

THE
NORTH OF ENGLAND
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
CHESTER

Report of the Council

and

Statement of Accounts

1966

Account of the County
of
Essex
in
1800

NOTICE OF
THE 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE NORTH OF ENGLAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

To be held on Saturday, 27th May, 1967, 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 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 — 1966

MISS G. M. RUSSELL ALLEN, O.B.E. (Chairman)
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DIRECTOR-SECRETARY

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD, M.Sc.

BALANCE SHEET AT

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

	<u>31/12/66</u>		<u>31/12/65</u>	
	£	£	£	£
LEGACY ACCOUNT		18,145		18,145
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT		1,624		1,624
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT— ACCUMULATED SURPLUS				
Balance as at 31/12/65	375,758		344,735	
Add: Net Surplus for Year	45,455	421,213	31,023	375,758
TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		440,982		395,527
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
SUNDRY CREDITORS	13,680		10,813	
BANK OVERDRAFT	5,971	19,651	15,376	26,189

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, 1966 on unexpired contracts for capital expenditure entered into by the Society was £ Nil.

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

	460,633		421,716
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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.

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

31st DECEMBER, 1966

ASSETS

	<u>31/12/66</u>		<u>31/12/65</u>	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS :				
FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost :				
Balance as per Schedule annexed... ..		128,154		
Less : Mortgage thereon	3,000	125,154		89,116
(Staff Superannuation Scheme) (Secured by a charge on about 14 acres of Land at Damage Farm)				
SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT				
Balance as per Schedule annexed		219,098		224,823
STOCK OF ANIMALS, REPTILES, BIRDS, ETC., at cost plus additions less Sales and amount written off (£3,500).				
Balance as at 31/12/65		96,548		
Additions at cost less Sales during year (Market Valuation £141,831)	3,411	99,959		96,548
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		444,211		410,487
CURRENT ASSETS :				
STOCKS of Feeding Stuffs, Goods for Re-Sale and Fuel at cost		10,885		9,229
DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		4,696		1,410
CASH IN HAND		841	16,422	590
		460,633		421,716

Society's affairs on the 31st day of December, 1966 and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date.

We have to report further that we have examined the Title Deeds of all the Freehold Properties belonging to the Society as per the attached Schedule and that these Title Deeds are registered in the name of the Society. We have also examined the Charge Forms to the Bank relating to the Freehold Properties charged and we have to report that these charges are in agreement with Note (1) on the attached Balance Sheet.

3rd March, 1967.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW,
Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1966**

	Written down Values at 30/4/48	Additions at Cost less Sales		TOTAL	DEPRECIATION		TOTAL DEPRECIATION	BALANCE 31/12/66
		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/65	Year ended 31/12/66		From 1/5/48 31/12/65	Year ended 31/12/66		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures, Fixtures, Cages and Accessories ...	15,940	343,876	17,454	377,280	159,792	21,749	181,541	195,739
Office and Cafe Equipment and Furniture	606	15,489	442	16,537	9,080	746	9,826	6,711
Frigidaire Cold Room		1,389		1,389	889	50	939	450
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes		1,719		1,719	1,527	38	1,565	154
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils	457	13,336	234	14,027	7,742	628	8,370	5,657
Tools and Utensils, including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment	457	5,381	919	6,757	3,007	375	3,382	3,375
Machinery—Bulldozer and Roller, Tractors and Implements		6,628	220	6,848	4,914	435	5,349	1,499
Motor Vehicles—Lorries, Vans and Cars ...		12,716		12,716	8,178	908	9,086	3,630
Motor Boats		8,065		8,065	6,150	383	6,533	1,532
Push Chairs		551	396	947	508	88	596	351
	<u>17,460</u>	<u>409,150</u>	<u>19,675</u>		<u>201,787</u>	<u>25,400</u>		
				<u>446,285</u>			<u>227,187</u>	<u>219,098</u>

SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1966

31/12/65 £	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost, plus cost of Improvements :—	31/12/66 £
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 Road, Birkenhead	2,021
8,669	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
7,820	Bungalow, Land and Buildings, Greenlands, Moston-by-Backford	7,820
—	Dwelling House, 34 Caughall Road, Upton-by-Chester ...	3,356
—	Field—formerly part of Caughall Farm (16.6 acres) ...	32,682
<u>92,116</u>		<u>128,154</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	1966		1965	
	£	£	£	£
To Cafe Purchases, including Ice Cream, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	68,997		64,720	
Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	19,635		20,810	
Souvenir Shop Purchases, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	27,687	116,319	20,569	106,099
Salaries, Wages, National Insurances and Superannuation Contributions		150,232		140,535
Animal and Bird Food		29,141		25,574
Veterinary Surgeon and Animal Medicines	334		420	
Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers for Grounds and Gardens	1,577		1,668	
Rent, Rates, Water and Tithe	5,571		4,606	
Insurance Premiums	1,861		1,677	
Lighting, Heating and Fuel	16,558		17,342	
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	6,228		4,582	
Advertising	3,421		3,585	
Printing, Stationery and Postages	4,186		3,864	
Travelling and Entertainment Expenses	2,019		879	
Running Expenses of Motor Vehicles and Motor Boats	3,001		3,404	
Telephone	1,056		1,146	
Bank Interest and Commission	2,527		2,290	
Professional Fees	613		583	
Laundry and Cleaning Materials	961		966	
Toilet Requisites	215		204	
Miscellaneous Expenses	748		737	
Mortgage Interest	150		150	
Loss on Exchange of Tractor	—	51,026	28	48,131
Depreciation of Fixed Assets as per annexed Schedule		25,400		26,217
Net Surplus for Year		45,455		31,023
		<u>417,573</u>		<u>377,579</u>

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1966

	1966		1965	
	£	£	£	£
By Admission Charges :—				
Gate Receipts	152,145		132,287	
Tropical House	14,774		14,154	
Aquarium	4,461	171,380	4,776	151,217
Catering Receipts, including Ice Cream	152,269		141,816	
Sales of Cigarettes, Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates	23,157		24,644	
Souvenir Shop Sales	44,902	220,328	33,103	199,563
Other Receipts :—				
Car Park	8,222		8,460	
Motor Boat Trips	8,898		9,294	
Zoo News and Zoo Guides	4,433		4,737	
Toilets and Cloakrooms	2,202		2,416	
Hire of Push Chairs	1,161		1,058	
Weighing Machines	87		58	
Rents	77		77	
Members' Subscriptions	590		334	
Members' Entrance Fees	105		168	
Donations	18		124	
Sundries	72	25,865	73	26,799
		<u>417,573</u>		<u>377,579</u>

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

We are very happy to say that 1966 proved quite a successful year. There was a decrease in the number of visitors of 3,793 but the gate receipts showed an increase of £19,819. This of course was due to the fact that we increased our entrance fees on the 1st July, 1966 from 3/-d. to 4/-d. We did not alter the party rate until the end of the year because of the large number of bookings which had been made previously.

There was an increase in the total catering receipts of 7.3% and a nett increase in total cash of £40,084 over the year but of course it must be appreciated that the cost of running the Zoo increased at the same time, particularly with regard to labour. On the whole the year can be considered very satisfactory.

The most important construction which took place during the year was the rebuilding of the old Cafeteria. The Council feel sure this has been a great improvement as not only has it been modernised but the seating capacity has been increased. It is now proving extremely popular.

A new Time Office was erected which was needed urgently as our staff has increased considerably and it became imperative to provide quicker facilities for staff entering the Zoo.

Another major development was the building of a Laboratory but as yet this has not come into full use.

The Animal Breeding Unit was another important addition; this was erected near the bungalow "Greenlands". The Breeding Unit consists of a large concrete structure which is divided into sections for breeding rats, mice, rabbits and for rearing day old chicks to the requisite size for feeding. It was also decided to transfer the Animal Food Stores to this section.

The two long aviaries between the Chimpanzee Islands and the Rainbow Cafe were completely renewed as were the Owl Aviaries.

After many attempts we were finally successful in acquiring the large field opposite the North Entrance for the purpose of car parking. The Society had to pay the sum of £30,000 plus compensation and it was not until later in the year that we were able to use it as our own property. Permission was granted by the Authorities for four entrances to be made to the Car Park. It is hoped that our problems of car parking will at least be eased for some little time; since the new Car Park came into effect we are happy to say we have had no traffic jams whatsoever.

The English Conference of Zoo Directors was held at the Zoo in May and was attended by delegates from the major Zoos in Great Britain and Ireland.

During the year well over 1,000 school parties visited the Zoo for educational purposes. Many of the principal Universities and Technical Colleges in the area took advantage of the educational facilities offered by the Zoo.

The general health of the animals has been good and 77 animals were born during the Year—the list of births is shown in this report. A number of gifts of livestock were made during the year and have been acknowledged individually. The Council is extremely grateful to the donors for this support.

There were many breeding successes among the birds but it is impossible to give an accurate list. So many are at liberty in the Tropical and Temperate Bird Houses that the numbers cannot accurately be recorded.

The Council are very grateful to the staff for their loyal support during the past year and wish to place on record their appreciation of such services.

ANIMALS BRED DURING 1966

No.		No.	
2	Bison American	3	Lechwe Red
1	Camel Bactrian	1	Lemur Ring-Tailed
2	Caracal Lynx	1	Barbary Ape
3	Ankole Cattle	1	Hybrid Macaque
2	Highland Cattle	1	Mona Monkey
6	Coati	1	Pig-Tail Monkey
1	Coypu	3	Vervet Monkeys
1	Deer Fallow	4	Pumas
3	Deer Pere David's	6	Soay Sheep
4	Eland	2	South American Tapirs
1	Gibbon Lar	5	Wallabies Bennett's
1	Giraffe	1	Wallaby Rufous-Bellied
5	Goats Bagot	5	Wapiti
4	Jackals	3	Wildebeeste
2	Jungle Cats	2	Zebra Common

The number of specimens in the collection at 31st December, 1966, was as follows :—

	Species	Specimens
Mammals	152	532
Birds	269	903
Reptiles	69	191
Fish	174	2,500

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY
on the 31st December, 1966 was made up as follows :—

PATRONS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
LIFE MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
ANNUAL MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	262
HONORARY FELLOWS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

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

			1965	1966
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS	...	...	1,095,548	1,091,755
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM	...	...	191,086	178,451
VISITORS TO THE TROPICAL HOUSE	...	...	113,318	118,194