

THE
NORTH OF ENGLAND
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
CHESTER

Report of the Council
and
Statement of Accounts
1965



**NOTICE OF
THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE NORTH OF ENGLAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**To be held on Saturday, 18th June, 1966, at 4.0 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 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.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the above mentioned Meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote instead of him. The Proxy need not be a Member of the Society.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL — 1965

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

DIRECTOR-SECRETARY

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD, M.Sc.

BALANCE SHEET AT

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

	<u>31/12/65</u>		<u>31/12/64</u>	
	£	£	£	£
LEGACY ACCOUNT		18,145		18,145
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT		1,624		1,624
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—				
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS				
Balance as at 31/12/64	344,735		296,466	
Add: Net Surplus for Year	<u>31,023</u>	<u>375,758</u>	<u>48,269</u>	<u>344,735</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		395,527		364,504
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
SUNDRY CREDITORS	10,813		11,901	
BANK OVERDRAFT	<u>15,376</u>	<u>26,189</u>	<u>17,869</u>	<u>29,770</u>

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, 1965 on unexpired contracts for capital expenditure entered into by the Society was £732.

Geraldine Russell-Allen } **Chairman**
 G. S. Mottershead } **Director-Secretary**

	<u>421,716</u>	<u>394,274</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, 1965

ASSETS

	<u>31/12/65</u>		<u>31/12/64</u>	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS :				
FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost :				
Balance as per Schedule annexed	92,116			
Less : Mortgage thereon	<u>3,000</u>	89,116		86,968
(Staff Superannuation Scheme) (Secured by a charge on about 14 acres of Land at Demage Farm)				
SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT				
Balance as per Schedule annexed		224,823		211,147
STOCK OF ANIMALS, REPTILES, BIRDS, ETC., at cost plus additions less Sales and amount written off (£3,500).				
Balance as at 31/12/64	86,846			
Additions at cost less Sales during year	<u>9,702</u>	96,548		86,846
(Market Valuation £117,040)				
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		<u>410,487</u>		<u>384,961</u>
CURRENT ASSETS :				
STOCKS of Feeding Stuffs, Goods for Re-Sale and Fuel at cost	9,229		7,241	
DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	1,410		1,719	
CASH IN HAND	<u>590</u>	11,229	<u>353</u>	9,313
		<u>421,716</u>		<u>394,274</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, 1965 and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW,
Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

28th February, 1966.

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1965.**

	Written down Values at 30/4/48	Additions at Cost less Sales		TOTAL	DEPRECIATION		TOTAL DEPRECIATION	BALANCE 31/12/65
		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/64	Year ended 31/12/65		From 1/5/48 31/12/64	Year ended 31/12/65		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures, Fixtures, Cages and Accessories ...	15,940	309,292	34,584	359,816	137,567	22,225	159,792	200,024
Office and Cafe Equipment and Furniture	606	13,991	1,498	16,095	8,300	780	9,080	7,015
Frigidaire Cold Room		1,389		1,389	833	56	889	500
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes		1,719		1,719	1,480	47	1,527	192
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils	457	12,634	702	13,793	7,070	672	7,742	6,051
Tools and Utensils, including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment	457	4,684	697	5,838	2,693	314	3,007	2,831
Machinery—Bulldozer and Roller, Tractors and Implements		6,637	Cr. 9	6,628	4,416	498	4,914	1,714
Motor Vehicles—Lorries, Vans and Cars ...		10,834	1,882	12,716	7,043	1,135	8,178	4,538
Motor Boats		8,065		8,065	5,671	479	6,150	1,915
Push Chairs		551		551	497	11	508	43
	<u>17,460</u>	<u>369,796</u>	<u>39,354</u>	<u>426,610</u>	<u>175,570</u>	<u>26,217</u>	<u>201,787</u>	<u>224,823</u>

SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1965

31/12/64	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost, plus cost of Improvements :—	31/12/65
£		£
12,368	Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton-by-Chester	12,368
5,914	Three Plots of Land at Caughall	5,914
415	One Plot of Land at Chorlton-by-Backford	415
2,354	Dwelling house, 26 Caughall Road, Upton-by-Chester	2,354
2,162	Dwelling house, 6 Oakfield Avenue, Upton-by-Chester	2,162
13,629	Demage Farm, Upton and Two Cottages	13,629
1,030	No. 1, Upton Heyes—Cottage	1,030
1,059	No. 2, Upton Heyes—Cottage	1,059
2,021	Quarantine Station, Storeton 1, Birkenhead	2,021
7,186	Bungalow, Land and Buildings formerly occupied by Upton Riding School	8,669
2,525	Dwelling house, 3 Oakfield Drive, Upton-by-Chester	2,525
2,943	Dwelling house, 4 Flag Lane, Upton-by-Chester	2,943
2,513	Dwelling house, 34 Flag Lane, Upton-by-Chester	2,513
3,085	Dwelling house, 5 Oakfield Drive, Upton-by-Chester	3,085
6,856	House, Land and Buildings, Green End, Moston-by-Backford	6,856
4,526	Dwelling house, 63 Caughall Road, Upton-by-Chester	4,526
2,877	Dwelling house, 19 Oakfield Avenue, Upton-by-Chester	2,877
3,397	Dwelling house, 8 Walnut Close, Upton-by-Chester	3,397
2,990	Dwelling house, 3 Alwyn Gardens, Upton-by-Chester	2,990
2,963	Dwelling house, 20 Oakfield Avenue, Upton-by-Chester	2,963
7,154	Bungalow, Land and Buildings, Greenlands, Moston-by-Backford	7,820
<u>89,967</u>		<u>92,116</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	1965		1964
	£	£	£
To Cafe Purchases, including Ice Cream, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	64,720		67,697
Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	20,810		19,142
Souvenir Shop Purchases, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	20,569	106,099	16,170
	<u>20,569</u>		<u>103,009</u>
Salaries, Wages, National Insurance and Superannuation Contributions		140,535	123,630
Animal and Bird Food		25,574	21,684
Veterinary Surgeon and Animal Medicines	420		629
Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers for Grounds and Gardens	1,668		1,443
Rent, Rates, Water and Tithe	4,606		4,166
Insurance Premiums	1,677		1,484
Lighting, Heating and Fuel	17,342		14,420
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	4,582		4,473
Advertising	3,585		3,294
Printing, Stationery and Postages	3,864		3,709
Travelling and Entertainment Expenses	879		4,317
Running Expenses of Motor Vehicles and Motor Boats	3,404		2,438
Telephone	1,146		989
Bank Interest and Commission	2,290		2,079
Professional Fees	583		463
Laundry and Cleaning Materials	966		824
Toilet Requisites	204		194
Miscellaneous Expenses	737		607
Mortgage Interest	150		150
Loss on Exchange of Tractor	28	48,131	—
	<u>28</u>		<u>45,679</u>
Depreciation of Fixed Assets as per annexed Schedule		26,217	24,662
Net Surplus for Year		31,023	48,269
		<u>377,579</u>	<u>366,933</u>

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965

	1965		1964
	£	£	£
By Admission Charges :—			
Gate Receipts	132,287		130,831
Tropical House	14,154		9,558
Aquarium	4,776		4,653
Reptile House and Nocturnal House (closed June, 1964)	—	151,217	3,495
	<u>—</u>		<u>148,537</u>
Catering Receipts, including Ice Cream	141,816		142,673
Sales of Cigarettes, Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates	24,644		22,651
Souvenir Shop Sales	33,103	199,563	26,022
	<u>33,103</u>		<u>191,346</u>
Other Receipts :—			
Car Park	8,460		7,805
Weighing Machines	58		50
Toilets and Cloakrooms	2,416		2,374
Motor Boat Trips	9,294		9,987
Zoo News and Zoo Guides	4,737		4,330
Hire of Push Chairs	1,058		620
Sundries	73		26
Rents	77		79
Members' Subscriptions	334		529
Members' Entrance Fees	168		152
Donations	124	26,799	1,098
	<u>124</u>		<u>27,050</u>
		<u>377,579</u>	<u>366,933</u>

COUNCIL'S REPORT

Although the nett profit for 1965 shows a decrease of £17,000 on 1964 the year itself has been very successful. The attendance figures of 1,095,548 were again a record and an increase of 13,774 on those of the previous year.

The reason for the reduction in nett profit was the sharp rise in running costs, particularly labour, which showed an overall increase of about £17,000.

The Council feel very strongly that every effort should be made to retain the old entrance charges for admission to the Zoo. The admission charges are by far the cheapest for any Zoo of comparable size in the country—in fact many of the smaller zoos charge much more. We are pruning our administration costs as much as we possibly can to help meet the increased expenses.

Despite serious criticism the Council feel justified in maintaining the overall admission charge of 2/6d. for the Tropical House. It has been suggested that one sum paid at the entrance gate should admit visitors to all parts of the Zoo but in our opinion this would be unfair. Many thousands of visitors come mainly to see the flowers and a general walk round the Gardens. By dividing up the entrance fee we lighten the expense for those visitors who make a point of attending the Zoo regularly.

During the year a new Cat House was completed and a new Staff Canteen was erected; this was badly needed. Work was commenced on the construction of a new Breeding Unit at Greenlands which will produce rats, mice and rabbits, etc., for feeding purposes. Incorporated in this building will be a depot and store for the animal food as our present Stores is now taxed to the utmost with supplying the various catering establishments.

New toilets were commenced near the Rainbow Cafe; it was also found necessary to provide toilet accommodation in the Tropical House.

The general health of the animals has been good and we are pleased to say that 104 animals were born during 1965. We publish a list of these for your information. With regard to birds we are pleased to be able to record that some 40 to 50 specimens have been hatched but many scores were hatched in the freedom of the Tropical House of which no record could be kept.

The Society received a Certificate of Merit from the Avicultural Society for being the first to breed the Kiskadee Flycatcher.

During the year through the good offices of Sir Edward Hallstrom of Taronga Park, Sydney, the Society received a very fine collection of Birds of Paradise which were sent to Chester on an exchange basis.

The Society are very grateful to Sir Edward for sending this wonderful collection; the birds are now doing well in our Tropical House. In appreciation of his work in the cause of Zoology and services to the North of England Zoological Society, the Council invited Sir Edward Hallstrom to become an Honorary Fellow of the Society.

During the year the Society received many gifts of animals, birds, etc., and the Council wish to thank all those donors and friends for their valuable help. At the same time they wish to place on record their appreciation and thanks to the members of the Staff for their loyal support during the year.

BIRTHS—ANIMALS

9	Acouchy	2	Black Leopards
4	Agouti	1	Common Leopard
2	Polar Bears (not reared)	5	Lions (not reared)
2	Bison American	1	Llama
2	Caracal Lynx	1	Barbary Ape
2	Ankole Cattle	1	Olive Baboon
2	Highland Cattle	2	Vervet Monkeys
3	Chinchillas	1	Pig-tailed Monkey
3	Coati-mundis	1	Silver-grey Opossum
4	Coypu	1	Beisa Oryx
3	Eland	7	Soay Sheep
2	Black Genets	2	Bennett's Wallabies
3	Bagot Goats	2	Rufous-bellied Wallabies
1	Hippopotamus	2	Wapiti
6	Huskies	1	Waterbuck
3	Jackals (not reared)	4	Wildebeeste
9	Jungle Cats	4	Common Zebras
3	Red Lechwe	2	Grevy's Zebras
1	Ring-tailed Lemur		

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY
on 31st December, 1965, was made up as follows :—

PATRONS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
LIFE MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
ANNUAL MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
HONORARY FELLOWS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

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

	1964	1965
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS	1,081,774	1,095,548
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM	186,136	191,086
VISITORS TO THE TROPICAL HOUSE	76,464	113,318
(from 13th June to 31st December, 1964)		