

The North of England Zoological Society

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The **FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Society will be held at the **ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, UPTON-BY-CHESTER**, on **WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of AUGUST, 1938, at 8-30 p.m.**

Signed,

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD,

Secretary.

COUNCIL'S REPORT.

The Membership on April 30th, 1938, was:—

6 Patrons, 7 Life Members, 207 Annual Members; Total 220 Members. Also 30 Associates.

In presenting their fourth annual report, the Council feels that a definite step forward has been made during our financial year which ended on April 30th last.

Our Gate Receipts show a substantial increase over the previous year, and although our expenditure has increased, principally through the cost of feeding a larger stock, and our larger interest charges, our loss has been reduced by over £100 on any previous year.

The Council appeals to Members to do all they can to help to reduce this annual loss to vanishing point, and so help in wiping out these liabilities.

Since the last report two outstanding developments have taken place, both of which were mentioned in our last report as being contemplated.

First, the new Lion House which is the indoor accommodation for the open-air Lion Enclosure when completed, was opened on October 19th, 1937, by The Right Hon. The Viscount Leverhulme, and has proved a great attraction.

The new Aquarium was opened in the Spring of 1938 and at once proved a very popular exhibit. Now numbering twenty-five tanks of which eighteen are tropical it is looked upon as one of the best in the North of England. Many varieties of fish have bred in the Aquarium, and by means of exchange, etc., we could easily stock a much larger number of tanks had we funds to extend.

The Council once again wish to tender their best thanks for the many gifts of Animals, Birds, etc., which have been presented during the last year, some of which have been exchanged for specimens which the Society was in need of.

In the Balance Sheet no value of these animals has been taken into account, only the actual financial cost to the Society has been added, although during our financial year many specimens have been added, including five Lionesses and one Tiger Cub.

To Shipping Companies, Zoological Gardens, and all other friends who have helped the Society during the year covered by this report, the Council offers its sincere thanks and appreciation.

Once again the Council wish to appeal to members to induce their friends to join the Society.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th APRIL, 1938.**

1938. April 30.	£	s.	d.	1938. April 30.	£	s.	d.
To Provisions, Sweets, Minerals, Tobacco, etc.	321	3	10	By Gate Receipts	1280	19	2
— Animal and Bird Food	613	17	3	— Cafe and Shop Receipts	519	14	1
— Wages and Salaries	729	4	1	— Sundry Receipts	57	1	3
— Rates and Water	100	2	8	— Subscriptions	207	9	0
— Insurance	18	2	5	— Donations and Special Efforts	308	12	6
— Lighting and Heating	212	10	7	— Net Loss for year	326	8	1
— Advertising	34	3	10				
— Printing, Stationery and Postages	51	4	3				
— Printing and Engraving Guides	20	0	0				
— Telephone	17	1	10				
— Travelling Expenses	31	14	6				
— Legal Charges	21	15	2				
— Bank Charges and Cheque Booke	4	12	0				
— Repairs and Renewals	49	19	0				
— Miscellaneous Expenses	46	4	4				
— Laundry and Cleaning Materials	47	3	4				
— Mortgage Interest—Gross	225	0	0				
— Debenture Interest—Gross	156	5	0				
	<u>£2700</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£2700</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1938.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
First Mortgage Debentures.							Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton, at cost						
113 First Mortgage Debentures of £25 each at 5 per cent. per annum of a series of 120				2825	0	0	Balance as at 30/4/37	6386	7	8			
Second Mortgage Debenture Stock				989	0	9	Less: Mortgage thereon	5000	0	0	1386	7	8
Sundry Creditors				1121	16	8	Fixtures and Fittings, Cages and Accessories, at cost.						
Loan Account				75	0	0	Balance as at 30/4/37	833	8	0			
Reserve Account as at 30/4/37	296	7	3				Additions during year at cost	358	1	7	1191	9	7
Add: Entrance Fees during year	29	11	0										
				325	18	3	Furniture at cost.						
Bank Overdraft—General Account				459	17	0	Balance as at 30/4/37				204	18	0
							Machinery and Loose Tools at cost.						
							Tools and Utensils appertaining to the health and maintenance of the zoological specimens, garden tools, machines and equipment.						
							Balance as at 30/4/37	152	15	8			
							Additions during year at cost	7	10	0	160	5	8
							Stock of Crockery and Table Utensils as at 30/4/37	38	13	3			
							Additions during year at cost	3	11	7	42	4	10
							Stock on hand at cost.						
							Provisions, Minerals, Tobacco, etc.	15	6	4			
							Animal Food	2	0	0	17	6	4
							Stock of Animals, Reptiles, Birds, etc., at cost.						
							Balance as at 30/4/37	926	7	4			
							Additions at cost less sales during year	3	8	6	929	15	10
							Debtors				21	2	0
							Cash at Bank. Sinking Fund Account	44	6	0			
							Interest Fund Account	47	11	11	91	17	11
							Cash in hand				87	2	3
							Loans to "Construction Account"				43	1	9
							Deposits				86	0	0
							Formation Expenses as at 30/4/37				90	7	8
							Debenture Issue Expenses as at 30/4/37				63	7	9
							Income and Expenditure Account.						
							Balance as at 30/4/37	1054	17	4			
							Add: Net Loss for year	326	8	1	1381	5	5
											£5796	12	8
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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have audited the Balance Sheet of the North of England Zoological Society Ltd., dated the 30th April, 1938, as above set forth. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and subject to the fact that no credit has been taken for the value of the animals, birds or reptiles, which have been given to the Society, I am of the opinion that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Society.

N. T. AFFORD,
Chartered Accountant.

7th July, 1938.