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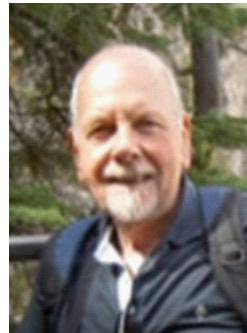
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# Chairman's Report

## David Hurrell



At this time last year the trustees were considering changes to the Constitution to make it easier to create 'Improvements' for the footpath network.

The trustees have had a look at few schemes and have decided to improve a Staffordshire footpath at Hulme End, close to where the path crosses the River Manifold and enters Derbyshire. Unfortunately, at around the same time, Staffordshire closed the path because of the deterioration of the wooden bridge over the river. Work to rectify the bridge is expected to be completed this spring, but currently Staffordshire CC use the contractor Amey for footpath works, and many tasks allocated to them have been long delayed. Peak and Northern Footpaths Society informed Staffordshire that work should not be carried out whilst the path was not open for public use. We hope that our first task under our extended powers will not be delayed too long.

Work has continued throughout the year on the footpath inspectors' database. Almost all the local authority areas are now on the database, and my thanks go to Roger Fielding, David Gosling and Mel Bale for the many hours of work they have put into this venture. Most of our footpath inspectors now use the database and find it to be very informative. We now have a detailed record to access on our computers of all the history of the particular paths. For those of you still not using the system, do please try it. It will help you a great deal to understand your footpath network. We hope that the information will be made available to all members to review the paths they find themselves walking on.

At a recent management meeting, the trustees made the decision to hold the next half-year meeting in November on the east side of the Pennines. We are currently looking for a suitable venue in Sheffield, which should be easy to access from west of the Pennines. We need to find somewhere which has adequate parking and can be accessed from the station, by tram if possible, with suitable facilities for a hot or cold lunch.

With our Society being more involved in the larger community, we are on the lookout for a press officer. This is not a post that would require walking around footpaths, but writing about the work of the Society and being able to have the articles published in the local press. It could be an opportunity for a member who may be unable to do other things out in the open, and would be a rewarding job for someone who is good at writing.

We shall soon be requiring a new courts and inquiries officer to work as part of the existing team on the more 'legal' side of the Peak & Northern work. There are currently people within PNFS who have a wealth of experience. Professional training will be given to someone wishing to take on the position. Please contact one of the Courts and Inquiries Officers members or one of the trustees for more details.

Ruth Waites has continued finding ways to publicise our work.

Contacts have been made with some universities and educational facilities. We hope that this will bring some younger members into the Society.

Peak & Northern Footpaths Society has received details of the extension to HS2 from Birmingham to both the west and east of the Pennines to reach Manchester in the west and Leeds in the east. There are not too many problems on the west side, as the line will be in tunnels from Manchester Airport to Manchester Piccadilly, but there is much to look at on the east side, where many footpaths have been diverted some distance to cross the railway on new road bridges. The good news is that not many paths have been proposed for closure, but diversions are long in a number of cases. HS2 does not wish to discuss their plans with small groups like PNFS, so we are having to work through local access forums. Still better than no contact at all.

We are now well into 2019, and one of things we must do is seek equality in how we function. With this in mind, the trustees are looking for another lady trustee to balance the male imbalance that we currently have. If you feel you could serve in this position, please see one of the trustees, who will be able to help explain some of the responsibilities involved. In-house training will be provided if required.

We welcome this year a new editor of Signpost, Shirley Addey. By the time you read this, she will have published her first edition and I am sure it will be a little different with a new editor. We hope that she will make her mark as lady editor.

As chairman I am very grateful for the many expert people we have working within the Society. Without these many dedicated people the Society would not be able to function as efficiently as it does. There are many people working away from the spotlight that we are so dependent on that it is hard to see how we could continue without them.

My thanks too, to our President who, although he does not have an official position and does not attend meetings, does keep his eye on how we are functioning and will offer suggestions as to how we should proceed, should we ask.

The trustees are currently looking at appointing some additional vice presidents, and when the AGM comes along we are hopeful of being able to put names to the meeting for approval.

## Terry Norris (Western)

As last year, my work 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. Highway authorities have cut the number of staff devoted to rights of way, causing great delays in processing these claims.

None of these cases has yet reached the final stage, i.e. the Order confirmed and the path added to the Definitive Map. The case nearest this stage is that of Silverdale 14 in Lancashire. The Society first became involved in 1994 when walkers were denied access to the western approach to the path above the sea wall at Browns Houses. A claim was made to add this path to the Definitive Map. That map showed the path passing through the sea wall and onto the foreshore, a drafting error which was inconsistent with the Definitive Statement. Despite the public rights of way officer recommending that the Order be made, the claim was rejected by councillors. We successfully appealed to the Secretary of State, whose planning inspector directed the Council to make the Order. This was done in 2013 and attracted strong opposition from the owners of Browns Houses. After a delay of five years the Order was referred to the Planning Inspectorate for confirmation. This resulted in a public inquiry at Carnforth Civic Hall lasting four days. David Goode, the public rights of way manager did a magnificent job in collating and presenting a huge body of evidence which supported our claim that the route at issue is a long-established public path on foot. We now await the final decision.

I have worked with a number of residents from Leigh near Wigan to press the Council to make Orders to add the path from Sandy Pool Farm ending at the East Lancs Road to the Definitive Map. This route is greatly valued as a countryside walk and has been used by successive generations. The Council eventually made the appropriate Definitive Map Modification Orders, which attracted vociferous objections from landowners. The ward councillor has been very supportive of the residents but two other councillors have objected to the Orders, albeit on legally irrelevant grounds, i.e. that use of the path would adversely impact on agricultural activities. However, this conflict of opinion amongst councillors has been used as a reason for the Council remaining neutral in the matter, leaving the Society to present the case at the public inquiry which will be held to consider whether the Orders should be confirmed. The landowners opposing the Orders are being represented by lawyers appointed by the NFU who are specialists in this type of case. The trustees have agreed that the Society should also be legally represented and a barrister experienced in dealing with DMOs has been instructed. I am very pleased to acknowledge the great assistance given by Rhoda Barnett and Jenny Allen in preparing the case. Wigan Council has forwarded the Orders to the Planning Inspectorate, who decided that they were invalid as they failed to comply with the appropriate regulations. The Orders have now been redrafted and advertised. It is anticipated that these Orders will be opposed as before.

Another DMMO is outstanding in Kirklees. This relates to a path at Clough Mills in Marsden. The Council accepted the Society's application but it has been objected to by the developers of 'executive housing' which is to be built on the site of the mill. This is a lovely water-side path used by local families and visitors for decades. A plea to the developer to see the path as a great recreational asset to those who will live in the houses fell on deaf ears.

Another application in Leigh at Hall House Lane has been rejected by the Council and an appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

Careful examination of a 25,000 OS map will often reveal well-used paths not recorded as definitive paths. They need investigating and claiming to safeguard them for walkers in the future. Hopefully my work in the last year has made a small contribution to this important task.

## **Martin Hampar (Trafford)**

As in previous years, my work on behalf of the Society 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 year we have successfully secured the re-opening of Carrington 1 for walkers after serving formal notice on the Council.

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 continuing to work with the Friends of Carrington Moss to identify users of the area and claim additional rights of way.

I am supporting the Society's inspector in Oldham regarding the clearance of obstructed footpaths. I am working with the Ramblers Footpaths Officer in Salford in connection with both the obstruction of footpaths and proposed changes to the network. 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.

Planning for the high-speed railway HS2 in the Society's area reached the stage of identifying 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, was published during the year and I submitted a response on behalf of the Society in respect of those rights of way affected in Greater Manchester (specifically in Manchester, Trafford and Wigan).

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

# Courts and Inquiries

## **Harry Scott (Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent)**

We identified 1301 footpaths missing from the Stoke-on-Trent definitive map a few years ago with help of the Ramblers. 900 paths were on Stoke City Council land and it was agreed by the City Council that the paths could go on the map. However, during 2018 only two paths went on the map, the problem being officer time and the legal costs. I continue to campaign on this issue, and during 2019 I will be running an email monthly campaign. Why the urgency? you may well ask. Paths are being lost due to development, and their connection into the wider footpath network in Staffordshire will be lost.

Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way had a 40% cut to its finances during 2018/19, affecting their ability to purchase materials, gates, stiles, fencing etc. Cuts will continue in 2019/20 with a 40% cut in staffing during 2019/20. A major change for the Rights of Way Office at Staffordshire County Council has been the contracting out of footpath diversion consultations. These are now carried out by an external contractor. We received 16 diversion consultations in 2018 and only one was objected to: Kingstone, with the closure of footpaths 20 and 11 East Staffordshire at Dowry Farm. Orders are still produced by the County Council.

I continue to monitor planning applications which may affect a footpath, having received around 170 applications during 2018. It is surprising how many applications involve a footpath that has not been taken into consideration, or is being ignored. I was able over the year to point out the paths affected and sometimes place objections to the applications.

This is an opportunity to thank our footpath inspectors who have pointed out long-term problems to me. I have taken these up with Staffordshire County Council and can report the issues have been resolved. It is taking around 12 months to resolve footpath problems due to the above cuts. However, I continue to have face-to-face meetings with the County Council, which help to resolve footpath problems. I continue as a member of the Staffordshire Local Access Forum, which is an opportunity to meet landowners and other user groups.

## **Rhoda Barnett (Derbyshire)**

As usual my two roles of Courts and Inquiries Officer and Area Officer overlapped, and I find it impossible to separate the two, although in practice this does not really matter. One of the most interesting parts of my work for the Society continued to be giving advice on the law and practice of public rights of way (PRoW) management to many members, especially our wonderful inspectors.

More routine work involved attempting to persuade the county council to resolve obstruction and surfacing problems on PRoW. Some council officers were very effective, in spite of the continuing lack of resources, but others needed the warning that legal notices would be served on the council or the actual service of such notices before faults were remedied. I also continued to assess how applications for planning permission for developments might affect PRoW – I looked at 170 such applications during the year, and for the majority it was sufficient to ensure that the applicants knew the location of footpaths and other PRoW and that these must be protected during and after the development. I needed to object outright to only a few applications, and these objections resulted in amended plans being submitted, or conditions being placed on the planning permission so that the affected paths would be diverted.

Another aspect of my work was to look at all diversion proposals, whether connected with developments or made for other reasons, to ensure that the legal tests would be met. There is no requirement that walkers should benefit from diversions, but neither must they be substantially inconvenienced. I responded to 14 diversion consultations, helped by the PNFS Inspector where there was one for the area, and my comments generally resulted in improvements for walkers. Unfortunately some of the diversion orders made by the various councils contained technical errors, which could have been to the detriment of the public, e.g. where the exact location and width of the new path was not accurately described, which would make any enforcement action by the councils very difficult. In these cases, the orders were withdrawn and new ones made.

The last main aspect of my work during the year was to respond to consultations on applications to the county council for modification orders to be made to put alleged existing PRoW on the definitive map; again PNFS inspectors helped with this. We usually found that we had no relevant evidence concerning the status of the routes, but again when orders were made, I objected to technical errors and these will be considered together with other objections by experts from the Planning Inspectorate.

Other work was representing PNFS at meetings of the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance, which seeks to protect PRoW from inappropriate vehicular use, and helping PNFS members to research the evidence for the existence of "Lost Ways", where public rights will be extinguished in 2026 if they are not legally recognised by that time.

## **Andy Leader (Kirklees)**

Through the C&IO Committee I have been authorised to send some 18 letters before action and subsequent notices where required. I am pleased to say that the process appears to work and does get results.

Some notable successes in Kirklees are the removal of electric security gates from Colne Valley Footpath 80 and Holmfirth Footpaths 60 and 71. Following service of a s56 notice Kirklees have repaired an impassable section of Holmfirth Footpath 57. On all the other Kirklees paths where letters before action and/or notices have been served by the Society, the reported problems have been or are being resolved.

I have also commented on over 40 planning applications affecting public rights of way and have been involved in making representations on two proposed footpath diversions.

## **Jenny Allen**

I am the Courts and Inquiries Officer for Barnsley, Cheshire, Warrington and Lancashire (on an as-required basis). I have also supported Pat Thomas, inspector for Longdendale in Tameside, on the matter of an obstructed footpath, Longdendale FP89. I am taking enforcement action on behalf of PNFS against Tameside HA for failure to clear this obstruction. This matter is ongoing.

I have also assisted Terry Norris in respect of interviewing witnesses for a claim made by PNFS to modify the Definitive Map by adding a footpath in Leigh, Wigan.

I am undertaking a review of policies for the Courts and Inquiries team. This is an ongoing project and will hopefully be completed within the next twelve months.

# Consultation and Orders Report

## Brian Hamilton

There have been a lot of changes in the section this year with the loss of some key personnel.

Firstly, Wally Smith left us as he did not feel he was able to drive any more. He has been a great asset to the Society and was always a great character to have in the office. His cheerful character will be sadly missed, after many years of good service to the Society.

Secondly, we lost Jeff Lomax, who has moved to the south to be with his new wife. We wish him well, and thank him for his long-standing contribution to the Society.

In the autumn Alan Hooley, our section leader, decided to devote his time to his wife, who was taken ill. Although his absence is hopefully temporary, we have now been without his key leadership for several months. We wish him and his family good health for the future.

We now have Reg Boot as a regular attendee at Taylor House in our section. As a long-standing member and previous Membership Secretary he has fitted in very quickly, and has been a great help to myself and John Grimsey, as the remaining regular attendees.

Towards the end of the year, the resignation of John Harker as Area Officer for large areas of Yorkshire and Derbyshire meant that these areas would fall under the control of Taylor House, and the extra work for our section is as yet unknown.

Jenny Allen has become a great asset to the Section by taking much control of Cheshire East and Cheshire West.

I would like to thank the Assessors and Inspectors for the good work, and the Courts and Inquiries Officers for their support.

We have been involved in seven objections during the year, mainly at the consultation stage. Two were withdrawn by us, two by the applicant, and the rest are either still ongoing or have not been progressed.

The statistics for the year are listed below, (previous year's figures in brackets). Due to the reasons listed above, we expect these numbers to be somewhat different next year.



Public Space Protection Orders 6 (8)  
Consultations 145 (123)  
Objections 7 (11)  
Orders 148 (262)  
Others 171 (158)

*Silverdale 14 where a thirty year battle for access is reaching its climax*

## 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.

### Income

- Receipts were down to £82,063. This was due to legacies being down by £64,740 to £40,182 and gift aid down £12,808 to £3,613. This fall was linked to last year’s gift aid associated with the Mike Barnes estate donation.
- Members’ subscriptions were down slightly to £12,461. Affiliations were down slightly to £1,662. Net gift aid was down £308 to £3,613.
- General donations were up slightly to £9,460.
- Signpost/footbridge donations were up 25% to £3,993.
- Dividends and interest were both higher, up £1,901 to £10,587.

Taking out legacy income, general income was slightly higher at £41,881. Then, deducting expenditure, a deficit of £3,178 was made in the Society’s running costs.

### Expenditure

- Overall expenditure was up by £6,712 to £45,059, mainly due to an increase in signpost/footbridge expenditure and legal fees.
  - Taylor House costs were down by £865 to £4,501.
  - Signpost/footbridge expenses up £5,956 to £13,115, which is good to see.
  - Travel costs were down slightly to £6,762.
  - Printing and postage costs were higher, mainly due to printing a new Inspectors Handbook. • It now costs nearly £1.50 to print and post a newsletter, so please consider taking it online.
  - Computer and insurance costs were down slightly.
  - Subscriptions/donations/training costs were higher due to a new C.I.O on a training course.
  - Commemorative projects were down appreciably as only a donation towards the PDNP boundary walk plaque was made this year.
  - Legal, professional and secretarial costs were up by £2,540 due to seeking barristers’ advice on the Wigan PROW case. Also the cost of digitising the Cheshire East records
- The net surplus was £37,004.

### Assets

The balance sheet is up £22,738 to £449,691, mainly due to legacies. Our investments were down by £24,597 to £160,344 due to £10,331 of shares being bought out, as well as a fall of £14,266 in the portfolio value due to the 12% fall in the FTSE this year. Fortunately our investments only fell by 7.5%. They are long-term investments and are returning over 5%, an essential contribution to our running costs.

Liquid assets were up £47,335 to £228,693, boosted by the share buyout of £10,331 which has not yet been reinvested.

Direct debits subscriptions: CAF (Charity Aid Foundation Bank) collect our direct debits. Please note 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.peakand-northern.org.uk> Direct debits now account for nearly 70% of our paid membership subscription income: £8,723, accounting for 635 members excluding affiliates.

# 2018 Accounts



**Peak & Northern  
Footpaths Society**

No 212219

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018

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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Subscriptions	12,461		12,461	12,580
Affiliations	1,662		1,662	1,714
Legacies,bequests	40,182		40,182	54,912
A members restricted donation	0		0	50,010
Donations general	9,460		9,460	9,387
Donations signposts & footbridges		3,993	3,993	3,201
Gift Aid tax	3,613		3,613	16,421
Interest/Dividends	10,587		10,587	8,686
Miscellaneous	105		105	0
<i>Sub total</i> (Gross income for AR)	78,070	3,993	82,063	156,911
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>				
John Laing Infrastructure	10,331		10,331	1,227
<i>Sub total</i>	10,331	0	10,331	1,227
<i>Total receipts</i>	88,401	3,993	92,394	158,138
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Taylor House running costs	4,501		4,501	5,366
Signpost & Footbridges	9,122	3,993	13,115	7,159
Travel & Subsistence	6,762		6,762	7,145
Printing,Copying,newsletter	5,177		5,177	4,882
Postage Telephone Stationary	3,059		3,059	3,047
Computer, Software & maintenance	2,858		2,858	3,021
Functions / Fundraising costs	1,285		1,285	1,163
Insurance	1,363		1,363	1,381
Subscriptions, Donations, Training	1,098		1,098	297
Commemorative projects,structures	181		181	1,605
Legal Professional & Secretarial	4,040	1,500	5,540	3,000
Sundries	120		120	281
<i>Sub total</i>	39,566	5,493	45,059	38,347
<b>P &amp; L SURPLUS</b>			37,004	118,564
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
		0	0	39,280
<i>Sub total</i>	0	0	0	39,280
<i>Total payments</i>	39,566	5,493	45,059	77,627
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	48,835	-1,500	47,335	80,511
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	118,848	62,510	181,358	100,847
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	167,683	61,010	228,693	181,358

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>			
	Savings accounts	<b>219,960</b>	<b>61,010</b>
	Current accounts & petty cash	<b>8,733</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>228,693</b>	<b>61,010</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Government stocks		<b>19,127</b>
	Corporate bonds		<b>67,153</b>
	Equities		<b>29,375</b>
	Inv.trusts,pref shares,ETF funds		<b>44,689</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>160,344</b>

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

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

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	P Easthope	04/02/2019
	D C Brown	04/02/2019

New Charity Commission rules mean that the Independent examiner is not allowed to publish her report before seeing the Annual Report. For that reason we cannot publish it here and it will be issued separately

# Footbridges Report

## Bob Proctor

On 11th May, our Chairman presented a cheque for a donation of £3,456 to Andy Gardner of Kirklees Council. The donation was for the funding of a new footbridge on footpath DEW/65/10 where it crosses Howroyd Beck near Whitley Lower village. The Council did considerable work on the footpath including installing a field drain, replacing an unsuitable stile with a wicket gate and cleaning accumulated mud and soil off the paved surface of the path.

The bridge was dedicated to the memory of Audrey Oakes, who had left a very generous legacy to the Society.

A donation of £1,130 was also made to the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to fund additions to the boardwalks in the Chee Dale Nature Reserve near Miller's Dale. The Chairman handed over a cheque to Julia Gow, the Reserves Officer, on 20th November. Wormhill FP5 follows the River Wye upstream from Miller's Dale. It is a popular walk through the wonderful dale, but the path can get exceedingly muddy after wet weather and the Trust decided to extend the boardwalks, making the path more enjoyable and reducing erosion. The Society was approached with a request for support, which was given in accordance with its policy.

I wrote a press release and a short piece appeared in the Buxton Advertiser.

Kirklees Council first contacted the Society in summer 2015 about financial support for the replacement of a bridge on footpath KIR/113/10 near Flockton. Since then some tortuous discussions have been taking place, culminating in a letter to the Council in January 2018, saying that proceedings would have to be taken under s56 of the Highway Act unless some meaningful progress could be made. Following this letter, discussions moved forward relatively quickly, resulting in an offer of £7,790 towards the cost of the new bridge being made in August last. Work has started on the abutments and we are looking forward to hearing that the project has been finished.

Throughout most of the year, negotiations have been continuing with Staffordshire County Council about improvements to two sets of stepping stones on the River Hamps in the Staffordshire Moorlands. The stepping stones are very difficult to use and unsafe and the Society first suggested that they should be replaced with footbridges. A rough estimate of the cost was £16,500. After some slow-moving discussions the Council said that any donation could be better spent on repair or replacement of the stepping stones. This seemed acceptable, subject to the specification and extent of the work being satisfactory. Harry Scott, the Area Officer, has since been dealing with the Council but progress has been painfully slow.

Hebble Hole bridge is a listed stone clapper bridge in Colden Clough, west of Hebden Bridge. The bridge consists essentially of two parallel stone beams, approx. 600x400mm, and 4.7m long. Last winter a falling tree pushed one of the beams off its support, breaking it into two pieces. In view of the bridge being listed it had to be repaired and a replacement bridge was not acceptable.

The bridge is on the Pennine Way, and the Pennine National Trails Partnership asked whether the Society would be interested in making a contribution to the estimated cost of £25,000. The Trustees offered a donation of £5,000. Contractors started work in the autumn of 2018 and the job was approaching completion at the end of the year.

The following proposals are also currently being dealt with: i) a footbridge on footpath 87BUR/5WHI near Bury; ii) a footbridge and boardwalk near Marple; iii) a footbridge on the Pennine Way, north of Marsden.

## David Morton

2018 began badly. In the first six months just one new signpost 561 was erected at Shireoaks Farm, while three were stolen and two were vandalised. Those stolen were 529 and 535 at Hurst Green, plus 346 at Whittle, New Mills. All three were notified to the police, but have not been recovered. S19 above Kinder Reservoir was uprooted and had its main plate and one cross plate smashed, while S002 at the nearby shooting cabin lost one crossplate. However by December, S19 and S2 had been repaired and we had added 26 new signs giving a total of 512 signs compared with 488 in January. Those with an † are available as memorials to walkers or their clubs at a cost of £325. .

### New signs in 2018

†S561 at GR : SK 07102 83237	Shireoaks Farm, Breckhead, Chinley on FPs 67/70
S562 at GR : SJ 96098 91686	Far Benfield, for Marple & District RC's 50th Anniv
S563 at GR : SK 02761 96728	Bottoms Res'r, Hadfield for P & E Easthope's 50th Anniversary
†S564 at GR : SK 32583 63849	Vernon Lane Farm, Ashover on FP120 / BW140
†S565 at GR : SK 32296 63994	Robridding Farm, Ashover on FP120
†S566 at GR : SK 31787 66092	Peasunhurst, Ashover on FPs100/105/106
†S567 at GR : SK 31835 66084	Peasunhurst, Ashover on FPs100 and 106
†S568 at GR : SK 32681 64889	south of Uppertown, Ashover on FPs 111 and 112
†S569 at GR : SK 32719 64354	Yew Tree Farm, Ashover on FPs116 and 117
†S570 at GR : SK 33160 64277	Easton Lane, Kelstedge, Ashover, FP121
†S571 at GR : SK 34636 62510	near Overton, Ashover FPs 59 & 60 & BW145
†S572 at GR : SK 33939 67719	Stanedge G.C., Holymoorside FPs 16 & 61
S573 at GR : SK 33623 72257	Linacre Res'r, Brampton, ILMO John and Kathleen Addy
†S574 at GR : SJ 99082 65768	Gradbach Scout Camp on Quarnford 1 and 22
†S575 at GR : SK 01091 64341	Goldsy whole Farm on Quarnford 42
†S576 at GR : SK 33729 68726	Holym'side & Crompton FPs 17 and 26
†S577 at GR : SK 06827 59019	Wardlow and Elkstones FPs17 and 25
†S578 at GR : SK 08572 55578	below Hillsdale Hall Farm, on Grindon BW4
†S579 at GR : SK 08653 55604	below Broadmeadow, on Butterton FP31 & BW13 & 2
S581 at GR : SK 06352 66709	Hollinsclough, on FP27 and BW1, IMO Alan Edwards
†S583 at GR : SK 04547 68444	Brand Top, Dove Head, on H/ton Upper ¼ 30/32
S584 at GR : SK 19476 73460	Longstone Moor, IMO Karen Towson of Footloose WC
†S585 at GR : SD 83314 42489	Mountain Farm, Blacko on FPs15,19,20
S586 at GR : SD 83330 42490	Mountain Farm, Blacko IMO Roy Clarke
†S587 at GR : SD 83482 42415	Mountain Farm, Blacko 14 and 19
†S588 at GR : SD 83389	Mountain Farm, Blacko"FP23

Six more signpost plates are on order from Leander Architectural. Five are in the outlying parish of Rimington, Lancs. and one at Norber, Rochdale. The Toposcope 3 saga dragged on.

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# Faults and Inspection

## David Gosling

The principal aim of the Society is to protect and preserve the rights of way network in our region. In order to achieve this aim we need to have accurate and reliable information about the state of rights of way. Although we receive information from a variety of sources, by far the most important source is the inspection of footpaths carried out by the Society's inspectors.

The Footpath Inspections Database (FID) was only introduced two years ago for Derbyshire parishes and now covers all areas where we have inspectors (as reported in February's Signpost). Since the FID was introduced, we have been building a more comprehensive picture of the condition of the footpath network and about the activity of our inspectors.

In 2018, the FID recorded 5174 inspections. The table below shows how the number of inspections has risen over the last five years, although we have to remember that prior to the introduction of the FID, inspectors only reported to Taylor House when they found a fault.

2018	Total inspections	5174
2017	Total inspections	4570
2016	Faults reported	2024
2015	Faults reported	1123
2014	Faults reported	678
2013	Faults reported	381

The table below shows how active our inspectors have been in those HAs where more than 100 inspections were recorded during 2018:

Highway Authority	Highway Authority		
Cheshire East	773	Cheshire West	243
Derbyshire - High Peak	742	Sheffield	234
Derbyshire - Derbyshire Dales	699	Lancashire - Lancaster	233
Staffordshire	473	Kirklees	136
Stockport	442	Bolton	111
Derbyshire - Amber Valley	412	Lancashire - Ribble Valley	105
Derbyshire - NE Derbyshire	384	Trafford	104
Barnsley	247	Derbyshire - S Derbyshire	101

The number of faults recorded in 2018 was 2009 faults, of which only 17% were resolved, leaving 1659 faults unresolved. There is currently a total of 5818 unresolved faults on the system, many of which relate to faults recorded some years ago. The financial cutbacks to local authorities' budgets have resulted in longer delays to faults being rectified and many stay on the books for several years, but the Society remains committed to pressing highway authorities to meet their legal obligations to maintain rights of way.

It is very pleasing to be able to report that footpath inspection is going from strength to strength. The Society appointed 12 new inspectors in 2018, so we now have 112 inspectors and 9 area officers (five of whom are also inspectors). 522 parishes are currently inspected, a considerable improvement on the 330 parishes inspected five years ago. We particularly welcome new inspectors in areas where we have not been represented, such as Patricia Durdey in Bradford and Peter Varett in Bury.

However, we did lose some very experienced inspectors and a special mention should be made of Keith Feltham, who retired in August after 30 years of service to the Society. Also retiring during the year were: Kirsty Tyre, Richard Hinckley, Graham Redford, Terry Woodhouse, Roy Chetham, and John Glentworth. We thank them for their services to the Society.

Recently, Pat Thomas has also announced her resignation. Pat has been an energetic inspector since 2003, first in Charlesworth and Chisworth and latterly in several parishes in Tameside. She has fought many battles with Tameside and attended numerous meetings. Her patience has finally been exhausted and she has resigned Longendale, her remaining parish. The Society owes Pat a huge debt of gratitude.

During the year three inspectors newsletters were published and also a new booklet 'An Introduction to Inspecting Footpaths for PNFS'. Eleven new inspectors attended a training day on February 24th. An inspectors conference was held on March 24th at the Methodist Central Meeting Rooms, attended by 34 inspectors. Despite competition from the hymns being sung next door, there was a lively debate about the constitution change that was subsequently passed at the AGM.

In an attempt to make the PNFS archives at Taylor House more accessible, we embarked on a pilot project to digitise the records for one highway authority (Cheshire East). This coming year we will be extending digitisation to more HAs and will also include current documentation. The plan is to make these digital records available via a password-protected area of the website.

Overall, footpath inspection is in a healthy state, but the local authority environment is extremely challenging. There are encouraging signs that the benefits of walking for health are being recognised but this is not yet being translated into improved budgets for rights of way officers. Most highway authority funding is devoted to the road network and not to maintaining paths and bridleways.

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## Signposts (*continued*)

### **Maintenance**

The usual programme of inspecting every signpost within three years, plus cleaning, wedging and repainting the coloured "crest" continued.

S019 and a cross plate on S002 were replaced following serious vandalism. S086, 106 and 107 were shotblasted and powder-coated. S086 and 212 were fixed to concrete stumps. S106 was set back from the A57's road salt.

Mike Hoare was commemorated on S559 at Butley Town; Brian Morrison on S436 at Common Barn; Derek Seddon on S105 and 557.

S276 was re-erected by S&RWLT on a full-height post at Blacka, Sheffield. Pete Ash repainted S010, 068, 251, 288 and 388 in spite of weather extremes. S360 was retrieved from Anglers Country Park, Wakefield, when its post rotted. The RA's sign at White Coppice, Chorley was re-posted. TH garage door stay was repaired. My particular thanks again go to Pete, Ted and John.

# Membership Secretary's Report

## Me~~l~~ Bale

The Society's membership figures have fallen slightly over the last year. However, it is worth pointing out that as I write the number of members and affiliates who have yet to renew their membership is higher than at this time last year and the membership year still has three months to run. I am hopeful that the 'end of year' figures will at least be on a par with those of 2017/18. The figures for the last five years show that membership is relatively stable.

The Society's demographics mean that it is inevitable that we will lose members through illness or worse. Sadly this has certainly been the case this year. On a more positive note, it is very encouraging that a number of our new members have also become footpath inspectors and have offered to volunteer in other ways to progress the work of the society. We have also lost three of our vice presidents for a range of reasons. The good news is that Ian MacMillan, sometimes referred to as the Bard of Barnsley, and Kate Ashbrook of the Open Spaces Society and the Ramblers have both agreed to take up these roles, subject to approval at the forthcoming AGM in April.

The Society is always keen to help other organisations with footpath-related issues. One example from 2018 was Dore Village Society, who sought our advice about a potential unrecorded right of way in their village. They were so impressed by the help that one of our area officers, John Harker, was able to provide that they decided to affiliate to the Society. Hopefully we can attract more groups in this way in the future.

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%. Gift Aid can be claimed retrospectively for four years, so if you can Gift Aid please consider doing so.

I am delighted to be able to report that the treasurer has advised me that for the eighth successive year subscription levels will be frozen. Considering the steady rise in the running costs of the society this is indeed good news.

In future membership renewal reminder letters will be sent with the first newsletter of the membership year. I would ask all members to consider paying their subscription by direct debit if they do not already do so. Not only does this reduce the need for reminders but it also allows more time to be spent on other work for the Society. Work is underway to enable membership renewals to be made via the society's website as well as allowing new memberships to be taken out.

The trustees are very keen to broaden the age range of our membership. One way simple way to do this is for members to encourage their children and friends to join the Society. Don't forget we are more than happy to accept gift memberships on their behalf!

The Society also has plans to recruit members from colleges and universities across our patch as well encouraging more parish councils and other organisations to affiliate to us.

Last year I mentioned a new benefit for members: access to the Society's Footpath Inspection Database. The database now covers virtually all of the highway authorities that the Society deals with. Authorised users can view the latest inspection information about footpaths across all the parishes that our inspectors cover, as well as all reports of problems that have been reported. 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](mailto:membership@pnfs.org.uk) if you have any questions or ideas about membership.

Members	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Annual	923	968	994	1073	1070
Ten year	147	189	67	50	39
Five year	48	10	7	4	2
Hon. life	31	32	33	34	32
Total	1149	1067	1101	1161	1152
Affiliates	77	76	79	89	85

Note: The 2018 figures are for 'paid up' members only. In addition there are 56 individual and household members and 7 affiliates who haven't yet renewed in 2018/19. All have recently been sent renewal reminder letters or emails.

## Honorary Members

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  
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Altrincham & District Rambling Club  
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Anderton Parish Council  
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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  
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Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council  
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Denton Local History Society  
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Derbyshire Pennine Club  
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Helsby Parish Council  
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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 Assoc  
Manchester and Salford Ramblers Group  
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  
North Turton Parish Council  
Northenden Walkers  
Oldham Wednesday Walkers  
Pennine Wayfarers Rambling Club  
Pott Shrigley Parish Council  
Poynton Rambling Club  
Preston Ramblers  
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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  
Red Rope (Manchester)  
Rochdale CHA Rambling Club  
Rock and Heather Club  
Rossendale Ramblers  
Saddleworth Pedestrians  
Sale U3A Walking Group  
Sale Walking and Activity Group  
Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council  
Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust  
Sheffield Co-operative Ramblers  
Sheffield U3A Walking Group 'A'  
Shirland & Higham Parish Council  
Stockport Field Club  
Stockport Rambling & Social Club  
Stockport Walkers  
Stockport Walking and Outdoor Group  
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Trafford Walkers  
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# Parishes

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## BARNESLEY

Hunshelf .....	HUR
Langsett .....	FOR
Oxspring .....	FOR
Penistone .....	NCR
Stainborough .....	BTY
Tankersley .....	BEL
Thurgoland .....	BEL
Wortley .....	BEL

## BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN

Belmont .....	PIC
Chapelton (Turton).....	PIC
Egerton.....	PIC
Tockholes .....	WHE

## BOLTON

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

## BRADFORD

Bingley .....	DDY
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## BURY

Prestwich .....	AND
Tottington .....	PVO

## CALDERDALE

Brighouse .....	PDA
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## CHESTER EAST

Acton .....	PLA
Adlington .....	DCB
Agden (Lymm) .....	LNL
Alderley Edge .....	GOU
Alsager .....	LIT
Arclid .....	LIT
Ashley .....	LNL
Baddiley .....	CCO
Barthomley .....	HEA+PLA
Basford .....	PLA
Bexton .....	MIL
Bickerton .....	ALX
Bollington .....	DSM
Bosley .....	JGA
Bunbury .....	DAE
Burland .....	CCO
Chelford .....	ABL

Chorley.....	ABL
Chorlton .....	PLA
Congleton.....	JGA
Crangage .....	HAB
Crewe (Town Of) .....	PLA
Crewe Green .....	PLA
Disley .....	TAD
Edleston .....	PLA
Gawsworth .....	FHR
Goostrey .....	HAB
Great Warford .....	HAB
Haslington .....	PLA
Hassall .....	LIT
Haughton.....	DAE
Henbury .....	GOO
Henhull .....	PLA
High Legh .....	PGA
Higher Hurdsfield .....	DCB
Holmes Chapel .....	DCB
Kettleshulme .....	TAD
Knutsford .....	MIL
Leighton .....	PLA
Little Bollington .....	LNL
Little Warford .....	HAB
Lyme Handley .....	TAD
Macclesfield .....	DCB
Macclesfield Forest .....	JAK
Marthall .....	MIL
Mere.....	LNL
Millington .....	LNL
Minshull Vernon .....	PLA
Mobberley .....	GOU
Moston .....	LIT
Mottram St Andrew.....	RAY
Nantwich .....	PLA
Nether Alderley .....	GOU
Ollerton .....	MIL
Over Alderley .....	RAY
Peover Inferior .....	MIL
Peover Superior .....	MIL
Plumley .....	MIL
Pott Shrigley .....	GOU
Poynton With Worth .....	MAT
Prestbury .....	FON
Rainow .....	TAD
Rope .....	PLA
Rosthern .....	LNL
Sandbach .....	LIT
Shavington Cum Gresty .....	PLA
Snelson .....	DCB
Sound .....	CCO

Stapeley .....	PLA	Mapperley .....	HAJ
Sutton .....	BRO	Pentrich .....	ROA
Swettenham .....	HAB	Riddings .....	KJB
Tabley Inferior .....	MIL	Ripley Town .....	KJB
Tabley Superior .....	MIL	Shipley .....	HAJ
Tatton .....	MIL	Shottle & Postern .....	WES
Toft .....	MIL	Smalley .....	HAJ
Twemlow .....	HAB	Somercotes .....	HAJ
Wardle .....	CCO	South Wingfield .....	ROA
Weston .....	PLA	Swanwick .....	KJB
Wildboarclough .....	JAK		
Willaston .....	PLA	<b>DERBYSHIRE BOLSOVER</b>	
Wilmslow .....	ITA	All Parishes .....	HAJ
Wincle .....	BOO		
Wistaston .....	PLA	<b>DERBYSHIRE CHESTERFIELD</b>	
Worleston .....	PLA	Brimington .....	PAW
		Chesterfield .....	PAW
		Staveley .....	PAW
<b>CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER</b>			
Acton Bridge .....	JHW	<b>DERBYSHIRE DALES</b>	
Alvanley .....	PAK	Abney & Abney Grange .....	COJ
Anderton .....	JAL	Aldwark .....	PAW
Antrobus .....	JAL	Ashbourne .....	TIB
Barnton .....	JAL	Ashford In The Water .....	JCO
Comberbach .....	JAL	Bakewell .....	PAW
Cuddington .....	PAR	Ballidon .....	PAW
Davenham .....	PAR	Baslow & Bubnell .....	PAW
Duddon .....	CCO	Beeley .....	FOX
Frodsham Ashton .....	GAS	Biggin .....	WES
Great Budworth .....	JAL	Birchover .....	GOO
Hartford .....	PAR	Blackwell .....	BOD
Helsby .....	JAL	Bonsall .....	HIR
Little Legh .....	JAL	Bradbourne .....	PAW
Manley .....	PAK	Bradley .....	WES
Marston .....	JAL	Bradwell .....	COJ
Moulton .....	PAR	Brassington .....	PAW
Oakmere .....	PAR	Brushfield .....	BOD
Tarvin .....	CCO	Calver .....	KAT
Weaverham .....	PAR	Carsington .....	WES
Whitegate And Marton .....	PAR	Chatsworth .....	FOX
Whitley .....	JAL	Chelmorton .....	JEW
		Clifton & Compton .....	TIB
<b>DERBYSHIRE AMBER VALLEY</b>		Cromford .....	HIR
Aldecar & Langley Mill .....	HAJ	Curbar .....	BUC
Alderwasley .....	WES	Darley Dale .....	RWS
Alfreton .....	HAJ	Eaton Alsop .....	PAW
Ashley Hay .....	WES	Edensor .....	PAW
Belper .....	SND	Elton .....	HUA
Codnor .....	KJB	Eyam .....	DPI
Crich .....	ROA	Eyam Woodlands .....	COJ
Denby .....	HAJ	Fenny Bentley .....	PAW
Heanor & Loscoe .....	HAJ	Flagg .....	BOD
Horsley .....	ROA	Foolow .....	DPI
Horsley Woodhouse .....	ROA	Froggatt .....	BUC
Ironville .....	KJB		
Idridgehay & Alton .....	JBR		

# Parishes

Gratton .....	HUA
Great Hucklow .....	COJ
Great Longstone .....	LYO
Grindleford .....	HOW
Grindlow .....	COJ
Hartington Middle Quarter .....	BOD
Hartington Nether Quarter .....	PAW
Hartington Town Quarter .....	PAW
Hassop .....	JCO
Hathersage .....	HOW
Hazelbadge .....	COJ
Highlow .....	COJ
Hulland .....	WES
Hulland Ward .....	WES
Ible .....	PAW
Ivonbrook Grange .....	PAW
Kirk Ireton .....	WES
Little Hucklow .....	COJ
Little Longstone .....	DAM
Litton .....	NOD
Mapleton .....	PAW
Matlock .....	RWS
Matlock Bath .....	RWS
Middleton & Smerrill .....	HUA
Nether Haddon .....	GOO
Newton Grange .....	PAW
Northwood & Tinkersley .....	FOX
Offcote & Underwood .....	TIB
Offerton .....	SIS
Osmaston & Yeldersley .....	TIB
Outseats .....	COJ
Parwich .....	PAW
Pilsley .....	PAW
Rowland .....	DAM
Rowsley .....	FOX
Sheldon .....	JCO
South Darley .....	HIR
Stanton In Peak .....	GOO
Stoney Middleton .....	DPI
Taddington .....	BOD
Tansley .....	RWS
Thorpe .....	PAW
Tideswell .....	NOD
Tissington .....	PAW

Wardlow .....	NOD
Whiston .....	NOD
Winster .....	GOO

## 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 .....	BUCK
Green Fairfield .....	ALW
Hartington Upper Quarter .....	BOD
Hayfield .....	EAT
Hope .....	SIS
Hope Woodlands .....	BEL
King Sterndale .....	ALW
New Mills (in Derbyshire) .....	DSM+POP
Peak Forest .....	BRT
Thornhill .....	SIS
Tintwistle .....	EAS
Whaley Bridge .....	DCB
Wormhill .....	BOD

## NE DERBYSHIRE

Ashover .....	PAW
Barlow .....	CLB
Brackenfield .....	HAJ
Brampton .....	PAW
Calow .....	HAJ
Clay Cross .....	HAJ
Dronfield .....	PAW
Eckington .....	PAW
Grassmoor Hasland Winsick .....	HAJ
Heath & Holmewood .....	HAJ
Holmesfield .....	PAW
Killamarsh .....	PAW
Morton .....	HAJ
North Wingfield .....	HAJ
Pilsley .....	HAJ
Shirland & Higham .....	HAJ
Stretton .....	HAJ
Sutton Cum Duckmanton .....	HAJ
Temple Normanton .....	HAJ
Tupton .....	HAJ
Unstone .....	PAW
Walton Incl. Holymoorside .....	PAW
Wessington .....	HAJ
Wingerworth .....	HAJ

## DERBYSHIRE SOUTH

Aston on Trent .....	BTO
Barrow on Trent .....	BTO
Elvaston .....	DAM
Ingleby .....	BTO
Melbourne .....	BTO
Stanton By Bridge .....	BTO
Swarkestone .....	BTO
Weston on Trent .....	BTO

## KIRKLEES

Holmfirth .....	ALE
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## LANCASHIRE CITY OF LANCASTER

Caton With Littledale .....	HST
Ellel .....	TYN
Over Wyresdale .....	APA
Quernmore .....	TYN
Roeburndale .....	HST
Scotforth .....	TYN
Silverdale .....	FEA
Warton .....	FEA
Yealand Conyers .....	FEA
Yealand Redmayne .....	FEA

## LANCASHIRE CITY OF PRESTON

Lea And Cottam .....	SNA
Woodplumpton .....	SNA

## LANCASHIRE RIBBLE VALLEY

All Parishes.....	ADD
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## LANCASHIRE WYRE

Nether Wyresdale .....	APA
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## MANCHESTER

Manchester (City Of) .....	GOU
Ringway .....	ADS

## OLDHAM

Chadderton .....	RIL
Crompton .....	RIL
Failsworth .....	BLO
Lees .....	RIL
Oldham (Town Of) .....	RIL
Royton .....	RIL
Saddleworth .....	RIL

## ROTHERHAM

All Parishes .....	HIR
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## SHEFFIELD

Bradfield .....	DJO
Ecclesfield .....	ACW
Eckington .....	PAW
Sheffield (City Of) .....	JCO
Stocksbridge .....	HUR

## 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

# Parishes

## STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS

Alstonefield.....	PAW
Alton.....	HEW
Blore With Swinsco.....	HEW
Butterton .....	PAW
Checkley .....	HEW
Cotton .....	HEW
Draycott In The Moors .....	HEW
Farley .....	HEW
Fawfieldhead .....	PAW
Grindon .....	GWE
Heathylee .....	LTA
Hollinsclough .....	PAW
Ilam .....	PAW
Leekfrith .....	JGA
Longnor .....	HAD
Oakamoor .....	HEW
Quarnford .....	TEM
Sheen .....	PAW
Tittesworth .....	HAD
Warslow & Elkstones .....	PAW
Waterhouses .....	PRO
Wetton .....	GWE

## STOCKPORT

Bredbury & Romiley .....	TEM
Cheadle & Gatley .....	BOO
Hazel Grove & Bramhall .....	GOS
Marple .....	CLS
New Mills (in Stockport) .....	CLS
Stockport (Town Of) .....	CLS

## TAMESIDE

Ashton U Lyne .....	WEX
Audenshaw .....	WEX
Denton .....	WEX
Droylesden .....	WEX
Dukinfield .....	WEX
Longdendale .....	EAS
Mossley.....	THO
Stalybridge.....	THO

## TRAFFORD

Altrincham .....	MHA
Bowdon .....	MHA
Carrington .....	MHA
Dunham Massey .....	MHA
Hale .....	MHA
Partington .....	MHA
Sale .....	MHA
Stretford .....	MHA

Urmston .....	MHA
Warburton .....	MHA

## WAKEFIELD

Badsworth .....	CAD
Criggleston .....	COG
Hemsworth .....	CAD
Huntwick .....	CAD
South Elmsall .....	CAD
South Kirkby .....	CAD
Upton .....	CAD
Walton .....	MOR
West Bretton .....	COG
Woolley .....	COG

## WARRINGTON

Appleton .....	BRA
Croft .....	OLM
Cuerdley .....	OLM
Culcheth And Glazebury .....	OLM
Golborne .....	OLM
Grappenhall & Thelwall .....	JHW
Great Sankey .....	OLM
Hatton .....	OLM
Lymm .....	BRA
Penketh .....	OLM
Poulton With Fernhead .....	OLM
Rixton With Glazebrook .....	OLM
Stockton Heath .....	BRA
Stretton .....	OLM
Walton .....	OLM
Warrington Town .....	OLM
Winwick .....	OLM
Woolston .....	BRA

## WIGAN

Abram .....	BUR
Ashton In Makerfield .....	BUR
Aspull .....	ATH
Billinge & Winstanley .....	BUR
Golborne .....	DTA
Haigh .....	ATH
Hindley .....	BUR
Ince .....	BUR
Leigh .....	GJO
Orrell .....	ATH
Shevington .....	ATH
Standish With Langtree .....	ATH
Wigan (Town Of) .....	BUR
Worthington .....	ATH



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Invitation to Members

## Annual General Meeting

Saturday 13th April  
at

**Britannia Hotel, Dialstone Lane,  
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Ample free car parking is available  
Services 383 from Stockport, 384 from Marple  
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Services 192 from Manchester, 199 from Buxton,  
and 392/3 from Macclesfield stop on nearby A6.

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10:30 Coffee, tea, biscuits

11:00 AGM commences

*and includes election of Vice Presidents*

12:30 Cold buffet lunch

13:30 Guest speaker

*Andrew Bonehill of The Woodland Trust will talk about their work*

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 7th April stating if lunch is required.

A donation is invited to help defray the catering costs of £10.00 per person.