

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND
NORTHERN COUNTIES
FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION
SOCIETY

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Annual
REPORT

FOR 1953

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FOR

Diamond Jubilee Year

1954

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The Peak District & Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society, 1953

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REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

IN our last Report we set a Target of a Thousand Members, to be achieved in Coronation year. We then had 366 Individual Members and 55 affiliated clubs. To-day the figures are 472 and 57. We also asked for an enlarged income, but in spite of our having a hundred more Members, the income is only up by slightly less than £5, and again there is a deficit, of £27.

We have pleasure in recording the legacy from Mr. Macaulay, of £100 and are deeply grateful for the interest shown in the Society by him and Mrs. Macaulay, but we must emphasize that a society cannot live on legacies.

This year is our Diamond Jubilee—the Society was formed on August 16th, 1894—and we hope there will be a suitable celebration. Here we propose as a practical side of the celebration, the achievement of our Thousand-Member Target. We have reason to praise the generosity of Members and Clubs: although the minimum subscription is 3/6d., the average amount paid this year has been 5/5d. per Member, and £1 per Club, compared with the minimum of 10/6d. More Club members ought to be individual members of the Society, and we suggest that every Club should appoint one of its members as a collector for the Society. We already have a nucleus of collectors, who hold the Society's receipt books and this side of our work could usefully be developed by the clubs acting along with the Membership Secretary.

A Thousand Members paying an average of 5/- and 60 Clubs paying an average of £1 would bring us an income (including interest) of £350, which would have been sufficient this year to wipe out the deficit and leave us with a margin of £20. How necessary this is can be understood by reflecting that the Officials in real values receive one-third of what they received before the war for doing a greatly inflated amount of work. You will recollect Mr. Wild saying, when Secretary, that the work entailed was a "full time job". The seriousness of the position is obvious.

We have often heard people say, in relation to appeals for practical assistance in the work itself that they wished the appeals had been more definite. There is obviously far more work to be done if important footpaths are to be saved than can possibly be accomplished with the present workers. In this Report therefore will be found four definite appeals for assistance, addressed to Members, Clubs and friends. These

are for evidence of user of the Bridgewater Canal Towpath in Cheshire, The Rochdale Canal Towpath in Lancashire, the footpath from the Dun Cow Inn, Ollerston to Mobberley, and the footpath from Marton Lane, Gawsforth, to Big Tidnock Farm. Further particulars in the detailed section of the Report.

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN.—During the year, our devoted and beloved President, Mr. P. M. Oliver, suffered a severe illness, as a result of which, although now partially recovered, he cannot take his former active part in our affairs. Happily Mr. Oliver is still able to discuss them with interest and his advice is always at our disposal. The Council and Officers have therefore reluctantly agreed to his resigning the Office of Chairman of the Council, whilst retaining that of President of the Society. Mr. T. Boulger kindly agreed to accept office as Chairman, and Mr. E. E. Ambler that of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. J. J. Mills, the cheerful Secretary of the C.H.A., and a delegate to the Council, has been ill for many months now, and unable to attend our meetings. We wish him a speedy and lasting recovery.

OBITUARY.—We regret to announce the passing during the year of four of our stalwarts: Messrs. J. W. Price, F.R.G.S., F. M. Duncalf, H. C. Kirk and B. Gill.

For some years, Mr. Price was Vice-Chairman of the Society and his best work was done in the Delamere Area, where he seemed to know every tree and stone. About 20 years ago he made a blue-print of all the footpaths there, many of which were not admitted by the Forestry Commission to be public, but because of the blue-print, neither were they denied. When he died, old in years and almost blind, but young in spirit, there passed a great-hearted friend of this Society and of the countryside.

Mr. Gill, like Mr. Price, had taken a very active part amongst us. He was footpaths inspector for Cheshire for many years, and week-in, week-out, he would be found investigating something somewhere. He did not wait for cases to be reported to him, but went rooting them out, and would lead parties of ramblers over difficult paths likely to be taken away either by disuse or malevolence. His greatest work was the organization of a Footpath Survey of Cheshire in 1953, which happily was faithfully recorded and which we hope will help us to safeguard many paths for future generations.

Mr. Duncalf was a Macclesfield man, who for many years attended our meetings and reported cases of obstruction that he encountered.

Mr. Kirk was the delegate of a Manchester C.H.A. section, who had an abiding interest in our work and for many years regularly attended our meetings. He worked quietly but constantly, maintaining his Club's interest in our affairs, and was responsive to all our appeals. He was a helper in the 1933 Survey, and had indeed pulled his weight in the present one.

OFFICERS.—This year we appointed Mr. H. Mills as Membership Secretary, but unfortunately his efforts have not been very successful. We are hoping for better results in 1954.

After many years devoted service, Mr. H. E. Wild will retire at the end of the year from the post of Signpost Supervisor. We appeal for nominations or a volunteer to continue this essential work.

THE COUNCIL.—In addition to our loss by death during the year, Dr. F. S. H. Head and Mr. G. H. Sharples have resigned from the Council for domestic reasons. We shall also have to replace Misses C. Taylor and G. G. Millward, and Messrs. G. F. Clowes and C.W.S. Kirke who cannot now attend our meetings but whom we would like to thank for their past interest and hope will continue as subscribers. We therefore require eight nominations to the Council to complete the number of elected members.

The need is also stressed for the Clubs to take a more active interest. Twenty-six club delegates failed to attend a single meeting this year, and seven others attended fewer than 25% of meetings. How can clubs know of our activities under such conditions? We expect that besides themselves assisting, delegates will report to their clubs and pass on our appeals for aid or information. This can only be done when delegates attend meetings and when clubs put the report of their delegate to this Society on their own agenda as a constant item.

Therefore please remember the nominations, and the appointment of live members to the Council.

We would like to record the valuable service rendered by Miss Ruth Clough the Minutes' Secretary.

FOOTPATHS SURVEY.—The footpaths survey which is being conducted under the National Parks Act, continues its lumbering way. In no part of our Area has the time-table envisaged by the Act come within a year of its execution. In itself this has enabled the faithful few to do their work of checking official maps with greater thoroughness. At the time of writing, all the West Riding and Lancashire Draft Maps have been exhibited, about a quarter of the Cheshire maps, but no maps of our part of Derbyshire and Stafford-

shire. Objections by landowners, farmers and others, to paths shown on the draft map, have arrived in spate at the County Record Offices, and it is in connection with these that help is needed from Clubs and individuals. Mr. N. Redford, the Survey Secretary, has given time and energy unstinted to this work, and once more he and his helpers have been driven about the countryside by Mr. L. G. Meadowcroft who has unreservedly placed his motor and his time at the Society's disposal.

We have appealed, to a large extent in vain, in the Press, and in our last Annual Report, as well as at Council Meetings, for members, club representatives and friends to visit offices where Draft Maps were on view and report as to the paths they have used. We renew the appeal now. Maps in parts of Cheshire are still on view, and others will shortly be exhibited, in addition to those of the Peak District and North Staffordshire.

Above, we have referred to the spate of objections from landowners, etc. To counter this, we have in mind the production of a simple statement form on which members and others who wish to help will be able to collect statements from users and also make statements themselves. **We suggest that every reader of this Report should make this a matter personal to himself or herself.** If the objections are not countered, the footpaths challenged will be lost. Meanwhile a few volunteers have done an amazing amount of work in checking the Lancashire, West Riding and Cheshire maps so far exhibited. **But look out for particulars of evidence required to preserve individual paths.**

CANAL TOWING PATHS.—Apparently there is a concerted effort afoot to prevent these often delightful paths from being established as rights of way. Centuries ago, the River Weaver was converted into a canal for a large part of its course, and the Inland Waterways Executive during last Summer tried to stop cyclists from using the towpath. Had they succeeded we may be sure that walkers would have followed. They put out a notice that cyclists could use the towpath subject to the purchase of a permit price 2/6d. per annum. A Reporter of the "Northwich Guardian" bought a permit, which was photographed and printed in his paper. This Society gave the legal case, and as a result of the local people's resistance and the publicity, all the restrictive notices came down and the permits were abolished. Hats off to the "Northwich Guardian". Other papers please copy. There'll be plenty of opportunity with the remaining canals of our Area.

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BRIDGEWATER CANAL TOWPATH.—Here is a situation where all members, clubs, and friends can get busy, right now! This canal traverses in Cheshire, **Sale**, Altrincham, Dunham Massey, Bollington, Agden, Lymm, Grappenhall, Stockton Heath, **Walton, Moore, Daresbury, Preston Brook, Norton, Halton** and Runcorn. Of these fifteen places, the seven underlined have put it on the Draft Map, and eight have excluded it.

All sorts of complications surround this question: a fear that if the towpath is preserved as a public right, the cost of maintenance will go on the rates; an inclination to consider as sufferance the activity of walking along the towpath, merely because the canal is private property, although on that account no different from any field, pasture or other private property traversed by a public footpath; a notion that because the canal company put in their leases to adjoining owners clauses enabling them to use the towpath, it is private, although that special use is with carts, horses and cattle; or that use by the public is incompatible with its use as a towpath; or that notices and barriers however recent can extinguish a right established by generations of walkers.

All these points were dealt with at a meeting which the Society called at Lymm U.D. Council Offices on February 1st, for which facility we are very grateful to that Council. At that meeting the Authorities' representatives decided to support the Society by bringing the matter before their Authorities. More than that they could not do, as they could not bind their Authorities.

Now it is the turn of our members, clubs, and friends. All can help by supplying statements showing which parts of the Canal have been used, for how long, what notices have been seen and when, whether any barriers have been encountered, and if so where and for how long. If you desire statement forms the Secretary will supply. If you haven't used the towpath yourself, you can, if you desire, go along and interview those who have.

ROCHDALE CANAL TOWPATH.—This path was put on the Draft Map by five out of six local authorities whose areas it traverses: Failsworth, Chadderton, Milnrow, Littleborough and Middleton. In Heywood, the section was omitted, and as it is in a built up area, somewhat dangerous, perhaps that is as well. In the other areas, however, it is a valuable footpath.

The Company have challenged the inclusion of the towpath, and in this case also we require your help. The same remarks apply here as in the final paragraph of our remarks about the Bridgewater Canal Towpath.

safety, until we pointed out that one of our party on an icy day last Winter nearly fell the 20 or so feet into the stream. Our insistence that safety meant safety in winter as well as summer was successful, and the handrail is now in position.

No. 9. Binn Green to Hey Top, Saddleworth: Arrangements were made by the Saddleworth Council to erect this bridge before the end of 1953. That promise was not fulfilled, but users of the path from Spring onwards should find it in position. This is the end, we hope, of years of pressure.

No. 10. Summer Close, Rainow: The bridge over the Todd Brook in this place equally charming in its name and character, has at our instigation, been erected by the County Council during the year, and we hope will be a boon to many generations of walkers.

No. 11. Rawsons 5th Nook, Tyldesley: The Coal Board have been widening and deepening Whitehead Brook here, and removed a footbridge in so doing without making any temporary diversion or explanation. As a result of our representations, the Board have agreed to replace the footbridge.

No. 12. Cheesden Valley: A paragraph in a Manchester paper said that Scouts in this Area were anxious to rebuild a footbridge, but they were discouraged from doing so on learning that if they did, and an accident happened, they would be legally responsible. We are trying to meet their difficulty.

No. 13. Marthall Brook: This Cheshire footbridge lies on the path from Dun Cow Inn, Ollerton, to Gleave House Farm, Mobberley. It bears a strand of barbed wire on the South Side of the brook and consists of tree trunks and sundry pieces of wood. It can be crossed with difficulty, but we pressed for another bauk of timber to be added, to make the crossing easy. We thought we had succeeded in this, and also in having stiles placed in convenient places. But the owner-occupiers suddenly contested the right of way. We would be glad, therefore, if members, clubs, and friends would let us have statements of user of this path either by giving their personal experience or obtaining statements from others as in the Canal cases already mentioned.

DIRECTION POSTS.—During the year the following work has been carried out under the supervision of Mr. H. E. Wild:—

Repainting: Plate near Kinder Reservoir; posts at Foulstone Delf, Derwent, Moscar Cottage, Grindleford Bridge, Grindleford (nr. Maynard Arms), Bradfield Gate Head. Mile plates: "Snake Inn 2 miles and 1 mile".

New Posts and Plates: Summer Close, Todd Valley; Hope-Castleton path, Mossylea Bridge, Glossop.

Refixed and Repainted posts: Hope-Lose Hill path; Abbey Grange; Middle Moor, Hayfield; Jacob's Ladder, Edale; Barber Booth, Edale; Ashop Head; "Midway" plate near Ashop Head; Sir William Road.

New Plates: Hope Mill, Bradfield Gate Head.

New Mile Post: "Snake Inn 2 Miles".

Mile Plate erected, refixed and repainted: "Hayfield 1 Mile". Two metal pointers fixed on Alport Castles Memorial Footbridge.

At the end of the year we are to lose the services of Mr. Wild, with our great regrets. For many years he has undertaken the task of signpost supervisor in addition to the many other arduous tasks he has performed. He wished to retire earlier, but his regard for the work and his loyalty to the Society led him to continue. Now he is to leave us we require a successor. We hope, therefore, that you will send a suitable nomination for the A.G.M., so that this essential work may be continued with unabated zeal.

Footpath Library. This service continues to be used by our Members.

Sandbach Vicarage Path. This is the most spectacular of this year's successes. Although the path has a documented history of over 300 years, the farmer, having obstructed it with barbed wire posed as a martyr when local opposition stiffened with our support, sought to maintain their right. Aided and abetted by the Congleton R.D. Council, when obstruction failed, he tried to succeed first by a diversion and afterwards by a stoppage through legal channels. We foiled these tricks. Now the people can enjoy what never ought to have been questioned. Incidentally the Vicar of Sandbach took up the cudgels on behalf of the spoiler and against the people.

Back Lane—Warburton Green Farm, nr. Altrincham. We caused obstructions on this path to be removed.

Swettenham to Holmes Chapel Road. This path too was freed at our request.

Bowlee Estate footpaths. The Manchester Corporation have agreed to keep these open until development has superseded them.

Higher Bradshaw—Marple. The Marple Council caused the owner to remove obstructions which he had erected.

Marple Hall—Otterspool Bridge. Marple Council have also made the conditions of this path more comfortable, although the waterlogged state of the land may create further complications.

Yorkshire Bridge—Win Hill Top. The Derwent Valley Water Board promptly removed trees growing in the line of path.

Whaley Bridge. The local Council remedied the ploughing up of a path.

Hazel Grove. The local Council have promised to reinstate a "short cut" path when developments near Kings Road take place.

Tissington. A ploughed up path here has been smoothed out.

Cheadle, Staffordshire. An obstruction here has been removed.

Roych Clough Bridle Path. Extensive repairs have been made.

Well Lane to High Street, Weaverham. This path is now free from obstructions.

Woodford: Church Lane to Vicarage. This path has been improved and we are urging the Hazel Grove Council to complete the work.

Woodford: Church to Adlington. We induced Messrs. Roe to move menacing signposts and to erect signs reading: F.P. to Adlington, at Old Hall Lane. We are pressing for the removal of the obstruction at the Adlington end.

Woodford: F.P. to Poynton via Lostock Hall, from Lower Swineseye. We are urging the owner here to make a connection between Messrs. Roe's diversion and their part of the path. The co-operative attitude of Messrs. Roe on the above paths is appreciated.

Motor Cyclists. We have taken up the question of motor cyclists using footpaths at Hollinsclough and Lathkill Dale, as a result of which conditions should be better this summer than last.

Reinstatement of Derwent Paths. We are now assured of the support of the National Trust, and of no opposition from the Derwent Valley Water Board in our endeavours to have three footpaths re-established here. A fourth is also on the list, but as evidence is more intangible, this may require a footpath order, at a later date.

Lymm and Mobberley. We decided to oppose the taking of land for housing by Manchester Corporation here, as being a threat to Manchester's Green Belt, and needlessly destroying the city's amenities, of which footpaths in this area are no small part.

The Didsbury Tip. Without taking sides in this case, we represented to the Inspector that no case of this kind had ever made equal inroads into public footpaths as this proposal.

Gawsworth. We require evidence of user of the two footpaths leading from Marton Lane via Marton Heath to Big Tidnock Farm in order to preserve this valuable west to east ramblers' route. This is included in our introductory appeal for help. Members, clubs, and friends are asked either to give their own experience of this route, or to obtain statements from other users.

Chesterfield. A strange position has arisen here about a footpath that has been used for many years without interruption. Two visits have been paid to the area, but there is confusion about the interpretation of notice boards belonging to the Railway Executive. There is a great deal of local feeling, and two councils are in correspondence with the parties concerned.

Many more footpaths were dealt with during the year, which there is no room to include here, and which are still in course of negotiation. Some of them are complex, and like many of the items listed above in a few lines, have taken months of correspondence and visits to various places, and engaged the attention of the Council, the footpaths inspectors and other officers.

We can thus look with justifiable pride on the work accomplished during Coronation Year, although some of our aims did not materialize, and in the year of our Diamond Jubilee we shall hope to make further progress. If you have any ideas suitable to mark our 60th Birthday, let us have them, and please remember our Appeal for More Members, Money, and Active Participation in our work. Let us have the Target ever before us: One Thousand Members.

Affiliated Rambling Clubs and Societies, 1953

- Accrington Naturalist & Antiquarian Society.
- Ashton-under-Lyne & District C.H.A. and H.F. Rambling Club.
- Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.
- Barnsley Mountaineering Club.
- Bolton C.H.A. Rambling Club.
- Bramhall Ratepayers' Association.
- Bury & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
- Camping Club of Gt. Britain & Ireland, North-West Region.
- C.E. Holiday Homes.
- Central Rambling Club.
- Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes, Manchester Section.
- Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes, Oldham Section.
- Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes, Stockport Section.
- Co-operative Holidays Association.
- C.P.R.E. Congleton District Committee.
- Crescent Rambling Club.
- Derby C.H.A. & H.F. Rambling Club.
- Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
- Eastwood Ramblers.
- Eccles C.H.A. Social & Rambling Club.
- Friendship Holidays Association (Manchester), Rambling Club.
- Hallamshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
- Hallé Club, South Manchester Branch.
- Holiday Fellowship Ltd.
- Holiday Fellowship Rambling Club, Bolton Group.
- Holiday Fellowship, Manchester Group.
- Holiday Fellowship, Oldham & District Group.
- Holyrood Ward, Ratepayers' & Electors' Association, Prestwich.
- Macclesfield & District Field Club.
- Manchester A.E.I. Rambling Club.
- Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.
- Manchester Association Rambling Club.

Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "A").
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "C").
 Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "D").
 Manchester C.H.A. Social Club.
 Manchester & District Rambling Club for the Blind.
 Manchester Fellowship (Ramblers' Section).
 Manchester H.S.C. Languages Rambling Club.
 Manchester Field Naturalists' & Archaeologists' Society.
 Manchester Pedestrian Club.
 Manchester Rambling Club.
 Marple Residents' Association.
 The Moorland Ramblers' Club.
 North Staffordshire Field Club.
 North-West Naturalists' Union.
 Oldham & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
 Oldham Photographic Society.
 Ramblers' Association (Liverpool & District Federation).
 Ramblers' Association (Manchester & District Federation).
 Ramblers' Association (Sheffield & District Federation).
 Rucksack Club.
 Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "A").
 Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.
 Sheffield Clivion Rambling Club.
 South-East Lancashire County Scout Council.
 Stockport C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.
 Stockport Field Club.
 Stockport Seconians Association Rambling Club.
 Stockport W.E.A. Rambling Club.
 Sutton-in-Ashfield & District Rambling Club.
 United Field Naturalists' Society.
 Wesley Guild Holidays.
 Workers' Travel Association.
 Youth Hostels Association (Altrincham Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Burnage & Levenshulme Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Manchester & Salford Sub-Regional Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Prestwich Area Group).
 Youth Hostels Association (Sheffield Sub-Regional Group).
 Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.

The Peak District and Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
DEFENCE FUND at 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

1952		£ s. d.		1952		£ s. d.	
526 9 3	Balance brought forward from 1952	537 0 3		537 0 3	Balance carried forward to 1954	561 18 7	
10 11 0	Add Donations received during year	24 18 4					
£537 0 3		£561 18 7		£537 0 3		£561 18 7	

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND at 31st DECEMBER, 1953

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
1019 17 11	Brought forward from 1952	995 16 9½		34 1 1½	Transfer to General Fund to cover cost of "Survey"	39 11 9½	
50 0 0	Bequests received during year	— — —		40 0 0	Contributions to "Quarries in the Peak Defence Fund", etc.	— — —	
	(Original Bequests:—Arnold Wilson Legacy £713 16s. 8d.; G. H. B. Ward, F.R.G.S.—Gift towards erection and maintenance of Signposts £50; Anonymous £12 10s. 0d.; Edwin Royce Legacy £500; J. A. Rowcroft Bequest £50)			— — —	Contribution to "Howarth/Macauley Memorial Fund"	5 5 0	
£1069 17 11		£995 16 9½		995 16 9½	Balance carried forward to 1954	951 0 0	
				£1069 17 11		£995 16 9½	

MANCHESTER & SALFORD SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS at 31st DECEMBER, 1953

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
611 6 5	Balance brought forward from	628 2 6		1470 12 6	Balance carried forward to 1954	1510 14 2	
16 16 1	1952—Account 54487	18 16 9					
	Interest received for year	646 19 3					
958 18 1	Balance brought forward from	842 10 2					
23 12 9	1952—Account C.4984	21 4 9					
	Interest received for year	863 14 11					
140 0 10	Transfer to General Fund	— — —					
£1470 12 6		£1510 14 2		£1470 12 6		£1510 14 2	

CASH POSITION at 31st DECEMBER, 1953

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
5 7 11	Cash at Bank	24 7 2		537 0 3	Balance at credit of Defence Fund	561 18 7	
1470 12 6	Cash on Deposit with M. & S. Savings Bank	1510 14 2		995 16 9½	Balance at credit of Special Reserve Fund	951 0 0	
32 9 5½	Cash in Hand	2 11 10		3 6 0	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1954	1 6 9	
60 12 6	Deficit on General Fund	27 7 7½		32 19 4	Accrued and Suspense Account	10 13 11½	
				— — —	Interest on Bank Deposits	40 1 6	
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