

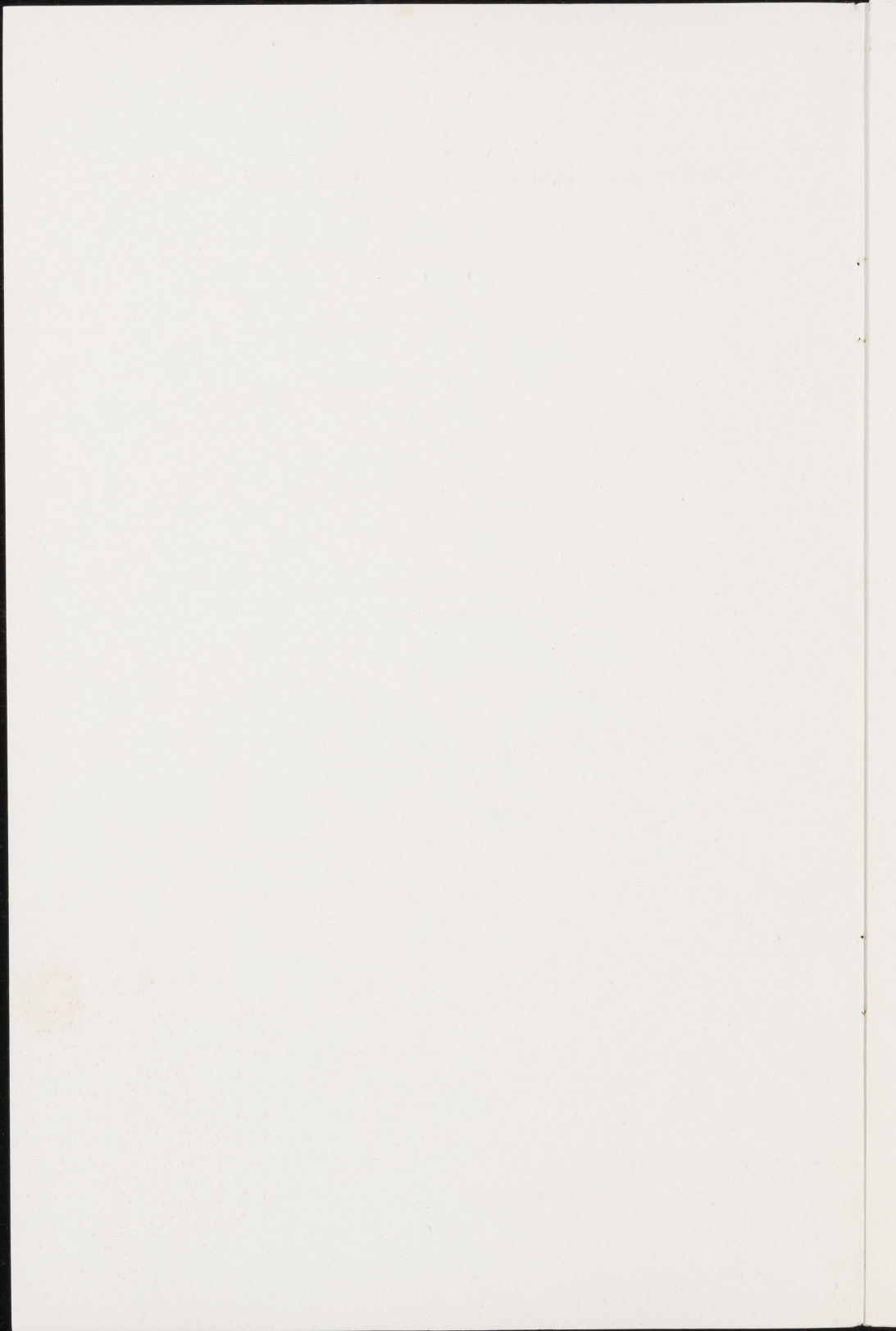
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NORTH OF ENGLAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
CHESTER

Report of the Council

and

Statement of Accounts

1961



**NOTICE OF**  
**THE 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
— OF —

**The NORTH of ENGLAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

To be held on Saturday, 26th May, 1962, 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 Auditor's Report thereon.
- (d) Discussion of the Auditor's 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—1961**

G. B. GROUNSELL (CHAIRMAN).  
MISS G. M. RUSSELL-ALLEN, O.B.E., J.P.  
W. P. BLAND.  
MISS A. L. BULLEY.  
MRS. G. GROSVENOR.  
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.  
A. W. E. FLETCHER, T.D., B.A. (Oxon).

**DIRECTOR-SECRETARY**

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD.

## BALANCE SHEET AT

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1960	CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES						
18145	LEGACY ACCOUNT .....				18144	13	8
1624	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT .....				1623	17	2
	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT —ACCUMULATED SURPLUS						
	Balance as at 31/12/60 .....	170632	8	10			
	Add: Net Surplus for Year .....	41049	8	8			
170632		211681	17	1			
190401	TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES .....	231450	8	4			
	LIABILITIES						
19975	Sundry Creditors .....	11292	1	8			
43364	Bank Overdraft on Current Account .....	26477	11	6			
		37769	13	2			

### NOTES:—

- (i) The Bank Overdraft is secured on the House, Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton, two Plots of Land at Caughall, the Dwellinghouses 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.
- (ii) The amount owing at 31st December, 1961 on unexpired contracts for capital expenditure entered into by the Society amounted to £10,000.

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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, 1961

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1960	ASSETS						
	FIXED ASSETS						
	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:						
65376	Balance as per Schedule annexed .....	65893	7	8			
	Less: Mortgage (Staff Superannuation Scheme) (Secured by a charge on about 14 acres of land at Demage Farm) .....	3000	0	0			
3000		62893	7	8			
62376							
	SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT						
131616	Balance as per Schedule annexed .....				141197	5	0
	STOCK OF ANIMALS, REPTILES, BIRDS, ETC., at cost less sales plus additions						
	Balance as at 30/4/48 .....	3459	15	5			
	Additions less Sales from 1/5/48 to 31/12/60 .....	55034	12	3			
	Additions less Sales during year .....	5533	11	7			
		60568	3	10			
	Less: Special Depreciation in Market Values of Livestock and Allowance for Losses— 1958 .....	3500	0	0			
54994	(Curator's Valuation £63,300) .....	60527	19	3			
248986	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS .....	246418	11	11			
	CURRENT ASSETS						
3921	Stocks of Feeding Stuffs, Goods for Re-sale and Fuel at cost .....	3913	10	3			
545	Debtors and Prepayments .....	439	16	11			
288	Cash in Hand .....	248	2	5			
		4601	9	7			
253740		269220	1	6			

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, 1961, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date.

13th March, 1962.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW, Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961

	Written down	Additions at Cost less Sales		TOTAL	Depreciation		TOTAL DEPRECIATION	BALANCE 31/12/61
	Values at 30/4/48	From 1/5/48 to 31/12/60	Year ended 31/12/61		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/60	Year ended 31/12/61		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures Fixtures, Cages and Accessories ... ..	15940 0 0	160998 18 9	21524 10	198463 0 7	70623 16 9	12783 18 10	83407 15 7	115055 5 0
Office and Cafe Furniture and Equipment	606 3 0	10644 13 6	1645 16 7	12896 13 1	5420 18 6	747 11 7	6168 10 1	6728 3 0
Frigidaire Cold Room ... ..	- - -	1389 5 0	- - -	1389 5 0	541 14 0	84 15 0	626 9 0	762 16 0
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes	- - -	1375 2 3	344 3 0	1719 5 3	1134 11 3	116 19 0	1251 10 3	467 15 0
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils ... ..	457 3 6	9863 5 9	1926 11 0	12247 0 3	4065 15 3	818 2 0	4883 17 3	7363 3 0
Tools and Utensils including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment ... ..	456 10 0	3148 1 10	171 9 5	3776 1 3	1746 2 10	202 19 5	1949 2 3	1826 19 0
Machinery—Bulldozer and Roller, Tractors and Implements ... ..	- - -	4499 10 7	842 2 6	5341 13 1	2606 9 7	615 8 6	3221 18 1	2119 15 0
Motor Vehicles—Lorries, Vans and Cars	- - -	9410 8 9	434 5 2	9844 13 11	5280 8 9	912 17 2	6193 5 11	3651 8 0
Motor Boats ... ..	- - -	7564 15 6	- - -	7564 15 6	3586 6 6	795 14 0	4382 0 6	3182 15 0
Children's Push Chairs ... ..	- - -	485 15 0	- - -	485 15 0	436 13 0	9 16 0	446 9 0	39 6 0
	<u>17459 16 6</u>	<u>209379 16 11</u>	<u>26888 9 6</u>		<u>95442 16 5</u>	<u>17088 1 6</u>		
				<u>253728 2 11</u>			<u>112530 17 11</u>	<u>141197 5 0</u>

SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY ANNEXED  
TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961

	£	s.	d.
1960 FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:—			
12368 Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton	12368	0	9
5914 Three Plots of Land at Caughall	5913	12	0
— One Plot of Land at Chorlton-by-Backford	415	3	6
4516 Two Dwellinghouses—26 Caughall Road and 6 Oakfield Avenue, Upton Heath	4515	18	3
13629 Demage Farm, Upton, and Two Cottages	13628	19	7
2059 Two Cottages at Upton Heyes	2059	5	6
2021 Quarantine Station, Storeton Road, Birkenhead	2021	6	6
7187 Land and Buildings formerly occupied by the Upton Riding School	7186	9	6
7943 Three Dwellinghouses—3 Oakfield Drive, Upton; 4 and 34 Flag Lane, Upton	7980	19	3
3046 Dwellinghouse—5 Oakfield Drive, Upton Heath	3084	13	10
6693 House, Land and Buildings, Green End, Moston-by-Backford	6718	19	0
	<u>65376</u>		<u>65893 7 8</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1960						
35318	To Cafe Purchases; including Ice Cream, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	47354	18	8		
12548	— Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	15651	8	1		
7984	— Shop Purchases, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	11737	4	10		
220	— Purchases of Wines and Spirits, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	770	12	11		
14518	— Animal and Bird Food	16997	6	4		
233	— Veterinary Surgeon and Animal Medicines	416	8	3		
70229	— Salaries, Wages, National Insurance and Superannuation Contributions	86518	19	9		
906	— Rent, Rates, Water and Tithe	1111	7	4		
1567	— Insurance Premiums	1678	4	7		
7025	— Lighting, Heating and Fuel	8712	6	1		
4958	— Advertising	3611	6	3		
2014	— Printing, Stationery and Postages	2383	7	3		
111	— Carriage	32	17	9		
1203	— Travelling and Entertainment Expenses	2540	4	4		
2494	— Running Expenses of Motor Vehicles and Motor Boats	2097	14	2		
640	— Telephone	681	13	1		
2031	— Bank Charges and Interest	2461	10	6		
435	— Professional Fees	498	15	0		
4745	— Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	4165	8	10		
868	— Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers: Grounds and Gardens	626	17	11		
693	— Laundry and Cleaning Materials	893	9	10		
86	— Toilet Requisites	154	19	10		
356	— Miscellaneous Expenses	363	0	2		
56	— Income Tax (Schedule A)	8	0	9		
150	— Mortgage Interest	150	0	0		
	— Depreciation of Fixed Assets as per annexed Schedule				211618	2 6
16141	— Net Surplus for Year				17088	1 6
26082					41049	8 8
213611		269755	12	8		

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1960						
	By Admission Charges:—					
79857	Gate Receipts	98617	8	3		
2543	Aquarium	3036	4	6		
4876	Reptile House	5238	8	6		
5201	Nocturnal House	5895	6	6		
					112787	7 9
75378	— Cafe Receipts, including Ice Cream				98538	7 7
14798	— Sales of Cigarettes, Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates				18610	4 2
350	— Sales of Wines and Spirits				1152	6 0
12992	— Shop Sales				18342	7 3
192	— Subscriptions				190	0 6
63	— Entrance Fees				120	15 0
538	— Donations				210	3 6
4841	— Car Park Receipts				6016	8 6
55	— Weighing Machine Receipts				60	3 2
1644	— Toilets and Cloakroom Receipts				2017	8 8
7506	— Proceeds of Motor Boat Trips				7964	16 0
1891	— Proceeds of Sale of Zoo News and Zoo Guides				2540	18 6
360	— Proceeds of Hire of Children's Push Chairs				411	17 0
334	— Sundry Receipts				53	17 1
72	— Rents Received				88	0 6
120	— Income Tax Repayment				0	0 0
—	— Refund of Rating Appeal costs and fees				467	6 0
—	— Profit on Sale of Tractor				183	5 6
213611		269755	12	8		

## COUNCIL'S REPORT

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Glancing at the profit and loss account for the year 1961, it will be seen that the Society has once again had a very successful year—in fact it has been one of the best in the Society's History—showing a net profit of over £41,000.

We hoped that we might have been able to record a Million visitors in 1961 but unfortunately owing to some very bad weather we fell short of this figure by only about 18,000. This number could easily have been made up had one of our very wet days been a bit kinder to us. The attendance of 982,183 is probably a record for any provincial Zoo, and we sincerely hope that this next year we will achieve our objective of a Million visitors.

Many developments have taken place during the last year—the most outstanding being the completion of our Pachyderm House—and we are very happy to say that this has proved highly successful in many ways. At one time there was a little doubt as to whether we would be able to retain the heat in this building if we had a very severe winter. Well, it was certainly put to the test this last winter which was one of the most severe we have had for many years; however, we are happy to say that the temperature was easily maintained throughout the winter months. This House is now almost fully stocked. It contains a pair of the Black Rhinoceros and a pair of Hippopotamus, and we have now increased our Elephant stock to six specimens, which make a nice herd and look very attractive as a group together.

We have also provided several smaller enclosures and cages and have laid out quite a lot more ground. A number of additional enclosures are to be provided in the area immediately adjoining the Pachyderm House and by the end of 1962 it is hoped that most of this work will be completed.

Facilities will also have to be provided on the new road which leads to Green End where the Director's office has now been established, to accommodate visitors who need a rest and probably some light refreshment. The distance between the Main Gate and the Director's office is nearly a mile and is only a little shorter on this direct road through the Zoo.

Large numbers of parties have been accommodated, and once again we have realized how we shall have to keep on our toes to deal with the ever increasing amount of motor traffic; the Council are fully alive to the fact that they will suddenly have to prepare extra parking facilities.

Another deficiency of which the Council are well aware is that more toilets are required at different parts of the Zoo. This is a problem which is not easily overcome, as unfortunately only a very small part of the Zoo is on the sewerage system, and special arrangements will have to be made for us to erect toilets in the most convenient places.

The main construction which is to take place in 1962 however, is the completion of our large Tropical House which, when finished, will probably be one of the largest buildings in any Zoo in the world. It will accommodate some of the rarer specimens, which are most difficult to exhibit in Zoos which cannot provide the real tropical conditions.

Special efforts are being made to complete as many of these projects as possible, because in 1963 it is expected that the International Union of Zoo Directors will hold their Conference at Chester Zoo.

In April 1961 the Conference of English Zoo Directors was held at Chester Zoo.

Our Collection increased considerably during 1961 and many interesting specimens including a pair of the Malayan Tapirs have been added.

A pair of White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) have been offered to the Society and this offer has been accepted; these animals are due to arrive some time during the Summer of 1962. It is proposed to erect another large House to accommodate these rare animals and also the Malayan Tapirs which, at the present time cannot be put on permanent exhibition. Accommodation will also be available in this House for other varieties of Tapirs, and the House will be so designed to provide conditions as near as possible to those of their natural habitat.

During the year the Society have received several generous gifts of animals, birds, etc., and many people have contributed considerably to the well being of the Society. For this assistance the Council tender their most sincere thanks.

The Council would also like to express their appreciation to the members of the staff for their loyal support during the past year.

**THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY**  
on 31st DECEMBER, 1961, was made up as follows:—

PATRONS .....	12
LIFE MEMBERS .....	9
ANNUAL MEMBERS .....	187
HONORARY FELLOW .....	1
CORRESPONDING MEMBER .....	1

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

	1960	1961
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS .....	841,940	982,183
VISITORS TO THE REPTILE HOUSE .....	195,048	209,537
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM .....	101,720	121,449
VISITORS TO THE NOCTURNAL HOUSE .....	208,021	235,813