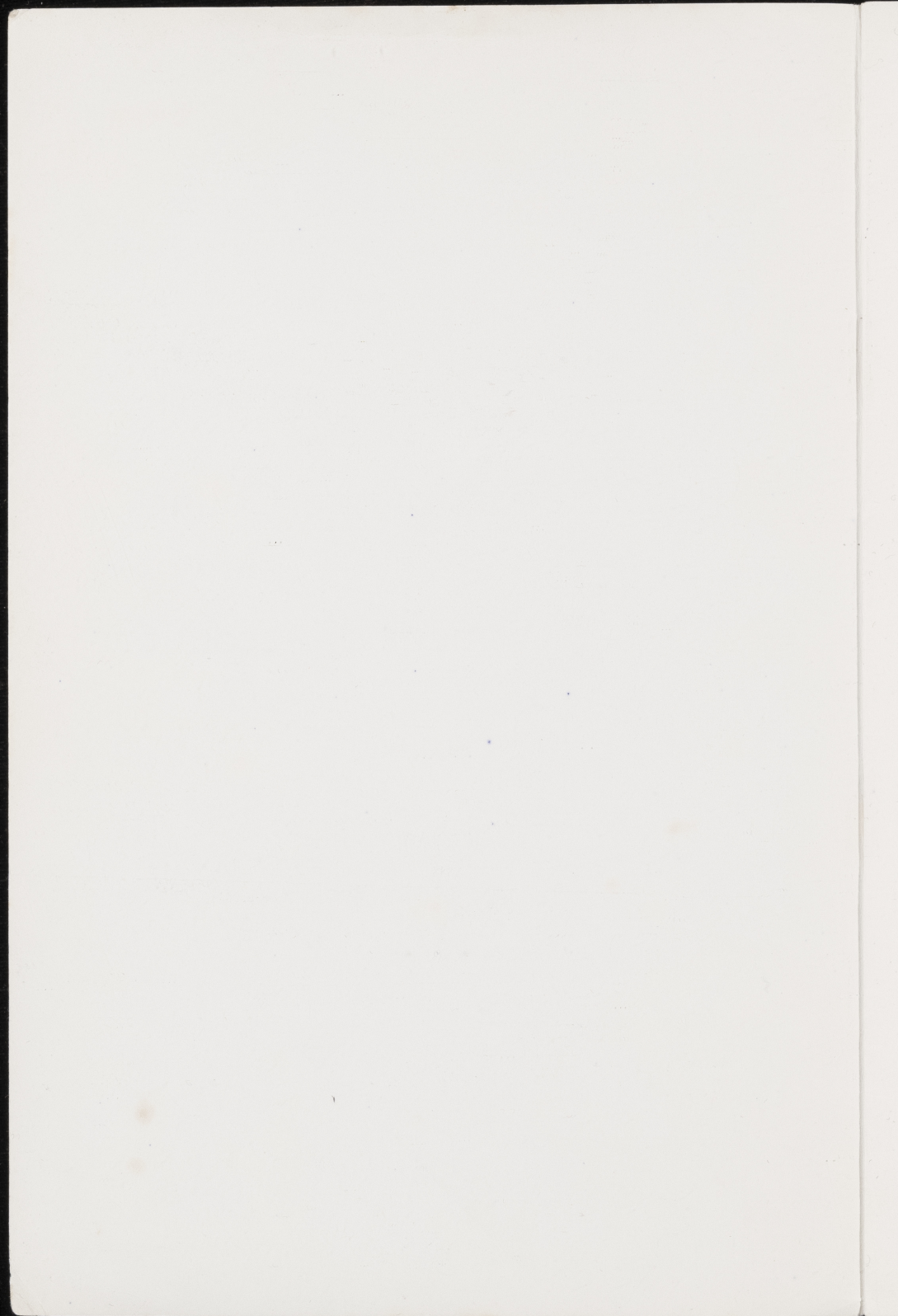


THE  
NORTH OF ENGLAND  
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
CHESTER

Report of the Council  
and  
Statement of Accounts  
1964



**NOTICE OF  
THE 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
THE NORTH OF ENGLAND ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**To be held on Saturday, 22nd May, 1965, 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 — 1964**

County Alderman 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.  
N. DUFF.  
LT. COL. T. M. BROOKS.  
G. E. BANWELL, C.B.E., M.C.

**DIRECTOR-SECRETARY**

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD, M.Sc.

## BALANCE SHEET AT

1963	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 31/12/63 ... ..	296,466	8	5			
296,466	Add: Net Surplus for Year ... ..	48,269	2	6	344,735	10	11
316,235	TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES ... ..				364,504	1	9
	CURRENT LIABILITIES						
12,126	Sundry Creditors ... ..	11,900	14	3			
15,563	Bank Overdraft ... ..	17,869	0	2			
					29,769	14	5

**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, 1964, on unexpired contracts for capital expenditure entered into by the Society was Nil.

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

343,924

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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, 1964

1963	ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	FIXED ASSETS						
	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:						
76,860	Balance as per Schedule annexed ... ..	89,967	13	4			
	Less: Mortgage (Staff Superannuation Scheme) (Secured by a charge on about 14 acres of land at Damage Farm) ... ..	3,000	0	0			
		<u>3,000</u>					
73,860					86,967	13	4
	SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT						
190,195	Balance as per Schedule annexed ... ..				211,146	17	8
	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 31/12/63 ... ..	71,651	16	7			
	Additions less Sales during year	<u>15,234</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>			
					86,886	3	5
					<u>90,345</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>
	Less: Special Depreciation in Market Values of Livestock and Allowance for Losses — 1958 (Market Valuation £103,518) ... ..	3,500	0	0			
71,612					86,845	18	10
656	DEPOSITS						
336,323	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS ... ..				384,960	9	10
	CURRENT ASSETS:						
5,238	STOCKS of Feeding Stuffs, Goods for Re-Sale and Fuel at cost ... ..	7,241	13	8			
1,413	DEBTORS and PREPAYMENTS ... ..	1,718	11	2			
950	CASH IN HAND ... ..	353	1	6			
					9,313	6	4
343,924					<u>394,273</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</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 1964 and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date.

2nd March, 1965.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW,  
Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1964

	Written down Values at 30/4/48	Additions at Cost less Sales		TOTAL	DEPRECIATION		TOTAL DEPRECIATION	BALANCE 31/12/64
		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/63	Year ended 31/12/64		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/63	Year ended 31/12/64		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures, Fixtures, Cages and Accessories	15,940 0 0	266,523 13 11	42,768 9 4	325,232 3 3	116,715 1 11	20,851 14 2	137,566 16 1	187,665 7 2
Office and Cafe Furniture and Equipment	606 3 0	13,704 18 4	285 13 1	14,596 14 5	7,600 11 4	699 12 4	8,300 3 8	6,296 10 9
Frigidaire Cold Room ... ..		1,389 5 0		1,389 5 0	771 8 0	61 15 8	833 3 8	556 1 4
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes		1,719 5 3		1,719 5 3	1,419 18 3	59 17 5	1,479 15 8	239 9 7
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils ... ..	457 3 6	12,444 18 0	189 4 8	13,091 6 2	6,401 3 6	669 0 3	7,070 3 9	6,021 2 5
Tools and Utensils, including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment ...	456 10 0	4,163 1 4	520 15 0	5,140 6 4	2,420 14 4	271 19 3	2,692 13 7	2,447 12 9
Machinery — Bulldozer and Roller, Tractors and Implements ... ..		6,637 7 7		6,637 7 7	4,465 11 7	488 13 1	4,954 4 8	1,683 2 11
Motor Vehicles — Lorries, Vans and Cars		9,993 19 8	839 15 5	10,833 15 1	6,095 16 8	947 11 8	7,043 8 4	3,790 6 9
Motor Boats ... ..		7,054 15 6	1,010 0 0	8,064 15 6	5,072 7 6	598 9 7	5,670 17 1	2,393 18 5
Children's Push Chairs ... ..		550 11 0		550 11 0	483 19 0	13 6 5	497 5 5	53 5 7
	<u>17,459 16 6</u>	<u>324,181 15 7</u>	<u>45,613 17 6</u>	<u>387,255 9 7</u>	<u>151,446 12 1</u>	<u>24,661 19 10</u>	<u>176,108 11 11</u>	<u>211,146 17 8</u>

SCHEDULE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1964

1963	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:—	£	s.	d.
12,368	Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	12,368	0	9
5,914	Three Plots of Land at Caughall ... ..	5,913	12	0
415	One Plot of Land at Chorlton-by-Backford ... ..	415	3	6
2,354	Dwelling house, 26 Caughall Road, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,354	5	3
2,162	Dwelling house, 6 Oakfield Avenue, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,161	13	0
13,629	Demage Farm, Upton and Two Cottages ... ..	13,628	19	7
1,030	No. 1, Upton Heyes — Cottage ... ..	1,029	12	9
1,059	No. 2, Upton Heyes — Cottage ... ..	1,059	12	9
2,021	Quarantine Station, Storeton Road, Birkenhead ... ..	2,021	6	6
7,186	Bungalow, Land and Buildings formerly occupied by the Upton Riding School ... ..	7,186	9	6
2,525	Dwelling house, 3 Oakfield Drive, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,524	18	2
2,943	Dwelling house, 4 Flag Lane, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,943	9	1
2,513	Dwelling house, 34 Flag Lane, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,512	12	0
3,085	Dwelling house, 5 Oakfield Drive, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	3,084	13	10
6,856	House, Land and Buildings, Green End, Moston-by-Backford ... ..	6,855	11	6
4,526	Dwelling house, 63 Caughall Road, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	4,526	6	8
2,877	Dwelling house, 19 Oakfield Avenue, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,877	4	6
3,397	Dwelling house, 8 Walnut Close, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	3,396	14	0
—	Dwelling house, 3 Alwyn Gardens, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,990	7	0
—	Dwelling house, 20 Oakfield Avenue, Upton-by-Chester ... ..	2,962	19	0
—	Bungalow, Land and Buildings, Greenlands, Moston-by-Backford ... ..	7,154	2	0
<u>76,860</u>		<u>89,967</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>



## COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Council is happy to report that 1964 proved to be a very successful year. It will be seen from the Balance Sheet that after depreciation of £24,662, a net surplus of £48,269 was made.

There was a record attendance of 1,081,774 and this was most gratifying considering the very severe setback sustained in the early part of the year due to the anthrax outbreak when four elephants and several small mammals were lost. Although the cause has never been accurately determined, it is generally thought that the anthrax spores were dormant in the ground. The first casualty was the female African elephant; she had broken off a tusk and despite daily syringing persisted in filling the cavity with soil. The outbreak received national publicity which was expected to have an adverse effect on attendance figures and although this may have been the case immediately after the outbreak, the setback was soon overcome and the year ended with a new record.

As far as construction work was concerned, the most outstanding achievement was the completion, and official opening on 13th June, of the Tropical House. This building has enjoyed great success and should continue in popularity as the tropical vegetation develops.

A new cafe and toilets were built in the vicinity of the Pachyderm House. The toilets were opened in 1964 but the opening of the cafe will be deferred until the Spring of 1965. For administration purposes the buildings in the Zoo are named or numbered and Mpila has been chosen as an appropriate name for the new cafe. Mpila is the Zulu word for the rest camp in the Umfolozi Game Reserve, Zululand from which our pair of White Rhino came and visitors to the Mpila SnackBar will have an uninterrupted view of the White Rhino paddock as well as many other Zoo features.

A new series of very large cages was erected close to the Monkey House to accommodate Baboons; in the vicinity work is progressing on new accommodation for the smaller members of the Cat family. This consists of outdoor cages covered with vegetation

which will provide jungle-like conditions for the animals. Heated sleeping quarters lead off a central passageway which gives the only access into the cages.

The old Monkey House and Cat cages were demolished in the Autumn and it is proposed to build a modern souvenir shop on the site.

Extensions have taken place in the nurseries; two glass houses erected in 1963 have been doubled in size to keep pace with the increasing demand for plants for the animal houses.

During the year the Council purchased the property known as Greenlands and it is proped to convert this bungalow into laboratories.

The Council felt the time had arrived for the Zoo to have its own veterinary surgeon and Mr. Ralph Heywood, B.V.M.S., M.R.C.V.S., joined the staff on 13th April, 1964. The services of Mr. W. A. Jordan, M.V.Sc., B.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., who has attended the Zoo animals for many years, have been retained in a consultant capacity.

On the 9th July, 1964, at the University of Manchester, the Degree of Master of Science (*Honoris Causa*) was conferred upon our Director Secretary, Mr. George S. Mottershead. This honour has given great pleasure to the Council.

During September, the Director Secretary attended the annual conference in Sydney of the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens which was the final function in his three year term of office as President of the Union. Preceding and following the conference the Director Secretary visited zoos in many countries which involved a tour encircling the globe.

During the year the Society received many gifts of animals, birds, etc. for the Collection and the Council wish to thank all donors and friends for their valuable help.

The Council would also like to place on record its thanks to members of the staff for their loyal support during the year.

**THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY**  
**on 31st December, 1964, was made up as follows:—**

PATRONS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
LIFE MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
ANNUAL MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	247
HONORARY FELLOWS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

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

	1963	1964
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS	1,017,037	1,081,774
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM	153,326	186,136
*VISITORS TO THE REPTILE HOUSE	231,415	67,591
*VISITORS TO THE NOCTURNAL HOUSE	234,526	72,202
VISITORS TO THE TROPICAL HOUSE <i>(from 13th June to 31st December)</i>	—	76,464

\*Attendance figures for 1964 relate to the period 1st January to 13th June, on which date these two houses were incorporated in the Tropical House.