

NOTICE OF

The 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of The North of England Zoological Society

To be held on Saturday, 3rd June, 1961, 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—1960.

G. B. GROUNSELL (CHAIRMAN).

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

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DIRECTOR-SECRETARY.

G. S. MOTTERSHEAD.

COUNCIL'S REPORT - 1960

The Council of the North of England Zoological Society are very happy to say that 1960 once again proved to be a record year.

The total receipts show an increase of over £26,000 on the previous year, but the nett profit after depreciation was £26,081, £8,000 less than the previous year. Wages and salaries were mainly responsible for this, as these increased by approximately £15,000 due to general increases in the standard rate of wages paid. Members will of course be able to read the attached Balance Sheet for themselves, so that no further comment is necessary.

The number of visitors to the gardens in 1960 was 841,940, compared with 785,351 in 1959. Had we maintained the increase which was shown in the early part of the year, this figure would have been considerably higher, but the weather broke towards the middle of July and this had a very adverse effect on the Gates. Nevertheless we were still able to show an increase of 56,589 visitors compared with the previous year.

The Society increased its acreage by purchasing a property known as Green End together with approximately five acres of land at the north-west end of the Zoo on the Chester Bye-pass at Moston. The Director and some of his office staff occupy the ground floor of this residence as offices. Not many people realise that the Zoo, including the farmland, now covers an area of approximately 150 acres.

A considerable amount of work was carried out in 1960 and many of the projects which were commenced in 1959 have now been completed, the most important being the Fountain Restaurant which was erected on the site of the old Riding School. It was never in full use in 1960 mainly due to the fact that it was rather late in the season when it was opened to the public, and it was difficult to obtain the necessary labour at that time; nevertheless the receipts were very satisfactory.

The whole of the area in front of this Restaurant was laid out as Gardens, which have been greatly admired by the public, and the Council feel sure that this development will prove a valuable asset in the years to come.

The House for Small Mammals was completed by mid-summer, and has already proved immensely popular.

The Pachyderm House which was commenced in 1959 is now nearing completion and the elephants and rhinoceros are already installed. This building is of unique construction and the Council feel confident that this new addition to the Zoo will be a very great attraction to the public.

In view of the considerable extensions which have been made to the Gardens and also the new animal houses which have been erected, it has been necessary to increase our Nursery Gardens and a further Greenhouse and frames were erected in order to cope with the extra plants required.

The animal population has increased during the year—the most outstanding additions to the collection being the pair of young rare Mountain

Gorillas which were purchased in November. These animals are now on exhibition in the Chimpanzee House, but a further enclosure is proposed to accommodate them as they grow older.

An application for a Table Licence was made to the Justices in 1960 and this was granted. This Licence applies only to the old Cafe, which is now known as the Oakfield Restaurant, and it is our intention to develop this into a high-class Restaurant for the use of visitors. The Fountain Restaurant is unlicensed.

Another addition to the Catering Section—or rather a replacement—was the Rainbow Cafe which replaces what used to be known as the Big Buffet. This new building has been constructed out of Cedar Wood and multi-coloured armour-cast glass. It is very attractive in appearance and is used mainly by visitors who bring their own food. Here they can eat their food under cover, and purchase hot drinks, etc.

In 1961 we are hoping to transfer our Bison and cattle over on to the undeveloped land, and to use the existing cattle paddocks as extra accommodation for the Giraffes, of which we now have five.

Several other enclosures are to be built to accommodate animals which are not yet on exhibition. We have quite a nice collection of antelopes in our Quarantine Station, which will complete their quarantine in the summer of 1961; they will then need to be accommodated in the Zoo.

The Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the staff for their loyal co-operation during the past year. They would also like to express their appreciation to all those who have in any way contributed towards the advancement and well-being of the Society during 1960.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

on 31st DECEMBER, 1960, was made up as follows :—

PATRONS	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
LIFE MEMBERS	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
ANNUAL MEMBERS	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	177
HONORARY FELLOW	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
CORRESPONDING MEMBER	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

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

	1959	1960
VISITORS TO THE GARDENS	785,351	841,940
VISITORS TO THE REPTILE HOUSE	188,688	195,048
VISITORS TO THE AQUARIUM	88,086	101,720
VISITORS TO THE NOCTURNAL HOUSE	209,201	208,021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1959	To Cafe Purchases, including Ice Cream, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	35317 19 1		1959	By Admission Charges:—		
29878	— Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	12548 0 5		73567	Gate Receipts	79856 16 10	
10586	— Shop Purchases, after adjusting Opening and Closing Stocks	7984 1 10		2202	Aquarium	2543 0 0	
5769	— Purchases of Wines and Spirits, after adjusting Closing Stocks	219 13 3		4717	Reptile House	4876 4 0	
11934	— Animal and Bird Food	14111 4 8		5230	Nocturnal House	5200 10 6	
268	— Veterinary Surgeon and Animal Medicines	232 12 6		63694	— Cafe Receipts, including Ice Cream		92476 11 4
55021	— Salaries, Wages, National Insurance and Superannuation Contributions	70229 4 0			— Sales of Cigarettes, Tobacco, Sweets and Chocolates		75377 19 7
391	— Rent, Rates, Water and Tithe	905 15 1		12353	— Sales of Wines and Spirits		14798 2 0
1358	— Insurance Premiums	1566 18 8			— Shop Sales		350 7 10
5242	— Lighting, Heating and Fuel	7024 13 4		10013	— Subscriptions		12991 19 11
4388	— Advertising	4958 0 1		230	— Entrance Fees		192 0 6
1694	— Printing, Stationery and Postages	2013 16 7		42	— Donations		63 0 0
36	— Carriage	110 18 2		13	— Car Park Receipts		538 3 9
1779	— Travelling and Entertainment Expenses	1202 17 3		4413	— Weighing Machine Receipts		4840 14 6
1912	— Running Expenses of Motor Vehicles and Motor Boats	2493 18 10			— Toilets and Cloakroom Receipts		54 15 10
462	— Telephone	640 5 7		1480	— Proceeds of Motor Boat Trips		1643 15 1
1047	— Bank Charges and Interest	2030 16 6		6460	— Proceeds of Sale of Zoo News and Zoo Guides		7505 18 0
527	— Professional Fees	435 8 6		1694	— Proceeds of Hire of Children's Push Chairs		1890 17 8
4658	— Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	4744 19 10		350	— Sundry Receipts		360 5 0
879	— Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers—Grounds and Gardens	868 1 9		228	— Rent Received		333 14 0
664	— Seeds, Plants and Fertilisers—Farm	218 13 8		57	— Profit on Sale of Motor Vehicle		71 17 6
135	— Contract Work—Farm	187 17 0		32	— Income Tax Repayment		120 5 1
571	— Laundry and Cleaning Materials	693 9 3		598			
	— Toilet Requisites	85 18 4					
444	— Miscellaneous Expenses	356 2 5					
22	— Income Tax (Schedule A)	56 7 5					
150	— Mortgage Interest	150 0 0					
	— Depreciation of Fixed Assets as per annexed Schedule		171387 14 0				
13461	— Losses on Motor Boats scrapped		16140 16 7				
77	— Net Surplus for Year		26081 17 0				
34020			213610 7 7				
187373			187373				213610 7 7

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1959	LEGACY ACCOUNT		18144 13 8	1959	FIXED ASSETS		
1624	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT		1623 17 2	12368	FREEHOLD PROPERTY at cost:		
	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			5914	Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton	12368 0 9	
	Balance as at 31/12/59	144550 11 10			Three Plots of Land at Caughall	5913 12 0	
144550	Add: Net Surplus for Year	26081 17 0	170632 8 10	4516	Two Dwelling Houses—26 Caughall Road and 6 Oakfield Avenue, Upton Heath	4515 18 3	
164319	TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES		190400 19 8	13629	Damage Farm and Two Cottages	13628 19 7	
	LIABILITIES			2059	Two Cottages at Upton Heyes	2059 5 6	
20	Second Mortgage Debenture Stock	20 2 11		2021	Quarantine Station, Storeton Road, Birkenhead	2021 6 6	
9	Debenture Interest Accrued	9 2 8		7187	Land and Buildings formerly occupied by the Upton Riding School	7186 9 6	
21520	Sundry Creditors	19965 10 10		7931	Three Dwelling Houses—3 Oakfield Drive, Upton; 4 and 34 Flag Lane, Upton	7943 5 2	
	Bank Overdraft	43363 17 0			Dwellinghouse—5 Oakfield Avenue, Upton Heath	3045 17 0	
	Less: Credit Balance on Debenture Redemption Account	20 2 11	63338 10 6		House, Land and Buildings, Green End, Moston-by-Beckford	6692 17 10	
23986				55625		65375 12 1	
					Less: Mortgage		
				3000	(Staff Superannuation Scheme) (Secured by a charge on about 14 acres of land at Damage Farm)	3000 0 0	62375 12 1
				52625			
				108745	SPECIAL BUILDINGS, ENCLOSURES AND EQUIPMENT		
				655	Balance as per Schedule annexed		131615 14 0
					DEPOSIT ON MOTOR LAUNCH		
					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 31/12/59	45373 16 8	
					Additions less Sales during year	9660 15 7	55034 12 3
							58494 7 8
					Less: Special Depreciation in Market Values of Livestock and allowance for Losses—1958 (Curator's Valuation £55,773)	3500 0 0	54994 7 8
				45334			
				207359	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		248985 13 9
					CURRENT ASSETS		
					Stocks on Hand at Cost—		
				116	Shop Goods for re-sale	275 10 2	
				179	Cigarettes and Sweets	229 12 10	
				675	Provisions, Minerals, etc.	619 5 4	
					Wines and Spirits	137 14 7	
				893	Animal and Bird Food	2132 0 6	
				327	Fuel	414 12 6	
				78	Returnable Crates	28 9 6	
					Sundries	83 10 10	
						3920 16 3	
					Debtors	437 4 3	
				209	Cash in Hand	288 0 5	
				18	Amounts Paid in advance	107 15 6	
							4753 16 5
209854			253739 10 2	209854			253739 10 2

NOTE:

The Bank Overdraft is secured on the House, Land and Buildings at Oakfield, Upton, the Three Plots of Land at Caughall, the Dwellinghouses at 26 Caughall Road, 6 Oakfield Avenue, 3 Oakfield Drive, 4 and 34 Flag Lane, Upton, Two Cottages at Upton Heyes, that part of the Land and Buildings at Damage Farm not charged to the Trustees of the Superannuation Fund, the Quarantine Station, Birkenhead, and the Land and Buildings formerly occupied by the Upton Riding School.

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, 1960, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the surplus for the year ended that date.

16th March, 1961.

AFFORD & EARNSHAW, Chartered Accountants, Nantwich.

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS ANNEXED TO BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960

	Written down		Additions at Cost less Sales		TOTAL	Depreciation		TOTAL DEPRECIATION	BALANCE 31/12/60
	Values at 30/4/48	From 1/5/48 to 31/12/59	From 1/5/48 to 31/12/60	Year ended 31/12/60		From 1/5/48 to 31/12/59	Year ended 31/12/60		
Special Buildings and Open Air Enclosures									
Fixtures, Cages and Accessories	15940 0 0	132378 16 7	28620 2 2		176938 18 9	58811 1 7	11812 15 2	70623 16 9	106351 2 0
Office and Cafe Furniture and Equipment	606 3 0	8578 10 1	2066 3 5		11250 16 6	4773 3 1	647 15 5	5420 18 6	5829 18 0
Frigidaire Cold Room	— — —	905 5 0	484 0 0		1389 5 0	447 10 0	94 4 0	541 14 0	847 11 0
Washing Machines for Clothes and Dishes	— — —	1375 2 3	— — —		1375 2 3	1074 8 3	60 3 0	1134 11 3	240 11 0
Cafe Equipment, Crockery and Table Utensils	457 3 6	6150 19 11	3712 5 10		10320 9 3	3370 15 5	694 19 10	4065 15 3	6218 14 0
Tools and Utensils including Garden Tools, Machines and Equipment	456 10 0	2847 17 5	300 4 5		3604 11 10	1539 13 5	206 9 5	1746 2 10	1858 9 0
Machinery—Bulldozer and Roller, Tractors and Implements	— — —	4289 8 0	816 16 7		5106 4 7	2381 4 0	613 2 7	2994 6 7	2111 18 0
Motor Vehicles—Lorries, Vans and Cars	— — —	8898 18 9	511 10 0		9410 8 9	4275 18 9	1004 10 0	5280 8 9	4130 0 0
Motor Boats	— — —	5064 15 4	2500 0 2		7564 15 6	2591 14 4	994 12 2	3586 6 6	3978 9 0
Children's Push Chairs	— — —	485 15 0	— — —		485 15 0	424 8 0	12 5 0	436 13 0	49 2 0
	17459 16 6	170975 8 4	39011 2 7		227446 7 5	79689 16 10	16140 16 7	95830 13 5	131615 14 0