

THE
NORTH OF ENGLAND
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
CHESTER

Report of the Council
and
Statement of Accounts
1962



NOTICE OF
THE 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE NORTH OF ENGLAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

To be held on Saturday, 25th May, 1963, at 4 p.m.
at the Zoological Gardens, Upton-by-Chester.

PROCEDURE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The reading of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The appointment of Scrutineers and the opening of the Ballot for the election of members of the Council
- (c) Presentation of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the Auditors' Report thereon.
- (d) Discussion of the Auditors' Report.
- (e) Presentation of the Council's Report.
- (f) Discussion of the Council's Report.
- (g) Receiving the Report of the Scrutineers on the result of the Ballot.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL — 1962

G. B. GROUNSELL (*Chairman*).
MISS G. M. RUSSELL-ALLEN, O.B.E., J.P.
W. P. BLAND.
HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER.
A. C. JOHNSON.
F. MOSFORD.
H. F. PARKER.
J. F. WILKINSON, M.Sc., Ph.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.I.C.
J. N. WILSON.
J. A. KILPATRICK, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD TOLLEMACHE, M.C., D.L.
SIR WILLIAM PROCTOR SMITH.
N. DUFF.

DIRECTOR-SECRETARY

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD.

BALANCE SHEET AT

1961	CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
18,145	LEGACY ACCOUNT				18,144	13	8
1,624	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT				1,623	17	2
	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — ACCUMULATED SURPLUS						
	Balance as at 31/12/61	211,681	17	6			
211,682	Add: Net Surplus for Year	42,727	13	9	254,409	11	3
<u>231,451</u>	TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES				<u>274,178</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	LIABILITIES						
11,292	Sundry Creditors	11,125	3	7			
26,477	Bank Overdraft	8,273	14	7			
					19,398	18	2

NOTES:—

- (1) The Bank Overdraft is secured on the House, Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton, two plots of Land at Caughall, the Dwelling Houses at 26 Caughall Road, 6 Oakfield Avenue, 3 Oakfield Drive, 4 and 34 Flag Lane, Upton, the Quarantine Station, Storeton Road, Birkenhead and the Land and Buildings formerly occupied by the Upton Riding School.
- (2) The amount owing at 31st December, 1962, on unexpired contracts for capital expenditure entered into by the Society was nil.

<u>269,220</u>	<u>293,577 0 3</u>
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To the members of the North of England Zoological Society.

We hereby report that we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Society so far as appears from our examination of those books. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account.

31st DECEMBER, 1962

1961	ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	FIXED ASSETS						
	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:						
65,893	Balance as per Schedule annexed	66,030	0	2			
	Less: Mortgage (Staff Superannuation Scheme) (Secured by a charge on about 14 acres of land at Damage Farm)	3,000	0	0			
<u>2,893</u>		<u>63,030</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>			
	SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT						
141,197	Balance as per Schedule annexed	159,143	5	0			
	STOCK OF ANIMALS, REPTILES, BIRDS, ETC. at cost less sales plus additions						
	Balance as at 30/4/48	3,459	15	5			
	Additions less Sales from 1/5/48 to 31/12/61	60,568	3	10			
	Additions less Sales during year	5,436	0	5			
		66,004	4	3			
		69,463	19	8			
	Less: Special Depreciation in Market Values of Livestock and Allowance for Losses — 1958	3,500	0	0			
60,528	(Curators' Valuation £66,876)	65,963	19	8			
<u>264,618</u>	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>288,137</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>			
	CURRENT ASSETS:						
3,914	STOCKS of Feeding Stuffs, Goods for Re-Sale and Fuel at cost	4,459	5	4			
440	DEBTORS and PREPAYMENTS	713	18	7			
248	CASH IN HAND	266	11	6			
		5,439	15	5			
<u>269,220</u>		<u>293,577</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>			

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accounts give the information required by the Companies Act 1948 in the manner so required. The Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs on the 31st day of December 1962 and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date.

28th February, 1963.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW,
Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962

	Written down Values at 30/4/48	Additions at Cost less Sales		TOTAL	DEPRECIATION		TOTAL DEPRECIATION	BALANCE 31/12/62
		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/61	Year ended 31/12/62		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/61	Year ended 31/12/62		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures, Fixtures, Cages and Accessories	15,940 0 0	182,523 0 7	33,852 14 1	232,315 14 8	83,407 15 7	14,890 16 1	98,298 11 8	134,017 3 0
Office and Cafe Furniture and Equipment	606 3 0	12,290 10 1	813 5 8	13,709 18 9	6,134 2 1	757 11 8	6,891 13 9	6,818 5 0
Frigidaire Cold Room		1,389 5 0		1,389 5 0	626 9 0	76 6 0	702 15 0	686 10 0
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes		1,719 5 3		1,719 5 3	1,251 10 3	93 11 0	1,345 1 3	374 4 0
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils	457 3 6	11,789 16 9	586 6	12,833 15 9	4,883 17 3	794 19 6	5,678 16 9	7,154 19 0
Tools and Utensils, including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment ...	456 10 0	3,319 11 3	445 17 8	4,221 18 11	1,949 2 3	227 5 8	2,176 7 11	2,045 11 0
Machinery — Bulldozer and Roller, Tractors and Implements		5,341 13 1	957 14 6	6,299 7 7	3,145 9 1	709 12 6	3,855 1 7	2,444 6 0
Motor Vehicles — Lorries, Vans and Cars		9,844 13 11	150 0 0	9,994 13 11	6,193 5 11	760 6 0	6,953 11 11	3,041 2 0
Motor Boats		7,564 15 6	minus 510 0 0	7,054 15 6	3,957 4 6	619 11 0	4,576 15 6	2,478 0 0
Children's Push Chairs		485 15 0	64 16 0	550 11 0	446 9 0	20 17 0	467 6 0	83 5 0
	<u>17,459 16 6</u>	<u>236,268 6 5</u>	<u>36,361 3 5</u>	<u>290,089 6 4</u>	<u>111,995 4 11</u>	<u>18,950 16 5</u>	<u>130,946 1 4</u>	<u>159,143 5 0</u>

SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962

1961	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:—	£ s. d.
12,368	Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton	12,368 0 9
5,914	Three Plots of Land at Caughall	5,913 12 0
415	One Plot of Land at Chorley-by-Backford	415 3 6
4,516	Two Dwelling houses — 26 Caughall Road and 6 Oakfield Avenue Upton	4,515 18 3
13,629	Demage Farm, Upton and Two Cottages	13,628 19 7
2,059	Two Cottages at Upton Heyes	2,059 5 6
2,021	Quarantine Station, Storeton Road, Birkenhead	2,021 6 6
7,186	Land and Buildings formerly occupied by the Upton Riding School ...	7,186 9 6
7,981	Three Dwelling houses — 3 Oakfield Drive, Upton; 4 and 34 Flag Lane Upton	7,980 19 3
3,085	Dwelling house — 5 Oakfield Drive, Upton	3,084 13 10
6,719	House, Land and Buildings, Green End, Moston-by-Backford	6,855 11 6
<u>65,893</u>		<u>66,030 0 2</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1961	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
48,126	To Cafe Purchases, including Ice Cream, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	49,072	15	7		
15,651	„ Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	15,935	1	10		
11,737	„ Shop Purchases, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	12,249	2	8		
16,997	„ Animal and Bird Food	19,684	14	0		
417	„ Veterinary Surgeon and Animal Medicines	566	8	5		
86,519	„ Salaries, Wages, National Insurance and Superannuation Contributions	96,532	13	10		
1,111	„ Rent, Rates, Water and Tithe	1,317	0	10		
1,678	„ Insurance Premiums	1,838	8	2		
8,712	„ Lighting, Heating and Fuel	9,855	4	8		
3,611	„ Advertising	3,327	3	4		
2,383	„ Printing, Stationery and Postages	2,535	19	1		
33	„ Carriage	31	8	4		
2,540	„ Travelling and Entertainment Expenses	3,557	1	6		
2,098	„ Running Expenses of Motor Vehicles and Motor Boats	2,193	0	3		
682	„ Telephone	804	17	5		
2,462	„ Bank Charges and Interest	1,899	15	3		
499	„ Professional Fees	456	14	0		
4,166	„ Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	4,074	9	8		
627	„ Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers for Grounds and Gardens	916	3	9		
894	„ Laundry and Cleaning Materials	746	4	10		
155	„ Toilet Requisites	150	12	6		
363	„ Miscellaneous Expenses	389	1	2		
8	„ Income Tax (Schedule A)	—	—	—		
150	„ Mortgage Interest	150	0	0		
		228,284	1	1		
17,088	„ Depreciation of Fixed Assets as per annexed Schedule	18,950	16	5		
41,049	„ Net Surplus for Year	42,727	13	9		
		269,756				
		289,962	11	3		

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962

1961	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	By Admission Charges					
98,618	Gate Receipts	111,818	0	10		
3,036	Aquarium	3,480	13	6		
5,239	Reptile House	5,122	13	6		
5,895	Nocturnal House	5,653	19	0		
		126,075	6	10		
99,690	„ Cafe Receipts, including Ice Cream	105,726	12	8		
18,610	„ Sales of Cigarettes, Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates	18,995	11	7		
18,342	„ Shop Sales	19,737	16	0		
190	„ Subscriptions	276	4	6		
121	„ Entrance Fees	84	0	0		
210	„ Donations	13	18	6		
6,017	„ Car Park Receipts	5,827	9	3		
60	„ Weighing Machine Receipts	52	9	3		
2,018	„ Toilets and Cloakroom Receipts	1,914	12	2		
7,965	„ Proceeds of Motor Boat Trips	7,637	15	0		
2,541	„ Proceeds of Sale of 'Zoo News' and Zoo Guides	2,835	7	3		
412	„ Proceeds of Hire of Children's Push Chairs	429	5	0		
54	„ Sundry Receipts	159	1	8		
88	„ Rents Received	103	18	6		
—	„ Income Tax Repayment	64	8	2		
467	„ Refund of Rating Appeal costs and fees	—	—	—		
183	„ Profit on Sale of Equipment (Net)	28	15	0		
		269,756				
		289,962	11	3		

COUNCIL'S REPORT

Since our last Annual General Meeting, the North of England Zoological Society has sustained a very sad loss in the death of Mr. G. B. Grounsell.

Mr. Grounsell died on the 24th January, 1963. He had held the position of Chairman of the Council continuously for over 25 years and during that time he never missed a Meeting — a remarkable achievement.

He joined the Society in the very early days when many difficulties were besetting its administration and his balanced judgement proved of valuable assistance to the Council in the following years.

Our deep sympathies go to his widow, who invariably accompanied Mr. Grounsell on his frequent visits to the Zoological Gardens.

Despite the fact that our attendances in 1962 fell short of the previous year's figures by just over 50,000, our cash receipts and trading account show a very substantial increase. This result was in some measure due to the fact that at the beginning of 1962 we increased our admission charges from 2/6d. to 3/- for adults and from 1/3d. to 1/6d. for children. In addition, the general trading throughout the Zoo was better than it had been during the previous year.

The cause of the decrease in attendances was due mainly to the weather. However, the Council feels that taking the year on the whole, the position is very satisfactory, particularly when it is considered that a great deal of development is taking place at present. Additional suitable accommodation is still required if we are to exhibit a representative collection satisfactorily.

One of the most pressing needs during the last few years has been for a new Monkey House. Our present Monkey House was built immediately after the war when there were many restrictions in force, both with regard to labour and materials.

A new Monkey House has been designed for erection on Farm Road and when completed it will be entirely different from the popular conception of a Monkey House. All the Monkeys will be separated from the public by armour-plated glass and their cages will be roomy and air-conditioned. As has been the case in most of our other new houses, a considerable amount of floral vegetation will decorate the building and it is hoped that the new Monkey House will be completed by the summer of 1963.

After the completion of the Pachyderm House in 1961, an entirely new building for Rhinoceroses was erected in 1962. A number of spacious open air enclosures have been completed and several are still under construction, although they will probably not be finished before the middle of 1963.

It had been hoped to complete our Tropical House in 1962 and although a considerable amount of work was carried out, we suffered a severe set-back when most of the roof was blown away during a tornado. As the building was open to the elements it meant that much of the indoor work planned for the winter could not take place. However, work is now proceeding at a fairly rapid pace and provided there are no further delays the Tropical House should be completed before the end of 1963.

Plans have been submitted and approved for the erection of additional toilets near the Small Mammal House and the Rainbow Cafe and a Quick-Service Cafe will be built on the new area beyond the Pachyderm House. Before these facilities can be provided, however, a new Sewage Plant has to be installed and this should be in working order by the late Spring of 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams (the Clerk of Works and Curator of the Aquarium respectively) were sent by the Society to collect the pair of White Rhinoceros which were mentioned in the last Annual Report. The animals were purchased from the Umfolozi Game Reserve and duly arrived, together with a pair for Whipnade Park, at the end of July, 1962. All four animals were in first-class condition on arrival and have settled down well in their new surroundings.

As most members will know, in 1962 we commenced publication of a new journal, known as "Chester Zoo News". This magazine has superseded the old magazine "Our Zoo News", the publication of which had become very erratic. "Chester Zoo News" has been received with enthusiasm — not only by members of the Society, but also by friends in various parts of the world. Whereas the old magazine was compiled in spare time by various members of the staff, there is now an office dealing specifically with the publication of "Chester Zoo News".

During the year, the Society received many generous gifts of animals, birds, etc., for the collection and the Council wishes to thank all donors for their very kind help.

The Council would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all members of the staff for their loyal support during the past year, without which the Society could not function.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY
on 31st December, 1962, was made up as follows:—

PATRONS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
LIFE MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
ANNUAL MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	192
HONORARY FELLOWS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The following Table shows the number of visitors to the Gardens during the last two years:—

	1961	1962
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS	982,183	929,296
VISITORS TO THE REPTILE HOUSE	209,537	204,907
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM	121,449	139,227
VISITORS TO THE NOCTURNAL HOUSE	235,813	214,158