, and I do hope that we find a way of working with them successfully in 2016. In a time of severe cut-backs to their Rights of Way budget, they are missing out on a source of additional funds.

Various sites suggested by John Harker and our Inspectors have been visited during the year and some of these have been carried forward to discussions with the Highway Authorities. Bob Proctor is now very much involved in proposals for footbridges near Silsden (within Bradford City Council's area), Flockton in Kirklees and Onecote in Staffordshire. We have also recently agreed funding with Stockport MBC for a small footbridge near Etherow at the junction of Bredbury & Romiley Footpaths 5 and 6.

I will be stepping down at the AGM after nine years in this role, and Bob Proctor has volunteered to take over as Bridge Assessor (to use the correct title). I hope to assist Bob with any bridge proposals around the Stockport area. Using legacies left to the Society, the Society has been able to fund £25,000 worth of improvements in the last 9 years. I hope my contribution has ensured the money has been spent wisely for the benefit of all who use our footpaths. It has been most enjoyable and I have visited some lovely spots that I would never have seen without the incentive of a possible footbridge site.

# Courts and Inquiries Reports

## John Harker

The situation in Stockport remains a worry. The legal diversion of Marple Footpath 18 at Pistol Farm on the Derbyshire boundary, mentioned in the 2014 Report, saw a Diversion Order published last year which we felt obliged to object to due to technical flaws in the Order. It will have to be resolved by the Planning Inspectorate. The resolving of faults/obstructions is being outpaced by the reporting of new ones by our four active inspectors. Some success has been achieved by threat of legal notices on Marple Footpaths 50 at Cote Green and 24 near Hollywood End, but overall the situation is a gloomy one.

In South Yorkshire, a Network Rail scheme on the Hope Valley line saw a potential threat to Sheffield Footpath 318 near Dore & Totley station. We objected to the draft Transport & Works Act Order until we received firm assurances from Network Rail that the footpath would remain open to people accessing the station at all times whilst temporarily diverted. The situation as regards problems on other paths in Sheffield is much less satisfactory. Obstructions and out-of-repair issues on Bradfield Footpaths 56, 81 and 97 are ongoing, although on Footpath 81 newly repaired stiles have gone a long way to resolving the worst problems. The unilateral closure of a level crossing by Network Rail in the Forestry Commission's Wharncliffe Woods provoked widespread local anger. The Society was instrumental in facilitating a meeting with the local M.P. and Network Rail staff to try to persuade them to reopen it as it is a key link in the network. In Barnsley, the long-running problem with Tankersley Footpath 34 on the golf course of the same name has come to a head. The Golf Club want a wholesale rationalisation of the network across the course, which we have submitted comments on: some favourable, others not.

In the parts of Derbyshire that I cover, the situation has deteriorated with the departure of County Council officers covering these areas in late 2015. Backlogs of faults have built up in North-East Derbyshire and Bolsover districts until they exceed 200, many of which are ones reported by our inspectors. Lack of feedback from the County Council leads to frustration and eventually, if the case warrants it, to the threat of, or serving of, legal notices. Better news on the Doctor's Gate bridge saga. A new multiuser bridge should be airlifted into place this summer.

Network Rail has been mentioned earlier. Their national drive to reduce the number of "at grade" crossings on the rights of way network is leading to increasing pressure on the Society to try and minimise the wholesale fragmentation of the network. I have already attended two meetings with Network Rail staff in Sheffield and Derby. I suspect many more such meetings will take place in the future but I remain sceptical as to how much real influence we can exert when the public safety card is constantly being waved in our faces. This is before anything to do with HS2 or HS3 starts to impinge.

# Courts and Inquiries Reports

## **Rhoda Barnett**

After some years of relatively good staffing levels and resources, Derbyshire County Council's rights of way service ended the year with several staff losses, anticipating a significant reduction in the service from April 2016. The Society's suggestions for preventing consequent increases in target times for the resolution of faults, such as more efficient ways of working and taking up offers of financial and volunteer help, largely fell on deaf ears.

The legal section of the County Council did, however, keep up its output of consultations on the making of modification orders, 10 in 2015, and made 5 orders which were previously the subject of consultations. These orders are generally good news for walkers, as if confirmed they result in new rights of way being added to the definitive map, but not so good if they are to be added as Byways Open to all Traffic (BOATs), open to vehicular use and abuse. I have objected to two such orders, on the grounds that the evidence does not support the status of BOAT, and there will be public inquiries to determine the orders.

The number of diversion orders made by the County Council has also not decreased. I was consulted on 9 proposals, all to be in the interests of landowners, and was able to secure improvements for walkers in most cases. Other local authorities in Derbyshire have also been busy in this respect. I have dealt with 9 further consultations. The response of South Derbyshire District Council has been particularly encouraging - a great deal of housing development is taking place in the area, and the officers are very receptive to offers of help to ensure that the necessary diversions of paths are carried out correctly with benefits for walkers.

The pressure for development across the county has resulted in a large increase in the number of consultations on planning applications, nearly 250 for Amber Valley Borough Council alone, although their planning officers do often seem to be unable to distinguish those applications which might affect a public right of way from those which do not. The other District and Borough Councils are fortunately more selective, and it has been possible to secure real improvements to public footpaths.

With respect to the removal of obstructions on paths, the speed at which this has happened seems to depend inordinately on the efficiency of the officer dealing with the problem, but warnings that legal notices will be served do accelerate matters. If the Society does serve a notice and there is a subsequent magistrates' court hearing, that can be very costly with no certainty of success, so notices have to be confined to the really important cases, and I have only served one this year. The number might well increase now that the County Council has cut its resources.

As I grow older I have become increasingly concerned about access for the less mobile, and I have worked to ensure that the Society has adopted a robust policy to support authorities and other bodies in their efforts to implement the Equality Act 2010. I have formally objected to a proposed new footbridge to replace a footpath railway level crossing near Hathersage, since it would have three steep flights of steps on each side. The matter will be decided at a public inquiry in May 2016.

# Courts and Inquiries Reports

## ***Harry W Scott***

As I reported in the 2014 Annual Report cuts at Staffordshire County Council are having an effect on the service we receive. Footpath faults are taking up to 9 months to be resolved and we are expecting a further 30% cut during 2016. The legal department has undergone staffing cuts and a reorganisation. Currently the legal department at Staffordshire County Council are not processing any claims for footpaths, there now being an over-20-year backlog. However, the processing of orders has improved. Some good news was that a Rights of Way Officer was replaced and the Rights of Way Team has not been reduced, but the amount of money they have to spend has.

One item of good news is that we have more Peak & Northern Footpath Society Inspectors in Staffordshire, which means footpath problems will be reported to the County Council. My thanks to our inspectors and I look forward to receiving footpath problems from them.

I received 23 diversion consultations during 2015. I only objected to one: Cannock Chase Hednesford Parish footpath number 5. The proposal was to divert the footpath onto estate roads. However, I did get into negotiations with some of the other consultations. Finally, footpaths 7 and 10 Sheen Parish in the Staffordshire Moorlands went to a Public Inquiry and we are currently awaiting the outcome.

I received 121 planning applications; all were investigated and commented on. It is important that we monitor planning as there are a large number of housing developments in the pipeline, which will affect the footpath network.

Stoke on Trent continues to improve. The City Council are in the process of taking on another Rights of Way Officer, which is a direct result of us carrying out the footpath surveys and highlighting the amount of work. Having surveyed the definitive footpaths during 2015, we now move on to survey the non-definitive footpaths with a view to getting them on the definitive map before the cut-off date of 2026.



## ***Terry Norris***

First some updates on matters mentioned in last year's report.

Following the planning inspector's refusal to confirm the proposed extinguishment of part of Sandbach 29, Cheshire East have, to their credit, negotiated a diversion of the path, which will provide an excellent route linking the rest of the path to local shops and to existing footpaths.

The appeal against the refusal by Lancashire County Council to make a definitive map modification order in respect of a path in Hasleden from Laund Road on land owned by Rossendale Council was successful. The inspector did not accept the Council's arguments that the granting of licences to use the land for operations of a model aircraft club and for the grazing of cattle was incompatible with the existence of a public footpath across the land. Lancashire Council will now have to make the order. If, as appears almost certain, the order is opposed by Rossendale Council, then the Society will have to present the case for the order to be confirmed at a public inquiry. It is sad to record that John Barnes, the local inspector whose initiative led to the application for the order, died before the result of the appeal was known. I am sure he would be pleased that the Society is continuing to pursue the matter.

Use of section 130A notices in cases of long-standing obstructions continued to give rise to some successes. This is a procedure introduced by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 which provides a method of enforcing the highway authority's duty to take action where a landowner obstructs a path. Our serving of a notice means that the Council will then serve a notice on the landowner ordering that the obstruction be removed. If there is no response to the Council's notice, the Society can go to the Magistrates' Court to ask them to order that the matter be resolved. Fortunately we have not yet had to take this step, which would incur expense and is fraught with legal difficulties. The serving of a notice on Tameside Council led in one case to the removal of a blocked stile and its replacement by a gate. This was at the expense of the Council rather than the landowner, but the problem was resolved. A number of obstructions on paths in Oldham were referred to me by our inspector. These were suitable for use of a notice, but fortunately a letter before action led to appropriate action to resolve matters satisfactorily.

The Society has made two applications for definitive map modification orders to add paths to the map in the Leigh area near Wigan. The paths had been well used as rights of way for a long period and were regarded as a valuable recreational resource by local residents. In both cases land across which the paths passed had been acquired by a new owner, who on discovering that the paths were not on the definitive map closed them at both ends, to the irritation of walkers. Both applications are now being considered by Wigan Council. The problem is shortage of legal staff, and a backlog of undetermined claims mean there is likely to be a delay of, at best, several months before the matter is determined. It is pleasing to note that in one of the cases the Council's public rights of way officer referred local residents to the Society as a source of assistance in claiming the path.

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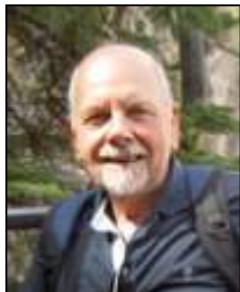
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# Faults and Inspection

## **Hilda Bowler, Sue Clarke and Andrew Harter**

When Inspectors (or anyone else) report a footpath fault to Taylor House, the details are added to the faults database. Previously, this has been an under-utilised mass of information only suited to providing a simple listing of faults for a parish. Extracting information at a highway authority level or sorting by fault type/age has been difficult.

Over the past few months the Faults Team has been working hard to improve the database so that it can provide a useful resource to the Society for keeping track of fault reports, and for monitoring what is happening at the parish and highway authority level. The database can also help to demonstrate that the Society is fulfilling its charitable objectives.

The Faults Team would like to thank Peter Rothwell, who did a lot of work setting up the database in its current form and enabled the recent developments.

Work is still on-going, so we are not quite ready to publish a great deal. However, within the next few months we should be able to make useful information available – such as breakdowns by parish or highway authority sorted by age, fault type or path number.

Nevertheless, we can provide a few “headline” results:

- There were a total of 5778 active faults in the database at the end of 2015. 72% are more than 2 years old. (Some of these may have been cleared, but we have not been told yet.)
- 955 faults were reported to Taylor House in 2015.
- Derbyshire is the Highway Authority with the most faults (2182), and there are seven Highway Authorities which have no reported faults. This is a reflection of where Inspectors are active, not the condition of the footpath network.
- Around a third of all fault reports do not include a grid reference.

Looking further ahead, the Society is investigating whether a different program to Excel should be used to manage the database. This would include the ability to plot fault locations on a map – an ability that could not be fully utilised if fault reports do not include grid references (note the final bullet point above).

In conclusion, our thanks go to all the Inspectors who are sending in reports, but please remember to include grid references, and to let us know when faults are cleared.

## **David Gosling**

12 new Inspectors were appointed, who between them have agreed to inspect 105 parishes. The Inspectors who have taken multiple parishes are Shirley Addy (all 43 Ribble Valley parishes), Bill Parke (11 Derbyshire and 2 Staffordshire), Ken Brockway (8 in Erewash), James Platt (18 in Cheshire East), Marin Hampar (supporting Robert Fyshe in all 10 parishes in Trafford), and Mike Thomas (6 in Cheshire East). In addition Roy Chetham has taken on 19 parishes in Lancashire.

# Faults and Inspection

This constitutes a significant increase in the other number of parishes inspected to 446 - approximately 30% of all parishes. However, areas are covered by 'Agents' and Area Officers who inspect on request, for example Harry Scott in Staffordshire, John Harker in Rotherham, Terry Norris in Caldersdale, Shirley Northcott in Lancashire and Peter Burns in Wigan. The Society is largely absent from Blackburn, Bradford, Bury, large parts of Cheshire West, Leeds, Liverpool, Rochdale, St Helens, Salford and Wirral but will investigate problems when they are reported.

By the end of year we had a total of 100 Inspectors and 6 Area Officers (four of whom are also Inspectors).

Two of our Inspectors died in 2015, John Barnes and David Frith, and five resigned some or all of their parishes. Robert Fyshe, a very long-standing Inspector, is now in a nursing home but continues to take a lively interest in the Society's work. We thank them all for their contribution to the work of the society.

A training day for new Inspectors was held in March, and 8 Inspectors' newsletters have been circulated (since August 2014). Mike Barnes has added a very useful facility on the website, which creates a hyperlink to specific locations on OS mapping.

The Trustees have decided that Inspectors should report on the condition of all paths inspected and not just on faults found. In order to record the conditions of paths, a new database is being developed by a PNFS member, Roger Fielding. This database will incorporate a map location of all paths and faults, as well as photos. It will be piloted in 2016.



# Signpost Officer's Report

## David Morton

In 2015 we added 27 new signposts. Most were covered by donations and bequests but six are still available for commemorative plaques: 487, 491, 505, 506, 507, 511. All six are in nice locations – see the list below.

Three new signs (492, 497, 498) were erected on or close to the Ecclesbourne Way, south of Wirksworth, in memory of our colleague, benefactor and Monday volunteer Geoff Errington of Belper, who sadly died in 2012. Wirksworth is a new area for our signs and we hope to add to them in memory of Geoff, who knew the area well.

### New in 2015

- 486 Cotebank, Chinley, IMO John V. Pickstone from his bequest
- 487 Cotebank, Chinley, GR SK 02934 82651 (available)
- 488 Aiggin Stone, Blackstone Edge, IMO John Needham  
donated by Pennine Way Association
- 489 Big Stone, Chinley Churn, donated by Dave and Judy Brown
- 490 Under Whittle, Sheen, IMO John Needham  
(Manchester RA and Manchester Associates)
- 491 Under Whittle, Sheen (available)
- 492 Ashleyhay, Wirksworth, IMO Geoff Errington from his bequest
- 493 Wolfscote Dale, IMO Harold Wild donated by daughters Pat & Dorothy
- 494/5/6 Peak Forest Canal Towpath, Strines  
donated by the former Towpaths Action Group
- 497/8 Pratthall Lane, Wirksworth, IMO Geoff Errington from his bequest
- 499 Highfield Farm, Upper Booth, Edale, IMO Betti Sutcliffe donated by her daughter
- 500 Highfield Farm, Upper Booth, Edale, 500th PNFS sign – see below
- 501 Mellor G.C. donated by Manchester CHA on their 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 502/3 & 199 Mill Brow, donated by Manchester and High Peak RA
- 505/6/7/11 Hope Woodlands (available)
- 515 Rivelin Park, Sheffield, to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Betsy Wilson  
from Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group

Bad weather has delayed the erecting of S504 at Winstone Lee Tor and S509 at Win Hill.

On the maintenance front, Mike and Pete have again been busy. Between late April and early October they repainted 20 signposts: 3,122,130,141,142,144,149,158,177,191, 216,220,225,232,240,250,257,258,281,89,358,359.

# Signpost Officer's Report

In addition I did some work on F30,S235,253,267,303,304,305,306 on the West Pennine Moors and on 75, 110 (shotblasted),149,217,219,239 – see photographs in our website's Signpost Gallery.

221 and 249 were reposted using cheap and durable concrete stumps. 22 (Barber Booth) was powder-coated free of charge by Stockport Powder Coating, then reinstated. In December I retrieved 291 (Hunshelf) for reposting.

S500 was ceremonially unveiled before an invited audience on 17<sup>th</sup> October. It stands at Highfield Farm, Edale, overlooking the 20-mile route encircling Kinder Scout as followed by Bert Ward in 1900 on the inaugural outing of Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club, just three years after PNFS secured the re-opening of the path from Hayfield to the Snake Inn and its dedication as a PROW.

Many thanks again to Mike, Pete, Ted, John, Michael, Percy and others who have assisted me and to those generous individuals and groups who have made donations and bequests in support of our work. Long may it continue!



**David Morton gives an oration before unveiling Signpost 500**



**Pete Ash and Mike Hoar fettling Signpost 142 on Shutlinsloe**

# Membership Secretary's Report

## Bill Buckley

The last time major changes were made to the membership scheme was in 2011. The most important at that time was an increase in the annual subscription rate, which was felt necessary to secure the long-term financial stability of the Society. It was also decided to phase out the 5 and 10 year memberships as and when they expire. The result has been that by 2015 the number of members in both categories has been considerably reduced.

The direct debit option was introduced in the full expectation that we would have a steep learning curve to climb in its implementation. This turned out to be the case, and the numerous issues we encountered have only been resolved by the hard and patient efforts of our Treasurer. As a result of our experiences a system of working was developed involving much closer contact between all the four parties concerned in the scheme. The results have exceeded our expectations; the income from direct debit membership now exceeds cash (cheque) payments, the expenditure on printing and posting renewal reminders has been much reduced and the amount of clerical effort at Taylor House likewise. Other methods of direct payment (BACS etc.) have now also been made available for any members who wish to use this method of renewal.

In 2015 we lost a total of about 16% of our membership for various reasons, including moving out of area, loss of interest, infirmity and of course death. This is in line with the figures for non-renewals over the last five years. The overall total membership for each year depends on the number of new members recruited during the year set against the number not renewing. Last year fewer members were recruited at shows and presentations than we'd hoped despite the dedication of our recruitment teams working in evenings and at weekends. New members are constantly needed both to support and to continue the work of the Society in the cause of footpath preservation.

Members	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Annual</b>	674	823	1021	923	968
<b>Ten Year</b>	266	226	179	147	189
<b>Five Year</b>	275	187	117	48	10
<b>Hon Life</b>	33	32	28	31	32
<b>Total</b>	1274	1268	1345	1149	1067
<b>Affiliates</b>	75	81	84	77	76

## Honorary Members

Vice-Presidents are elected in recognition of outstanding services to the Society and they enjoy all the benefits of honorary membership.

Members of 20 or more years standing who are aged at least 65 are entitled, on application, to honorary life membership.

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Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District  
    FP Society  
Altrincham & District Rambling Club  
Anchor Ramblers  
Anderton Parish Council  
Ashton-u-Lyne & District Walking Club  
Barnsley Mountaineering Club  
Blackbrook Conservation Society  
Blackrod Town Council  
Buxton Rambling Club  
CHA Bolton Rambling Club  
CHA Manchester Rambling Club  
CHA Nottingham Rambling Club  
CHA Rochdale Rambling Club  
CHA Sheffield Rambling Club  
Cheshire Tally Ho Hare & Hounds Club  
Club AZ Walkers  
Crescent Ramblers Northwich  
Denby Dale Parish Walking Group  
Disley Footpaths Society  
Derby Nomad Ramblers  
Eccles Rambling & Social Club  
Eyam Village Society  
Hanliensian Rambling Club  
Heatons Reddish U3A  
HF Bolton Group  
HF Bury Group  
HF Nottingham Group  
HF Warrington Rambling Club  
Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council  
Hunshelf Parish Council  
Leek & District FP Preservation  
    & Rambling Group  
Littleborough Civic Trust  
Longdendale & Glossopdale  
    FP Preservation Society  
Macclesfield & District Field Club  
Macclesfield Rambling Club  
Manchester & District Retired Teachers  
    Association  
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  
Northenden Walkers  
Penistone Town Council  
Pennine Wayfarers Rambling Club  
Poynton Rambling Club  
RA Congleton Group  
RA Doncaster Group  
RA East Cheshire Group  
RA Greater Manchester & High Peak Area  
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RA North and Mid Cheshire Area  
RA Nottinghamshire Area  
RA Oldham Group  
RA Sheffield  
RA South Yorks & NE Derbyshire Area  
RA Stockport Group  
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Rock and Heather Club  
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Sale U3A Walking Group  
Sheffield Clarion Ramblers  
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Langsett.....	FOR
Oxspring.....	FOR
Thurgoland.....	BEL
Wortley.....	BEL

## **BLACKPOOL**

Blackpool Town.....	SEN
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## **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

## **CHESHIRE EAST**

Acton.....	PLA
Agden .....	RED
Alderley Edge.....	GOU
Ashley.....	RED
Baddiley.....	CCO
Barthomley.....	HEA
Basford.....	PLA
Bexton.....	MIL
Bollington.....	BAM
Brereton.....	HAB
Bunbury.....	DAE
Burland.....	CCO
Chelford.....	ABL
Chorley .....	ABL

Chorlton.....	PLA
Congleton.....	HIN
Cranae.....	HAB
Crewe (town).....	PLA
Crewe Green.....	PLA
Disley.....	TAD
Edleston.....	PLA
Goostrey.....	HAB
Hasslington.....	PLA
Haughton.....	DAE
Henbury.....	GOO
Henhull.....	PLA
Higher Hurdfield.....	BAM
Hulme Walfield.....	WHI
Kettleshulme.....	TAD
Knutsford.....	MIL
Leighton.....	PLA
Little Bollington.....	RED
Lyme Handley.....	TAD
Macclesfield.....	MFT
Macclesfield Forest.....	BAM
Marthall.....	MFT
Mere.....	RED
Millington.....	RED
Moreton-cum-Alcumlow.....	HIN
Mottram St Andrew.....	RAY
Nantwich.....	PLA
Nether Alderley.....	GOU
Ollerton.....	MFT
Over Alderley.....	RAY
Peover Inferior.....	MFT
Peover Superior.....	MFT
Pott Shrigley.....	GOO
Poynton With Worth.....	MAT
Prestbury.....	FON
Rainow.....	TAD
Rope.....	PLA
Rostherne.....	RED
Shavington cum Gresty.....	PLA
Snelson.....	MFT
Somerford.....	WHI
Somerford Booths.....	WHI
Sound.....	CCO
Stapely.....	PLA
Sutton .....	BRO
Swettenham.....	HAB
Tabley Inferior.....	MIL
Tabley Superior.....	MIL
Tatton.....	MIL
Toft.....	MIL
Twemlow.....	HAB

Wardle.....	CCO	Carsington.....	BAM
Weston.....	PLA	Chatsworth.....	WOO
Wildboarclough.....	BAM	Chelmorton.....	TYR
Willaston.....	PLA	Cromford.....	HIR
Wincle.....	BOO	Curbar.....	BUC
Wistaston.....	PLA	Darley Dale .....	HIR
Worleston.....	PLA	Eaton Alsop & Newton Grange.....	PAW
<b>CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER</b>			
Cuddington.....	PAR	Edensor.....	PAW
Davenham.....	PAR	Elton.....	HUA
Delamere.....	CHA	Eyam.....	GOS
Frodsham Ashton.....	GAS	Fenny Bentley.....	PAW
Duddon.....	CCO	Flagg.....	BOD
Hartford.....	PAR	Foolow.....	GOS
Helsby.....	CHA	Froggatt.....	BUC
Moulton.....	PAR	Gratton.....	HUA
Oakmere.....	PAR	Great Hucklow.....	COJ
Tarvin.....	CCO	Great Longstone.....	LYO
Weaverham.....	PAR	Grindleford .....	HOW
Whitegate and Marton.....	PAR	Grindlow.....	COJ
<b>DERBYSHIRE AMBER VALLEY</b>			
Aldecar & Langley Mill .....	HAJ	Harthill.....	NOD
Alderwasley.....	WES	Hartington Middle Quarter.....	BOD
Alfreton.....	HAJ	Hartington Nether Quarter.....	PAW
Ashley Hay.....	WES	Hathersage.....	HOW
Codnor.....	HAJ	Hazlebadge.....	COJ
Crich.....	ROA	Highlow .....	COJ
Denby.....	HAJ	Hopton.....	BAM
Heanor & Loscoe.....	HAJ	Ible.....	BAM
Horsley.....	ROA	Ivonbrook Grange.....	BAM
Horsley Woodhouse.....	ROA	Little Hucklow.....	COJ
Ironville.....	HAJ	Little Longstone.....	DAM
Mapperley.....	HAJ	Litton.....	NOD
Pentrich.....	ROA	Matlock.....	HIR
Riddings.....	HAJ	Matlock Bath.....	HIR
Ripley Town.....	HAJ	Middleton & Smerrill.....	HUA
Shipley.....	HAJ	Monyash.....	NOD
Shottle & Postern.....	WES	Nether Haddon.....	GOO
Smalley.....	HAJ	Northwood & Tinkersley.....	WOO
Somercotes.....	HAJ	Offerton.....	SIS
South Wingfield.....	ROA	Outseats.....	COJ
Swanwick .....	HAJ	Over Haddon.....	NOD
<b>DERBYSHIRE DALES</b>			
Abney & Abney Grange.....	COJ	Parwich.....	PAW
Bakewell.....	PAW	Pilsley.....	PAW
Baslow & Bubnell.....	WOO	Rowland.....	DAM
Beeley.....	WOO	Rowsley .....	WOO
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	Thorpe.....	PAW
Callow.....	BAM	Tideswell.....	NOD
Calver.....	GLE	Wardlow.....	NOD
		Wheston.....	NOD
		Winstor.....	GOO
		Youlgreave.....	NOD

# Parishes

## DERBYSHIRE EREWASH

Breaston.....	KJB
Dale Abbey.....	DAM
Draycott & Church Wilne.....	KJB
Hopwell.....	KJB
Ilkeston.....	PRO
Ockbrook.....	DAM

## DERBYSHIRE HIGH PEAK

Aston.....	SIS
Bamford.....	SIS
Brough & Shatton.....	SIS
Buxton.....	ALW
Castleton.....	SIS
Chapel-en-le-Frith.....	BRT
Charlesworth.....	HOW
Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside.....	BRT
Chisworth.....	HOW
Derwent.....	BEL
Edale.....	BEL
Glossop.....	BUC
Green Fairfield.....	ALW
Hartington Upper Quarter.....	BOD
Hayfield.....	SAL
Hope.....	SIS
Hope Woodlands.....	BEL
King Sterndale.....	ALW
New Mills .....	MAK
Peak Forest.....	BRT
Thornhill.....	SIS
Tintwistle.....	EAS
Whaley Bridge.....	DCB
Wormhill .....	BOD

## DERBYSHIRE NE

Ashover.....	FEL
Barlow.....	CLB
Brackenfield.....	FEL
Brampton.....	WOO
Calow .....	FEL
Clay Cross.....	FEL
Dronfield.....	PAW
Eckington.....	PAW
Grassmoor+Hasland+Winsick.....	FEL
Heath & Holmewood.....	FEL
Holmesfield.....	PAW
Morton.....	FEL
North Wingfield.....	FEL
Pilsley .....	FEL
Shirland & Higham.....	FEL
Stretton.....	FEL
Sutton-cum-Duckmant.....	FEL
Temple Normanton.....	FEL
Tupton.....	FEL
Unstone.....	PAW
Walton .....	WOO
Wessington.....	FEL
Wingerworth.....	FEL

## DERBYSHIRE SOUTH

Elvaston.....	DAM
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## KIRKLEES

Batley.....	HOR
Denby Dale.....	LAW
Dewsbury North.....	HOR
Heckmondwike.....	HOR
Holmfirth.....	LAW
Kirkburton.....	LAW
Mirfield.....	HOR
Spenborough.....	HOR

## LANCASHIRE BURNLEY

Burnley.....	CHE
Habergham Eaves.....	CHE
Hapton.....	CHE
Ighentill.....	CHE

## LANCASHIRE CHORLEY

Chorley.....	ADS
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## LANCASHIRE CITY OF LANCASTER

Ellel.....	TYN
Quernmore.....	TYN
Scotforth.....	TYN
Silverdale.....	MIC
Warton.....	FEA
Yealand Conyers.....	FEA
Yealand Redmayne.....	FEA

## LANCASHIRE HYNDBURN

Accrington.....	CHE
Altham.....	CHE
Clayton-le-Moors.....	CHE

## LANCASHIRE PENDLE

Barley with Wheatley Booth.....	CHE
Barrowford.....	CHE
Goldshaw Booth.....	CHE
Higham-with-West Close Booth.....	CHE
Newchurch in Pendle.....	CHE
Old Laund Booth.....	CHE
Reedly Hallows.....	CHE
Roughlee Booth.....	CHE

## LANCASHIRE RIBBLE VALLEY

Read.....	CHE
Sabden.....	CHE
Simonstone.....	CHE
All other parishes.....	ADS

## MANCHESTER

Ringway.....	ADD
City.....	GOU

## OLDHAM

Chadderton.....	RIL
Crompton.....	RIL
Failsworth.....	RIL
Lees.....	RIL
Oldham Town.....	RIL

Royton.....	RIL	Dukinfield.....	WEX
Saddleworth.....	RIL	Hyde .....	THO
<b>ROTHERHAM</b>		Longdendale.....	THO
All parishes.....	HIR	Mossley.....	THO
<b>SHEFFIELD</b>		Stalybridge.....	THO
Bradfield.....	ADJ		
Stocksbridge.....	HUR		
<b>STAFFORDSHIRE EAST</b>			
Anslow.....	STE	<b>TRAFFORD</b>	
Branston.....	STE	Altrincham.....	MHA/FYS
Hanbury.....	STE	Bowdon.....	MHA/FYS
Outwoods.....	STE	Carrington.....	MHA/FYS
Ramshorn.....	HEW	Dunham Massey.....	MHA/FYS
Rolleston on Dove.....	STE	Hale.....	MHA/FYS
Stretton.....	STE	Partington.....	MHA/FYS
Tattenhill Blighfield.....	STE	Sale.....	MHA/FYS
Tutbury.....	STE	Stretford.....	MHA/FYS
Wootton.....	HEW	Urmston.....	WIL/MHA
<b>STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS</b>		Warburton.....	MHA/FYS
Alton.....	HEW		
Alstonefield.....	PAW	<b>WAKEFIELD</b>	
Biddulph.....	WHI	Crigglestone.....	COG
Blore with Swinscoe.....	HEW	Walton.....	MOR
Bradnop & Cawdry.....	BAM	West Bretton.....	COG
Butterton.....	BAM	Woolley.....	COG
Checkley.....	HEW		
Cotton.....	HEW	<b>WARRINGTON</b>	
Draycott in the Moors.....	HEW	Appleton.....	BRA
Farley.....	HEW	Burtonwood.....	OLM
Grindon.....	WYK	Croft.....	OLM
Heaton.....	HIN	Cuerdley.....	OLM
Horton.....	HIN	Culcheth and Glazebury.....	OLM
Ilam.....	PAW	Golborne .....	OLM
Leekfrith.....	BAN	Grappenhall & Thelwall.....	BRA
Longnor.....	HAD	Great Sankey.....	OLM
Oakamoor.....	HEW	Hatton.....	OLM
Quarnford.....	TEM	Lymm.....	BRA
Rushton Spencer.....	HIN	Penketh.....	OLM
Tittesworth.....	BAM	Poulton with Fernhead.....	OLM
Waterhouses.....	PRO	Rixton with Glazebrook.....	OLM
Wetton.....	WYK	Stockton Heath.....	BRA
<b>STOCKPORT</b>		Stretton.....	OLM
Bredbury and Romiley.....	TEM	Walton.....	OLM
Cheadle & Gatley.....	BOO	Warrington Town.....	OLM
Hazel Grove & BraMHA/FYSII.....	GOS	Woolston.....	BRA
Marple.....	PAP/CLS		
New Mills.....	CLS	<b>WIGAN</b>	
Stockport Town.....	CLS	Abram.....	BUR
<b>TAMESIDE</b>		Ashton in Makerfield.....	BUR
Ashton U Lyne.....	WEX	Aspull.....	ATH
Audenshaw.....	WEX	Billinge & Winstanley.....	BUR
Denton.....	WEX	Golborne.....	DTA
Droylsden.....	WEX	Ince.....	BUR

Invitation to Members

## Annual General Meeting

Saturday 30 April

at

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

Ample free car parking is available

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10:30	Coffee, tea, biscuits
11:00	AGM commences
12:30	Hot buffet lunch
13:30	Guest speaker
<i>Roly Smith, author and former Information Officer for Peak District National Park</i>	
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 24 April stating if lunch is required.

A donation is invited to help defray the catering costs of £8.50 per meal