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David Hurrell



Peak & Northern Footpaths Society has been around for 122 years now. Over time the outlook of the Society has changed to match the social needs of the current society.

However, the aims of the Society have remained the same in the preservation of public rights of way for the use of every member of the community, be they dog walkers along local routes or the long-distance walkers travelling along the remote paths of the high moors.

We are on the brink of making further changes to the outlook of the Society.

At the start of the meeting in April we are to discuss and hopefully approve some small changes to the Constitution to make it easier for the organisation to spend its resources on the improvements of the footpath network. The proposed changes have been circulated, and are essentially as laid out at the Half Year Meeting last November. Following on from the discussion we shall be asked to vote in favour of the proposals. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting will be required for the proposal to be adopted and incorporated into the Constitution. The Charity Commission has been consulted and their approval obtained for the proposal to be put to the meeting.

Over the past 12 months much work has been done on setting up an expanded data base to hold details of the work of Footpath Inspectors. Roger Fielding has worked hard to get the data base published in a usable fashion. The data base will replace the existing fault log kept at Taylor House. More details of this important work will be found in the Annual Report. The thanks of the Trustees go to David Gosling for all the work he has put into establishing this new working tool.

In the autumn the Trustees and a number of enthusiastic members met for our Strategy Day, which gave us the opportunity to air our views on a number of issues. Some good ideas were put forward and are currently being worked on. One of the points raised was to do with the way that information is shared amongst the volunteers at Taylor House and how records are kept, and how some of this data could best be shared with the membership.

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The Society continues to erect our famous signs around the north-west, Peak District and areas further away from our core operating area. Working in these areas is not as easy as working close to home, as there may be more difficulty in getting to the site and actually erecting the sign. Installation of footbridges is a far more difficult task, due to problems from the local authorities and others who may have an interest. However, we have made some progress recently with new bridges on the South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire boundary near to Upper Denby.

Many of us spend time walking around the areas near to our homes, and as such I walk in the Dark Peak area of Derbyshire and sometimes down into the Derbyshire Dales. It is always interesting to see how paths vary immensely within a very short distance, largely because of the number of people walking the route. However, we have over 100 Footpath Inspectors who regularly walk all the paths in their designated parishes, and so we know that all the paths do get walked at some point. The Footpath Inspectors are the people who really see what life is like at ground level, and often at head height as well. Without our dedicated team who walk all these paths, the Society would not be able to function as well as it does. My thanks to them for all the work that they do.

I want to say a big thank you to all members of Peak & Northern Footpaths Society for your continued support and interest in protecting the work that the Society carries out. My thanks go to the Trustees and Officers of the Society for their continued support over the year that has gone by. Without the experience and knowledge of many of the Officers, the Society would be in a much poorer condition and would not have the resources to challenge local authorities on the work they should be carrying out. Local authorities losing resources should not prevent them from doing what they are tasked to do by law.

Do please come along to the EGM and AGM on Saturday 14th April 2018 to hear about the work of the Society and vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution.

Old Document Collection at Taylor House

Andrew Harter

Besides the main filing room at Taylor House, many – mainly old – documents are stored elsewhere. Over time these had become seriously disorganised. I have sorted them into broad categories, such as annual reports, membership records, minutes, etc. I am now sorting each category and making provisional decisions on what to retain and what to dispose of.

I expect most documents will be retained, the exceptions being (a) items that should be disposed of because of data protection issues, (b) items with no current or historical value, and (c) duplicates. I have asked the Management Committee to nominate a 2-person subgroup to make final decisions on retentions and disposals. In due course I will make an index available so that Officers and volunteers know what we have.

Bob Proctor

Towards the end of 2016, concerns were raised about the Society's funding of footbridges, and legal advice was sought. The Trustees decided that no further action should be taken on projects other than those to which we were committed. This caused some delay and uncertainty, but the moratorium ended in May and I was able to continue as normal.

Two new footbridges were completed in 2017 in very different areas of countryside; the first being in pasture land where Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth FP2 crossed the Tanyard Brook. This was a very boggy area, and Barnsley MBC (the highway authority) proposed a stone bridge with an adjoining section of boardwalk. The brook would be cleared to improve flow and the nearby stile improved. After completion of the work, a small event was held at which our Chairman handed over a donation of £751 to the HA. A short article appeared in the Barnsley Chronicle, giving some useful publicity to the Society.

The second bridge is situated on typical Dark Peak moorland to the north of Black Hill, where the paved Pennine Way crosses an unnamed stream. There was an old bridge in place but this was often submerged, which made walkers loath to use it. In wet conditions, they tended to spread out on each side of the path, causing the vegetation in this sensitive area to be trodden down. A new bridge, set at a higher level, was installed by the PDNPA's ranger and volunteers. Our Chairman presented a cheque for almost £200 to National Park officers at a small event held on 16th November.

Discussions have been held throughout the year with Kirklees MBC about providing a new footbridge on footpath KIR/113/10 to replace one which was swept away by floods some time ago. Progress on the design work and the costing was very slow, and in May a member of the Council's engineering staff suggested that it would be prudent to extinguish the path. This was not supported by the RoW staff, which suggested differing attitudes within the Council. This was surprising, as the Council had first approached the Society about possible funding. A decision on the best way forward was still being considered at the end of the year.

A formal offer for another bridge in Kirklees, situated near Whitley Lower on FP/DEW/10, was made in October 2016. I understand that the bridge was completed by June 2017, together with most of the agreed work on the adjoining footpath. There remains an unsuitable stile to be replaced with a wicket gate. I have had some difficulty in getting the Council to finish the job, but I have been assured that the work will be completely finished by the end of April 2018.

In July, I asked Derbyshire CC whether they would be agreeable in principle to providing a footbridge to replace some poor stepping-stones on the River Amber near Ashover, with the help of a donation from the Society. They replied that the offer could not be accepted because it would require the Council to invest in a new asset and that the total cost, including future maintenance, would be approximately £23,000.

In the light of this response, Rhoda Barnett was asked look into possible further action. The situation is ongoing.

Discussions have taken place about a number of other projects, including the funding of boardwalks in Chee Dale proposed by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

In 2017 the work of the Consultations and Orders Section continued a pattern established over the last few years. If not uniformly smooth, our activities have been without major alarms and excursions. The personnel remained unchanged, and I thank them for the hard work they have put in. I also acknowledge the work of the inspectors. We do appreciate their clear, concise and timely reports.

In my last report I noted the fall in the workload in 2016 compared to 2015 and attributed it to a delayed consequence of local authority staff cuts. Last year belied that premise, as you see from the figures at the end of this report. From a low of 152 last year, the number of orders is back to what I call normal – 262. Yet consultations are down by a quarter. I do not know the reason for that. Sadly not all local authorities see the value of pre-order consultation. Objections have increased elevenfold, but as there was only one in 2016 we can say that that figure is just back to normal too. The assessors do not of course lodge objections, other than holding objections to stop time running against us. All substantive objections are handled by the relevant CIO, who has the task of presenting the Society's case before the planning inspector at any local inquiry.

Looking back over my years in the section, the pattern of objections has changed. In my early days, an objection was often rooted in an ongoing stand-off between an inspector and the local authority ROW officer, and correspondence could be less than cordial. Today that does not happen. When we lodge an objection it is just the opening shot in a discussion that usually ends in a sensible compromise. Relations between the section and the local authority ROWs are good, which is as it should be.

If the output of local authority ROW sections has increased with fewer staff, then productivity has increased. If that is true, that is to be welcomed, but I do wonder how they have managed it. Perhaps the talk of dire consequences from the cuts was too alarmist? I pass no opinion on that issue.

The section is of course only the Area Officer for the 23 local authorities within the Society's area for whom we do not have an individual officer. The following figures thus tell only part of the story. The figures for 2016 are in brackets.

- Orders 262 (152)
- Consultations 123 (161)
- Public Space Protection Orders 8 (7)
- Others 158 (153)
- Objections 11 (1)



Rhona Barnett (Derbyshire)

My day-to-day work continued: commenting on proposals to divert rights of way and to add paths to the definitive map or to change the status of paths already on the map; trying to secure the removal of obstructions from paths and the proper maintenance of paths; and monitoring over 180 planning applications which affected public rights of way.

As predicted last year, the budget cuts and staff reductions at the county council led to a deterioration in the speed at which obstruction and maintenance issues were being resolved, and it was necessary to serve many legal notices on the council. For example, Shirebrook Footpath 33 in the Bolsover district of Derbyshire was added to the definitive map in 2013, but was unusable due to dense vegetation. Despite getting quotes for clearance work, the council had done nothing to assert and protect the public's right to use the path. Pressure from the Society produced a fresh quote, but then the work was vetoed due to ecological concerns. Section 56 and section 130A Notices were served before the work was done in the autumn. This is now a useful link path from the town to get walkers out into open country. In Denby parish in the Amber Valley area, a former opencast coal site between Heanor and Belper had been restored to agriculture over 20 years ago without any consideration for the former footpath network in the area. Paths were obstructed by hawthorn hedges with fences either side, or by plantations of trees. We have worked closely with the local Denby Footpaths Group and have served over 40 section 130A Notices to secure removal of obstructions on land in three different ownerships. This work had commenced by the end of 2017 and, although delayed by the terminal illness of one landowner, had largely been completed to our satisfaction by February 2018. Another legal Notice has resulted in path repairs in Crich, and the outcomes to many more Notices served for paths in Derbyshire Dales and North-East Derbyshire are awaited.

Comments made following consultations on the making of nearly 20 orders to divert paths in the interests of landowners resulted in improvements for the benefit of walkers. One extinguishment order, for a section of path crossing a railway line in Derby, was determined by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. He agreed with the Society that the order did not meet the legal tests for extinguishment, and so the order was not confirmed. Unfortunately the barriers erected illegally by Network Rail to prevent use of the crossing have still not been removed, so a section 130(A) Notice has been served on Derby City Council.

The Society has also continued to support the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance, of which it is a member, to exert pressure on authorities to make Traffic Regulation Orders to prevent use of vulnerable routes by motorised vehicles. Such use damages surfaces and destroys the peace of the countryside which walkers expect to be able to enjoy. Progress has been very slow, but the Society has responded robustly to consultations affecting a few routes in the Peak Park.

Terry Norris (Western)

Contrary to the sentiment expressed in the last paragraph of last year's report I am still in post. My intention was to finish off all my outstanding cases before departure. This has not proved possible and I feel hugely encouraged by the appointment of two new courts and inquiries officers, who I am sure will be a boon to the Society and a pleasure to work with.

My work in the last year has been dominated by claims for Definitive Map Modification Orders, which have been applied for on the basis of 20 years' use of the route as of right as a public footpath. The background to all the cases is similar. A new landowner discovers that a well-used path on their land is not recorded as a definitive path and closes it off with barriers and signs warning that the land is private. This is often accompanied by aggressive and offensive behaviour. Most highway authorities have cut the number of staff devoted to rights of way, causing great delays in processing these claims.

Councils generally have a matrix for deciding the priority to be given to each claim. Whilst the criteria are quite reasonable, the result of applying the matrix is that the projected time for a decision is often in excess of 5, 10 or even 20 years. After one year it is possible to request that the Secretary of State directs that the application is decided in a reasonable time. Until recently most requests for a direction have been unsuccessful, providing the council had a priority matrix and had applied it. However the Planning Inspectorate, who acts for the Secretary of State in these matters, has recently been issuing directions that the application be decided within a year, where the projected period is shown to be unreasonable.

This has meant cases where the Society is involved in Kirklees, Wigan and Calderdale have been subject to such a direction. The application must now be considered within a year, and if the council is satisfied on a balance of probabilities that the route is a public right of way, an order adding the path to the Definitive Map must be made. It is then advertised and if there are objections, which is normally the case, the matter must be referred to the Planning Inspectorate and resolved after a public inquiry. Unfortunately there is no time limit for this referral process, so again there can be long delays. That is what is happening to our claim with Lancashire County Council in respect of the path along the sea wall at Silverdale in front of Browns Houses.

Overall throughout the PNFS area there are several hundred outstanding DMMO applications where nothing is happening to resolve them. These may be looked at on a register on the council's website. The level of detail and ease of use of the register varies considerably as there are no regulations governing content. This accumulation of applications does not augur well for claims arising from investigations to identify 'Lost Ways', which are subject to a cut-off date in 2026.

Other work undertaken has included the successful use of s130A notices against Tameside Council to secure compliance with their legal duty to protect and assert the right of the public to use paths free from obstruction. In both cases a dangerous stile has now been replaced by a kissing gate. Both matters were referred to me by our inspector working in Salybridge. One of the many benefits of the new faults data base should be the possibility of systematically considering legal action in cases of longstanding dangerous obstructions, where the highway authority has failed to act within a reasonable period.

Harry Scott (Staffordshire)

Cuts continue to be made at Staffordshire County Council with a review of the Rights of Way services. The main one is the classification of footpaths as A, B and C, with C being the lowest priority, resulting in a 40% cut to the budget over the next 4 years. Which will mean the loss of Rights of Way Officers. Getting rights of way faults resolved is taking much longer.

I lost the public inquiry into the diversion of Bobbington FP24 in South Staffordshire, so walkers must now walk down a busy road. As I write this report I am waiting for the Inspectors decision on Hednesford Town FP5 in Cannock Chase, which is being built on. I am pleased to report that footpath 18 Cheadle, Staffordshire Moorlands will be diverted onto the line the public are using, as the definitive line is obstructed by buildings.

The number of footpath diversion consultations are down this year to 12 and none have been objected to, although negotiations took place over some of the diversions. Where the county council and the district councils consult before making an order, it is possible to influence and suggest alternatives.

I continue to monitor planning applications and I have dealt with over 100 this year, Some did affect footpaths and I was able to comment and protect the paths. The Peak & Northern Footpath Society in general does not monitor planning applications; however, I feel it is important that we do so.

I am still working on Lost Ways for Stoke on Trent, there being around 1300 paths to go onto the definitive map. Progress is slow, but we are getting there. Because the paths are unrecorded and not on the definitive map, they are disappearing due to development.

In 2017 I rejoined the Local Access Forum and have started to attend meetings.

Martin Hampar (Trafford)

As last year, my work during the year has been divided between attention to issues in my home borough of Trafford, Greater Manchester and a number of more general activities. The Borough of Trafford covers both urban and rural areas with a range of residential, industrial and agricultural uses. It has a network of some 250 recorded public rights of way ranging from short ginnels to paths across open fields. I am continuing to work with Ramblers Trafford Group to identify and try to resolve some long-standing footpath obstructions. This is very much work in progress. Initially the approach has been through discussions with landowners and Trafford Council. Where progress has been unacceptably slow I have initiated a more formal approach, proposing to issue legal notices requiring the Council to act to clear the obstructions.

I have continued working with Ramblers to get Trafford to update their Definitive Map and Statement, which is increasingly out of date, and to update their electronic dataset of public rights of way, which is incomplete and, in places, inaccurate.

Carrington Moss is a large area of open, mainly agricultural, land within Trafford that has had many decades of uninterrupted access by the public, but has few recorded public rights of way.

On behalf of the Society I am working with a local group to identify users of the area and claim additional rights of way.

Planning for the high-speed railway HS2 in the Society's area reached the stage of beginning to identify the effect the plans would have on public rights of way. The Working Draft Environmental Impact Assessment for Phase 2b, completing the lines to Manchester and to Sheffield and Leeds, is expected to be published in 2018. I will continue to monitor developments.

The Greater Manchester Authority is planning a new "Greater Manchester Spatial Framework", which will inform the consideration of planning applications from 2018 and may affect public access to open spaces and rights of way. I continue to monitor high-level plans produced by both the Greater Manchester Authority and the various constituent districts, and where appropriate respond on behalf of the Society.

Where appropriate I have commented on Orders proposing changes to the rights of way network and on specific planning applications that appear to affect public rights of way in Trafford, Manchester and Salford.

Andy Leader (Kirklees)

I joined the Courts & Inquiries Committee in November 2017 and have taken up a number of longstanding path problems in Kirklees. Holmfirth Byway 90/175/180 is a very popular walking route on the edge of the Peak District National Park. Its popularity with 4x4 vehicles has caused serious damage to the surface which is increasingly difficult for walkers to negotiate. A s56 Notice has been served on Kirklees, who have subsequently agreed to survey the route and come up with a scheme of repairs. Included in the scheme will be a traffic regulation order to keep vehicles off the byway on a temporary basis so it has time to recover.

Holmfirth Footpath 57 at Netherthong has become impassable due to erosion from a nearby water course and a blocked culvert. A s56 Notice was served on Kirklees, who have subsequently agreed to reinstate the line of the path and ensure the culvert is repaired. This work is expected to be done in April/May 2018.

Holmfirth 64 is another popular path in the Holme Valley. The footbridge known as Blackpool Bridge was reported to Kirklees as being in a dangerous condition due to missing decking and rotten cross beams. As no response was received, a s56 Notice has been served and I am awaiting a reply.

Holmfirth Footpaths 117,129,130,134,150 and Colne Valley Footpath 80 have a variety of problems including obstruction and out-of-repair stiles. s130A Notices have recently been served on Kirklees in respect of these issues and I will be able to report back in more detail on the outcomes in the future.

I have commented on some 25 planning applications affecting public rights of way in Kirklees since November 2017. This is an area of concern as Kirklees is without a local plan and developers are taking advantage of this by putting in applications on previously protected land. These are greenfield sites often carrying public rights of way. Kirklees planners are not very good at properly considering the effects of development on rights of way and securing some mitigation or nearby improvements to the network etc. A number of applications are coming up to appeal hearings and I will be able to attend and make the case for rights of way.

David Morton

Thanks mainly to Ted Wolfe and John Hodgson, in 2017 we added 26 new signposts and a plaque as shown below. Those with a dagger † are available as memorials to walkers or their clubs at a cost of £300. Ashover, The Cuckoo Way just west of Worksop, and the Chevin just west of Belper are new areas for our signs 552/3/6/8, 523/8/46 and 560. We have also added signs 551, 554, 555 in Keighley.

New signs

- S523 at SK 54949 81263 on Cuckoo Way, Anston BW18
- S528 at SK 5337 8161 on Cuckoo Way, Thorpe Salvin FP3
- S546 at SK 51779 82208 on Cuckoo Way, BW2
- S536 at SK 01298 89675, 300m N of Rowarth (IMO Norman Ings of New Mills R.A.)
- S537 at SD 67310 21005 at Stepback Brook, Tockholes BWs 72 and 151 †
- S538 at SD 66258 19946 at Hollinshead Hall ruin, Tockholes FPs 177/8//9 †
- S540 at SK 04498 55605 at Onecote Grange farm, Onecote FPs 22 and 23 †
- S541 at SK 04549 5547 at Onecote Grange farm, Onecote FPs 22 and 25 †
- S542 at SK 23588 73580, 1km NE of Hassop on DE-HAP FP10 (diverted) †
- S543 at SK 23132 73270, 1.5km NE of Hassop on DE-HAP FP10 (diverted) †
- S544 at SJ 83287 81352, NW end of Lindow Common, (IMO Elaine Hall of Altrincham and Dist.RC.)
- S545 at SJ 98290 98182 on Stalybridge FPs 74, 95, 106 & BWs 68, 90,
IMO Brian Godwin of Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. Walking Club
- S547 at SK 02377 90800 on New Mills FPs 30 and 31 †
- S548 at SK 02405 90650 on New Mills FPs 30 †
- S549 at SJ 99576 95423 by Mottram Cemetery on FPs 86 & 93 (IMO Dave Frith of L&GFPS)
- S550 at SJ 95217 87808 on Marple GC, Hawk Green on FP 75,
IMO Margaret Ledger & Roy Clarke of Altrincham and Dist. RC
- S551 at SE 00272 35969 on the Bronte Way, 400m E. of Bronte Bridge (sponsored by Bradford CHA)
- S552 at SK 34759 66442 at Hazelhurst Farm on Ashover FPs 1, 5 & 6 †
- S553 at SK 34727 66334 at Hazelhurst Farm on Ashover FPs 6 & 7 †
- S554 at SE 10105 43141 at Sunny Dale on Keighley FPs 86#2 and 86#3 (sponsored by Bradford CHA)
- S555 at SE 09611 43778 ENE of Upwood Hall on Keighley FPs 86#4, 275 (sponsored by Bradford CHA)
- S556 at SK 34288 63192 at Butts Quarry, Ashover, on FPs 53 and 57 †
- S557 at SJ 96365 74156 N of Turnshawflat, Cat and Fiddle, on Rainow FP67 †
- S558 at SK 35037 63244 at junction of FP42 with Milken Lane †
- S559 at SJ 91265 78002 at Whiteley Hey Farm on Prestbury FPs 9 & 35
(IMO Mike Hoare, PNFS signpost painter)
- S560 at SK 33663 46867 on DE-BEL 69 & RB 76 at The Chevin (donated by Amber Valley RA)
- Plaque 005 at GR SK 04203 87186 S of Twenty Trees on Hayfield FP64-1
(Commemorating the 120th anniversary of the re-opening of the Snake Path in 1897.)

Maintenance

S346 at Bower House Farm, Whitle Fold, New Mills has disappeared. I have reported it as stolen to the police.

Pete Ash has repainted another 15 signs single-handedly after the sad death of Mike Hoare. They are 206, 217, 222/3/9, 230/6, 312/9, 320, 370/1, 472.

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.

Income

- Receipts were up appreciably to £156,911. This was due to legacies and a donation from Mike Barnes’ partner, which Mike wished us to have. Total of £104,922 and increased gift aid receipts of £12,500 associated with the donation.
- Leaving out legacy income, Mike Barnes’ partner’s donation and associated gift aid, general income was slightly higher at £39,489. Deducting expenditure, a small surplus of £1,142 was achieved in the Society’s running costs.
- Members’ subscriptions were up slightly to £12,580, the highest for a few years. Affiliations were similar; net gift aid, dividends and interest were all higher. General donations were higher at £9387.
- £1,800 of this was card donations via our donate button on the website. Over £12,000 is now paid to the Society electronically. However, signpost donations were down appreciably by £1,871.

Expenditure

Overall expenditure was down £12,043, mainly due to spending on commemorative structures being £10,840 lower; no Blacka Moor-type costs this year.

- Taylor House costs were slightly down.
 - Signpost/footbridges costs were down appreciably, reflecting the fall in donations.
 - Travel costs were much higher due to a slight increase in volunteer numbers claiming expenses and Officers claiming more, reflecting a higher workload.
 - Printing and postage costs were higher, mainly due to the 120th Snake Path anniversary celebrations. It now costs £1.41p to print and post a newsletter, so please consider taking it online.
 - Computer and Insurance costs were lower.
 - Subscriptions/donations/training costs were lower due to no external training costs this year.
 - Legal/professional/secretarial costs were up £801 due to seeking legal advice.
- The net surplus was £118,564.

Balance sheet

- The balance sheet is up £123,644, mainly due to legacies and donations, totaling £426,952. Our investments are now £184,940 after investing a further £38,053, an increase of £5,080.
- Liquid assets now stand at £181,358.
- Direct debits subscriptions: CAF (Charity Aid Foundation) bank, who collect our direct debits on your behalf, made changes a while ago to the way direct debits are collected.

You no longer see on your statements and online bank details any mention of PNFS. Instead you see “Charity Donation”. Collection dates are 1st and 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. Forms are available at <http://www.pnfs.org.uk>

Direct debits now account for nearly 66% of our paid membership subscription income: £8,226. 469 payments were taken, accounting for 598 members. 28 cancelled during the year, of which 10 renewed. We had a total of 65 new DD payers this year.



**Peak & Northern
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Subscriptions	12,580		12,580	11,850
Affiliations	1,714		1,714	1,724
Legacies, bequests	54,912		54,912	0
A members restricted donation		50,010	50,010	0
Donations general	9,387		9,387	9,145
Donations signposts/footbridges		3,201	3,201	5,072
Gift Aid tax	3,921	12,500	16,421	3,555
Interest/Dividends	8,686		8,686	7,653
Miscellaneous			0	10
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	91,200	65,711	156,911	39,009
A2 Asset and investment sales				
Barclays shares	1,227		1,227	0
			0	0
Sub total	1,227	0	1,227	0
Total receipts	92,427	65,711	158,138	39,009

A3 Payments				
Taylor House running costs	5,366		5,366	5,832
Signpost & Footbridges	3,958	3,201	7,159	8,968
Travel & Subsistence	7,145		7,145	6,068
Printing, Copying, newsletter	4,882		4,882	4,354
Postage Telephone Stationary	3,047		3,047	2,741
Computer, Software & maintenance	3,021		3,021	3,170
Functions / Fundraising costs	1,163		1,163	1,138
Insurance	1,381		1,381	1,779
Subscriptions, Donations, Training	297		297	1,098
Commemorative projects, structures	1,605		1,605	12,445
Legal Professional & Secretarial	3,000		3,000	2,199
Sundries	281		281	598
Sub total	35,146	3,201	38,347	50,390

P & L SURPLUS/DEFICIT	118,564	-11,381
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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
J Laing, Vanguard, Murray Int.	39,280	0	39,280	10,197
	0	0	0	
Sub total	39,280	0	39,280	10,197
Total payments	74,426	3,201	77,627	60,587

Net of receipts/(payments)	18,001	62,510	80,511	-21,578
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	100,847		100,847	122,425
Cash funds this year end	118,848	62,510	181,358	100,847


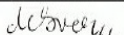
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Savings accounts	87,161	62,510
			0
	Current accounts & petty cash	31,687	0
	Total cash funds	118,848	62,510
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Government stocks		19,910
	Corporate bonds		75,536
	Equities		32,905
	Inv.trusts,pref shares,ETF funds		56,589
	TOTAL	0	184,940

	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Taylor House building	60,153	
	Computer Equipment	13,458	
	Furniture fittings & other	4,351	
	P A sound system	1,509	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
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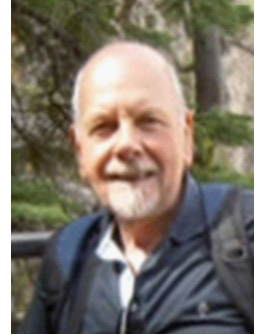
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The Society now has a record number of inspectors. At the end of 2017 there were 108 volunteers who are monitoring footpaths in at least one parish. Of course there are big variations in the time volunteers give to this role, but I think it is encouraging to know that nearly 10% of PNFS members are able and willing to commit time to the vital work of checking on and reporting faults in some part of the PROW network.

This has also been a record year for the number of new inspectors appointed. 19 new inspectors volunteered in the 2017 calendar year. Between them they are inspecting 44 parishes. In addition, existing inspectors took on 9 new parishes. Some of the parishes being inspected by new inspectors have a large numbers of paths. Holmfirth (Andy Leader) has 230 paths and Charleston and Chisworth (Nigel Hackney) have 153 between them. It is also encouraging to have new inspectors in areas where PNFS have not been well represented, such as South Derbyshire (Barry Thomas), Lancaster (Hugh Stewart), Cheshire West (Jenny Allen and Patrick Knowles).

In addition to Terry Norris, who stopped inspecting Calderdale parishes as anticipated in last year's AR, Christine Horbury, Graham Sensicle, Ian Salvage, Mike Thomas, and Colin Miller also resigned during the year (a total of 28 parishes). Thanks to these inspectors for their services to the Society. A special mention should go to Graham Sensicle, who inspected 9 parishes in the Derbyshire Dales until 2011, and since then has been monitoring the paths of Blackpool. Both Graham's and Ian's records of their inspections were exemplary.

During the year the new Footpaths Inspections Database (FID), designed by Roger Fielding, has been made available to inspectors in Derbyshire, Cheshire (East and West), Barnsley, Stockport, Kirklees, Trafford, and the northern half of Staffordshire. We hope to have it available for all highway authorities where we have inspectors by the end of 2018.

For the first time, the new database makes the path network and the work of inspectors available to all members of the Society. Each record entered on the database shows the condition of the path (clear, with a fault, or with a serious or dangerous fault); the location of the fault; a description of the fault; and the option of a photograph of the fault. All inspectors have or will have access to the database, and members who would like to have access should ask Mel Bale for a user name and password.

Currently, the database only partially covers the PNFS region and is still relatively new, but inspections are gradually being added and already there is a substantial evidence base about the state of our rights of way. At the time of writing, 6783 inspections have been recorded. These show 4294 paths which are clear, 2270 with a minor fault, and 219 with a serious or dangerous fault.

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Highway Authority	No. of PROW	Clear	Fault	Serious Fault
Derbyshire	9833	2522	1439	77
Cheshire East	3379	351	250	87
Barnsley	1348	743	38	8
Stockport	658	393	115	16
Kirklees	1862	20	47	4
Cheshire West	2322	77	57	2
Trafford	243	21	17	5
Staffordshire	5836	167	307	20
Totals	25481	4294	2270	219

The faults log continues to be the Society's record of faults in all the areas not covered by the FID. John Knight is the volunteer who maintains this record. The data in the faults log will gradually be transferred to the FID. We are grateful to Mel Bale, who accomplishes this data transfer.

June Mabon has been producing ID badges for inspectors since 2002 with the help of her husband Ian. She has decided that it is time for her to retire from this role from March 2018. The trustees would like to thank June for her services to the Society over many years. A full appreciation of June's work will appear in the next edition of Signpost.

Inspectors mostly work autonomously and in geographically diverse areas, so communication with the Society is a significant issue. The nine Area Officers (listed elsewhere in this Report) are the first point of contact for many inspectors and fulfil an important role in supporting new inspectors, so it is a pleasure to welcome new Area Officers Jenny Allen (Cheshire East and West), Reg Boot (Stockport), and Martin Hampar (Greater Manchester).Trafford)

There have been three Inspectors Newsletters during the year. A successful training day was held in March 2017 for 13 newly appointed inspectors. I have been preparing a new edition of the Inspectors Handbook (previous editions were published in 1993 and 2003) – not to be confused with the Volunteers Handbook. It will be called 'An Introduction to Inspecting Footpaths for PNFS'.

I'd like to end with a plea. I need someone to assist with recruitment and coordination of inspectors. Most of the work can be done remotely, so proximity to Taylor House is not essential. Contact me if you can offer some help.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mel Bale

I am delighted to be able to report that for the second year running our total membership figure has increased, albeit again modestly. Sadly, every year we lose members through death and illness. Fortunately, these losses have been more than compensated for by new membership applications from individuals, households and societies.

Several committee members and others regularly speak to groups to spread the word about PNFS and consequently attract new members as a result. One example from 2017 is Blackburn Rambling Association, who decided to affiliate to the Society after hearing a talk from our chairman. This year we have also been successful in recruiting new members from other members' informal walking groups. Hopefully we can attract more members in this way in the future.

It has been particularly pleasing to see a net increase in affiliated organisations this year. The parish councils of Alderley Edge, Hayfield, Helsby and Pott Shrigley have all joined the Society. Conversely, it was sad to hear that the Longdendale & Glossopdale FP Preservation Society was wound up in January.

Please don't forget that your subscriptions are vital to the work of the Society in protecting and promoting our public rights of way. If you don't already gift-aid your subscription and are a UK tax payer, please just sign the appropriate section on your next renewal form. By doing so you effectively increase the value of your subscription by 25%.

The Treasurer has advised me that for the 7th year in succession subscription levels will be frozen. This is in part due to the increased level of membership and the income that it generates.

Several members spoke to me at the Half Yearly Meeting and asked if membership reminders could be sent out earlier in the year. In future this will be done with the first newsletter of the membership year. I would ask all members to consider paying their subscription by direct debit. Not only does this reduce the need for reminders but it also allows more time to be spent on other Society work. The Trustees are very keen to broaden the age range of our membership. One simple way to do this is for members to encourage their children to join the Society. Don't forget we are more than happy to accept gift memberships on their behalf!

I make no apology for repeating a paragraph from my 2016 report:

Recruitment and retention are the two key issues for any membership secretary and I intend to carry on working hard on both fronts in the year to come. I would urge members to do all that they can to help as well. Please carry on supporting the Society as you have done in the past by maintaining your membership and encouraging others to join our historic society.

I am delighted to announce a new benefit for members of the Society. Over the last year, one of our members, Roger Fielding, has been hard at work developing the PNFS Footpaths Database. Initially the database was intended for use by the Society's inspectors for them to record their footpath inspections. The original design has been modified to enable 'read-only' access, thus unlocking its potential for non-inspectors. The database enables authorised users to view the latest inspection information about footpaths across large parts of the area that our inspectors cover. Please contact me at the email address below if you would like access to the database.

I'd like to thank my fellow trustees for all their support and encouragement throughout the year and in particular Paul Easthope, our treasurer, who yet again has been a great help when dealing with the financial aspects of membership.

Finally, please do contact me at membership@pnfs.org.uk if you have any questions or ideas about membership. I look forward to hearing from you at any time.

Membership Details

Members	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Annual	823	1021	923	968	994	1073
Ten Year	226	179	147	189	67	50
Five Year	187	117	48	10	7	4
Hon. Life	32	28	31	32	33	34
Total	1268	1345	1149	1067	1101	1161
Affiliates	81	81	77	76	79	80

Note: The 2017 figures are for 'paid-up' members only. In addition there were 38 individual and household members and 2 affiliates who haven't yet renewed in 2017/18. All have recently been sent renewal reminders.

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The President and 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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Abbotsfield Fellwalkers of Flixton	Alderley Edge Parish Council
Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District FP Society	Anchor Ramblers
Anderton Parish Council	Ashover Footpath and Bridleway Committee
Ashton-u-Lyne & District Walking Club	Barnsley Mountaineering Club
Blackbrook Conservation Society	Blackburn Rambling Association
Blackrod Town Council	Bolton CHA Rambling Club
Bradford CHA Rambling and Social Club	Buxton Rambling Club
CHA Manchester Rambling Club	CHA Mansfield
CHA Nottingham Rambling Club	CHA Sheffield Rambling Club
Chapel-en-le-Frith Rambling Club	Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council
Cheshire Tally Ho Hare & Hounds Club	Club AZ Walkers
Crescent Ramblers Northwich	Denby Dale Parish Walking Group
Denton Local History Society	Derby Nomad Ramblers
Derbyshire Pennine Club	Disley Footpaths Society
Eccles Rambling & Social Club	Hanliensian Rambling Club
Hayfield Parish Council	Helsby Parish Council
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	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
Merseyside & West Cheshire Area RA	Mid Cheshire Footpath Society
New Mills and District Ramblers Group	New Mills Radical Ramblers
North Turton Parish Council	Northenden Walkers
Oldham Wednesday Walkers	Pennine Wayfarers Rambling Club
Pott Shrigley Parish Council	Poynton Rambling Club
Preston Ramblers	RA North & Mid Cheshire Area
RA Congleton Group	RA East Cheshire
RA Greater Manchester & High Peak Area	RA Nottinghamshire Area
RA Oldham Group	RA Sheffield
RA South Yorks & NE Derbyshire Area	RA Stockport
Ramblers Trafford Group	Rochdale CHA Rambling Club
Rock and Heather Club	Romiley Ladies Group
Rossendale Ramblers	Saddleworth Pedestrians
Sale U3A Walking Group	Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council
Sheffield Co-operative Ramblers	Sheffield U3A Walking Group 'A'
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	Shirebrook Town Council
Shirland & Higham Parish Council	Stockport Field Club
Stockport Rambling & Social Club	Stockport Walkers
Sutton in Ashfield Rambling Club	The Good Companions Rambling Club
The Strollers	Trafford Walkers
Warrington Field Club	Whaley Bridge Town Council
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Hunshelf	HUR	Crewe Green	PLA
Langsett	FOR	Disley	TAD
Oxspring	FOR	Edleston	PLA
Penistone	NCR	Goostrey	HAB
Stainborough	BTY	Great Warford	HAB
Tankersley & Wentworth	BEL	Hassal	LIT
Thurgoland	BEL	Hasslington	PLA
Wortley	BEL	Haughton	DAE

BLACKBURN with DARWEN

Tockholes	WHE	Henbury	GOO
		Henhull	PLA
		High Legh	PGA
		Higher Hurdfield	DCB

BOLTON

Blackrod	GER	Holmes Chapel	DCB
Bolton Town	FOS	Hulme Walfield	WHI
Bradshaw North	FOS	Kettleshulme	TAD
Bradshaw South	FOS	Knutsford	MIL
Bromley Cross (Non-def only)	ARU	Leighton	PLA
Eagley	ARU	Little Warford	HAB
Egerton & Turton	FOS	Lyme Handley	TAD
Horwich	FOS	Macclesfield	DCB
Westhoughton	GER	Macclesfield Forest	JAK
		Marthall	MIL
		Mottram St Andrew	RAY

BURY

Prestwich	AND	Nantwich	PLA
		Nether Alderley	GOU

CALDERDALE

Brighouse	PDA	Ollerton	MIL
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CHESHIRE EAST

Acton	PLA	Over Alderley	RAY
Addington	DCB	Peover Inferior	MIL
Alderley Edge	GOU	Peover Superior	MIL
Alsager	LIT	Pott Shrigley	GOO
Baddiley	CCO	Poynton With Worth	MAT
Barthomley	HEA	Prestbury	FON
Basford	PLA	Rainow	TAD
Bexton	MIL	Rope	PLA
Bollington	DSM	Sandbach	LIT
Bosley	JGA	Shavington cum Gresty	PLA
Bunbury	DAE	Somerford	WHI
Burland	CCO	Somerford Booths	WHI
Chelford	ABL	Sound	CCO
Chorley	ABL	Stapely	PLA
Chorlton	PLA	Sutton	BRO
Congleton	JGA	Swettenham	HAB
Cranage	HAB	Tabley Inferior	MIL
Crewe (town)	PLA	Tabley Superior	MIL

Tatton	MIL
Toft	MIL
Twemlow	HAB
Wardle	CCO
Weston	PLA
Wildboardclough	JAK
Willaston	PLA
Wilmslow	ITA
Wincle	BOO
Wistaston	PLA
Worleston	PLA

CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER

Alvaney	PAK
Anderton	JAL
Antrobus	JAL
Comberbatch	JAL
Cuddington	PAR
Davenham	PAR
Delamere	CHA
Duddon	CCO
Frodsham Ashton	GAS
Great Budworth	JAL
Hartford	PAR
Helsby	CHA
Little Leigh	JAL
Manley	PAK
Marston	JAL
Moulton	PAR
Oakmere	PAR
Tarvin	CCO
Weaverham	PAR
Whitegate and Marton	PAR
Whitley	JAL

DERBYSHIRE AMBER VALLEY

Aldecar & Langley Mill	HAI
Alderwasley	WES
Alfreton	HAI
Ashley Hay	WES
Belper	SND
Codnor	KJB
Crich	ROA
Denby	HAI
Heanor & Loscoe	HAI
Horsley	ROA
Horsley Woodhouse	ROA
Idridgehay & Alton	JBR
Ironville	HAI
Mapperley	HAI

Pentrich	ROA
Riddings	HAI
Ripley Town	KJB
Shipley	HAI
Shottle & Postern	WES
Smalley	HAI
Somercotes	HAI
South Wingfield	ROA
Swanwick	HAI

DERBYSHIRE CHESTERFIELD

Chesterfield	PAW
Brimington	PAW
Staveley	PAW

DERBYSHIRE DALES

Abney & Abney Grange	COJ
Aldwark	PAW
Ashford in the Water	JCO
Bakewell	PAW
Ballidon	PAW
Baslow & Bubnell	WOO
Beeley	WOO
Biggin	GOU/ROB
Birchover	GOO
Blackwell	BOD
Bonsall	HIR
Bradley	WES
Bradwell	COJ
Brassington	PAW
Brushfield	BOD
Calver	GLE
Carsington	WES
Chatsworth	WOO
Chelmorton	JEW
Cromford	HIR
Curbar	BUC
Darley Dale	HIR
Eaton Alsop	PAW
Edensor	PAW
Elton	HUA
Eyam	DPI
Eyam Woodlands	COJ
Fenny Bentley	PAW
Flagg	BOD
Foolow	DPI
Froggatt	BUC
Gratton	HUA
Great Hucklow	COJ
Great Longstone	LYO

Parishes

Grindleford	HOW
Grindlow	COJ
Harthill	NOD
Hartington Middle Quarter	BOD
Hartington Nether Quarter	PAW
Hartington Town Quarter	PAW
Hassop	JCO
Hathersage	HOW
Hazlebadge	COJ
Highlow	COJ
Hulland	WES
Hulland Ward	WES
Kirk Ireton	WES
Little Hucklow	COJ
Little Longstone	DAM
Litton	NOD
Matlock	HIR
Matlock Bath	HIR
Middleton & Smerrill	HUA
Monyash	NOD
Nether Haddon	GOO
Northwood & Tinkersley	WOO
Offcoate & Underwood	TIB
Offerton	SIS
Osmaston & Yeldersley	TIB
Outseats	COJ
Over Haddon	NOD
Parwich	PAW
Pilsley	PAW
Rowland	DAM
Rowsley	WOO
Sheldon	JCO
South Darley	HIR
Stanton In Peak	GOO
Stoney Middleton	DPI
Taddington	BOD
Tansley	HIR
Thorpe	PAW
Tideswell	NOD
Tissington	PAW
Wardlow	NOD
Wensley & Snitterton	HIR
Wheston	NOD
Winster	GOO
Yeldersley	TIB
Youlgreave	NOD

DERBYSHIRE EREWASH

Breaston	KJB
Dale Abbey	DAM
Draycott & Church Wilne	KJB
Hopwell	KJB
Ilkeston	PRO
Long Eaton	KJB
Ockbrook	DAM
Risley	KJB
Sandiacre	KJB
Sawley	KJB
Stanton by Dale	KJB

DERBYSHIRE HIGH PEAK

Aston	SIS
Bamford	SIS
Brough & Shatton	SIS
Buxton	JEW
Castleton	SIS
Chapel-en-le-Frith	BRT
Charlesworth	NHA
Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside	BRT
Chisworth	NHA
Derwent	BEL
Edale	BEL
Glossop	BUC
Green Fairfield	ALW
Hartington Upper Quarter	BOD
Hayfield	EAT
Hope	SIS
Hope Woodlands	BEL
King Sterndale	ALW
New Mills	MAK/DSM
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

Killamarsch	PAW
Morton	FEL
North Wingfield	FEL
Pilsley	FEL
Shirland & Higham	FEL
Stretton	FEL
Sutton-cum-Duckmanton	FEL
Temple Normanton	FEL
Tupton	FEL
Unstone	PAW
Walton	WOO
Wessington	FEL
Wingerworth	FEL

DERBYSHIRE SOUTH

Elvaston	DAM
Ingelby	BTO
Melbourne	BTO
Stanton by Bridge	BTO
Swarkestone	BTO

KIRKLEES

Holmfirth	ALE
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LANCASHIRE BURNLEY

Burnley	CHE
Dunnockshaw	CHE
Habergham Eaves	CHE
Hapton	CHE
Ighentill	CHE

LANCASHIRE CITY OF LANCASTER

Caton with Littledale	HST
Ellel	TYN
Over Wyredale	APA
Quernmore	TYN
Roeburndale	HST
Scotforth	TYN
Silverdale	FEA
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

Old Laund Booth	CHE
Reedly Hallows	CHE
Roughlee Booth	CHE

LANCASHIRE RIBBLE VALLEY

Read	CHE
Sabden	CHE
Simonsstone	CHE
All other parishes	ADS

LANCASHIRE WYRE

Nether Wyresdale	APA
Over Wyresdale	APA

MANCHESTER

City of Manchester	GOU
Ringway	ADD

OLDHAM

Chadderton	RIL
Crompton	RIL
Failsworth	BLO/RIL
Lees	RIL
Oldham Town	RIL
Royton	RIL
Saddleworth	RIL

ROTHERHAM

All parishes	HIR
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SHEFFIELD

Bradfield	DJO
Ecclesfield	ACW
Eckington	PAW
Sheffield City	JCO
Stocksbridge	HUR
Tankersley	BEL

STAFFORDSHIRE EAST

Anslow	STE
Branston	STE
Hanbury	STE
Outwoods	STE
Ramshorn	HEW
Rolleston on Dove	STE
Stretton	STE
Tattenhill Blighfield	STE
Tutbury	STE
Wootton	HEW

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS

Alstonefield	PAW
Alton	HEW

Biddulph
 Blore with Swinscoe
 Checkley
 Cotton
 Draycott in the Moors
 Farley
 Grindon
 Heathylee
 Hollinsclough
 Leekfrith
 Longnor
 Oakamoor
 Quarnford
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 Penketh
 Poulton with Fernhead
 Rixton with Glazebrook
 Stockton Heath
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 Warrington Town
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 Aspull
 Billinge & Winstanley
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 Ince
 Haigh
 Hindley
 Orrell
 Shevington
 Standish with Langtree
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Saturday 14th April

at

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and 392/3 from Macclesfield stop on nearby A6.

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10:30 Coffee, tea, biscuits

11:00 EGM Commences

11:30 AGM commences

12:30 Hot buffet lunch

13:30 Guest speaker

*A representative of UK Cycling will discuss  
the advantages of cooperation between walking and cycling campaigns*

14:30 Open forum

15:30 Meeting closes

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To reserve your place at the AGM please inform David Brown
(email: pnfs.meetings@gmail.com, phone: 01663 733236 or text: 07732 682 026)
no later than 9th April stating if lunch is required.

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