

# Annual General Meeting

To be held on Saturday, 7th June, 1958, at 4.15 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—1957.

G. B. GROUNSELL (CHAIRMAN).

MISS G. M. RUSSELL-ALLEN, O.B.E., J.P.

W. P. BLAND.

MISS A. L. BULLEY.

A. F. HOLDEN.

A. C. JOHNSON.

F. MOSFORD.

H. F. PARKER.

DR. J. F. WILKINSON, M.Sc., Ph.D., M.D.,  
F.R.C.P., F.R.I.C.

A. A. W. WATERS.

LT. COL. A. C. ALAN-WILLIAMS, M.C., T.D.

MR. J. A. KILPATRICK, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E.

A. W. E. FLETCHER.

## DIRECTOR-SECRETARY.

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD.

## COUNCIL'S REPORT.

The Council were able to report that 1956 was a record year for the Zoo. However 1957 went a little better, and was a record for all time.

The total number of visitors was increased, and also the cash takings, despite the fact that the weather of 1957 could not by any means have been called good. As a matter of fact, the weather was much worse than in 1956.

The net profit for the year fell by just £4,500, the main reason for this being the increase in salaries, wages, etc., which amounted to well over £5,000 more than the previous year.

Our stock increased quite considerably during 1957. In the early part of the year we had a special gift of animals, birds and reptiles from the Northern Rhodesian Government, through the good offices of Major Taylor. They arrived by plane, unfortunately in the winter, but we are happy to say that they all more or less survived very well indeed.

The first major constructional work in 1957 was the roof over the Chimpanzees' Quarters, thus completing this area of our tropical house. We are happy to say that it has been very well received by the public, and the animals have had exceptional health since they were transferred to these quarters.

The next operation was the construction of a bridge to connect the Zoo with the land on the opposite side of Butter Hill. Special accommodation has been built on the ramps of both of these sides of the bridge; on the eastern side accommodation has been provided for bears, and on the western side there is accommodation for the cattle and so forth which will occupy some of the paddocks. The roadway from this Bridge has been carried right round now to the farm yard; it still requires to be surfaced, but the hardcore has all been laid and it is now possible for vehicles to make the journey from the Zoo to the farm, without going on to the highway.

The Nocturnal House and the Pygmy Hippopotamus House, although almost completed at the end of 1957, were not opened until Easter, 1958, and although it hardly comes into this Report, we can say here that since it was opened on Good Friday, it has proved very popular.

We have had a considerable number of births at the Zoo during 1957; notable among these was the birth of a young Puma. We have also bred lions, the Brazza Monkey, Red Kangaroos, Wallabies, Brindled Gnu, Ankoli Cattle, Bison, and many others of lesser importance. We also successfully reared another batch of Emus.

Our Director-Secretary attended two Conferences during 1957; the International Conference at Rotterdam, and the English Conference at Bristol.

In November, the Council purchased some property in Birkenhead for use as a Quarantine Station for cloven-footed animals. This was approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and work proceeded immediately the deposit was paid, as we had to prepare accommodation for a further consignment from Rhodesia. The completion of this property did not take place until the end of January, but we feel sure that the acquisition of the Quarantine Station will be of considerable help to us in the future.

The Council have also decided to dispense with giving Donkey Rides, and to dispose of the Donkeys. These animals were always a considerable amount of trouble, and it was most difficult during the season to find suitable labour to assist in giving the rides. Although the proceeds from Donkey Rides last year were slightly in excess of 1956, it did not in any way compensate for the cost of keeping these animals, and paying for the labour in attending to them.

Taking things on the whole, the Council feel that 1957 could be classed as a very good year indeed. In addition to the very bad weather, we had to contend with petrol rationing in the early part of the year and with a very serious bus strike in the height of the season, which we calculate cost us in numbers of visitors alone, something like 60,000, and in hard cash this would have meant approximately £13,000.

Once again the Council would like to thank all those who have so kindly helped the Society during 1957, and also the staff for their loyal service during the past year, many of whom have now been with the Society for several years.

### THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY on 31st DECEMBER, 1957, was made up as follows:

PATRONS .....	10
LIFE MEMBERS .....	11
ANNUAL MEMBERS .....	177
HONORARY FELLOW .....	1
CORRESPONDING MEMBER .....	1
Total .....	200

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

	1956	1957
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS .....	527,489	528,399
VISITORS TO THE REPTILE HOUSE .....	133,693	137,738
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM .....	66,699	58,620

# The North of England Zoological Society.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

1956.		£	s.	d.	1956.		£	s.	d.
To Cafe Purchases, including Ice Cream, after adjusting opening and closing stocks					By Admission Charges:—				
14228	— Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates, after adjusting opening and closing stocks	15959	0	1	49476	Gate Receipts	48976	0	11
6285	— Shop Purchases, after adjusting opening and closing stocks	6366	5	8	1667	Aquarium	1465	10	0
3162	— Animal and Bird Food	2914	4	6	3342	Reptile House	3443	9	0
9098	— Veterinary Surgeon and Animal Medicines	9795	12	8	32126	— Cafe Receipts including Ice Cream			53884
164	— Salaries, Wages, National Insurance and Superannuation Contributions	110	14	11	7496	— Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates			35914
30293	— Rent, Rates, Water and Tithe	35990	17	1	5260	— Shop Sales			7702
664	— Insurance Premiums	724	9	7	201	— Subscriptions			4983
571	— Lighting, Heating and Fuel	565	5	10	16	— Entrance Fees			173
3549	— Advertising	3921	0	10	6	— Donations			47
1626	— Printing, Stationery and Postages	2834	15	8	2810	— Car Park Receipts			132
1068	— Carriage	1069	7	7	1139	— Commission on Slot Machines and Toilets			2954
585	— Cost of attending the International Conference in America and of entertaining delegates at Chester	33	10	7	394	— Proceeds of Donkey Rides			1147
940	— Travelling and Entertainment Expenses	—	—	—	2580	— Proceeds of Motor Boat Trips			507
911	— Running Expenses of Motor Vehicles and Motor Boats	1092	15	4	395	— Proceeds of Sale of Zoo News			3273
956	— Telephone	1284	11	4	261	— Proceeds of Hire of Children's Push Chairs			372
296	— Bank Charges and Interest	334	16	3	121	— Sundry Receipts			185
1193	— Professional Fees	1155	4	3	—	— Rent Received			103
573	— Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	189	0	0					69
5037	— Seeds, Plants and Fertilizers—Gardens and Grounds	4742	13	1					5
375	— Seeds, Plants and Fertilizers—Farm	432	3	10					6
—	— Contract Work	118	4	3					6
237	— Laundry and Cleaning Materials	94	0	0					6
209	— Miscellaneous Expenses	176	18	5					9
166	— Income Tax (Schedule A)	137	12	3					0
150	— Mortgage Interest	122	12	0					1
86	— Hire Purchase Interest	150	0	0					6
8529	— Depreciation of Fixed Assets per annexed Schedule	—	—	—					9
141	— Losses on Sales of Motor Vehicles	9439	5	3					0
16198	— Net Surplus for year	73	14	0					1
		11624	13	3					6
107290		£111453	8	6	107290				£111453

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

1956.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1956.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				FIXED ASSETS.				FREEHOLD PROPERTY: Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton, at cost								
17839	LEGACY ACCOUNT	17838	15	10	12368	Three Plots of Land at Caughall, at cost	5913	12	0	4516	Two Dwelling Houses, Upton Heath, at cost	4515	18	3	13628	Damage Farm at cost	13628	19	7	
1624	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	1623	17	2	2059	Two Cottages at Upton Heyes at cost	2059	5	6	3000	Less: Mortgage thereon (Staff Superannuation Scheme)	3000	0	0	3485	16	1	35485	16	1
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.				DEPOSIT on purchase of House and Land at Birkenhead				200	0	0	SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT:				Balance per Schedule annexed					
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS:				STOCK OF ANIMALS, REPTILES, BIRDS, Etc., at cost less sales plus additions:				Balance as at 30/4/48				Additions less sales from 1/5/48 to 31/12/56				Additions less sales during year (Curator's Valuation £35943)				
81879	Balance as at 31/12/56	81879	5	6	65886	Balance as at 30/4/48	3459	15	5	29190	25730	2	0	30962	17	0	34422	12	5	
	Add: Net Surplus for Year	11624	13	3	93503	18461	20	2	11	15021	17	6	33028	16	8	131943	£145995	8	5	
101342	TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES	112966	11	9	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS.				CURRENT ASSETS:				Stocks on Hand at Cost:							
LIABILITIES.				Second Mortgage Debenture Stock				Shop Goods for Re-sale				Cigarettes and Sweets				Provisions, Minerals, etc.				
20	Second Mortgage Debenture Stock	20	2	11	Machinery—Bulldozer and Roller, Tractor and Implements				Animal and Bird Food				Debtor				Cash in Hand			
9	Debenture Interest Accrued	9	2	8	Tools and Utensils, including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment				Total				Total				Balance			
429	Hire Purchase Instalments Owing	—	—	—	Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures, Fixtures, Cages and Accessories				Total				Total				Balance			
11682	Sundry Creditors	17977	13	7	Office and Cafe Furniture				Total				Total				Balance			
	Bank Overdraft	15042	0	5	Frigidaire Cold Room				Total				Total				Balance			
	Less: Credit Balance on Debenture Redemption Account	20	2	11	Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes				Total				Total				Balance			
18461		15021	17	6	Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils				Total				Total				Balance			
NOTE—Pending the result of the appeal against the new Rating Assessment on the main house and grounds, the Income and Expenditure Account has been debited with the amount of rates paid in the previous year.																				

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 Society's affairs on the 31st day of December, 1957, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date, 21st February, 1958.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW, Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

## SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET DATED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

	Written down value at 30/4/48	Additions at Cost less Sales.		Total	Depreciation.		Total Depreciation.	Balance 31/12/57
		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/56	Year ended 31/12/57		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/56	Year ended 31/12/57		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures, Fixtures, Cages and Accessories	15940 0 0	65947 9 11	15440 12 2	97328 2 1	35345 16 11	6198 4 6	41544 1 5	55784 0 8
Office and Cafe Furniture	606 3 0	8188 3 1	48 17 6	8843 3 7	3198 1 10	564 10 2	3762 12 0	5080 11 7
Frigidaire Cold Room	—	575 10 0	—	575 10 0	314 0 0	26 3 0	340 3 0	235 7 0
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes	—	1375 2 3	—	1375 2 3	787 16 9	117 9 1	905 5 10	469 16 5
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils	457 3 6	5448 2 2	24 16 0	5930 1 8	2326 6 8	360 7 6	2686 14 2	3243 7 6
Tools and Utensils, including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment	456 10 0	2209 0 10	162 14 6	2828 5 4	987 17 4	184 0 10	1171 18 2	1656 7 2
Machinery—Bulldozer and Roller, Tractor and Implements	—	2879 15 8	1835 19 0	4715 14 8	1593 14 6	702 9 0	2296 3 6	2419 11 2
Motor Vehicles—Lorries, Vans and Car	—	5641 10 4	897 9 6	6538 19 10	2735 5 0	760 15 0	3496 0 0	3042 19 10
Motor Boats	—	4176 4 11	—	4176 4 11	1669 9 11	501 7 0	2170 16 11	2005 8 0
Children's Push Chairs	—	485 15 0	—	485 15 0	365 19 0	23 19 2	389 18 2	95 16 10
	17459 16 6	96926 14 2	18410 8 8	132796 19 4	49324 7 11	9439 5 3	58763 13 2	74033 6 2