REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR
2001

The Society is a charity which exists to promote the study of any aspect of the history of Lancashire and Cheshire. This is done through a lecture series and the publication of an annual volume of Transactions which reflects current research on the two counties. The business of the Society is handled by Council, which met three times in 2001. There was an operating surplus of £7,137 in 2001 after paying for vol. 149 of Transactions. There are likely to be three volumes issued in 2002, which will result in a deficit that year. In 2001 income can be divided as follows: subscriptions 56%, investment income 23%, donations 6% and sales of publications 8%. The number of members at 31 December 2001 was 456. This was made up of 297 individuals, 145 institutions, and 14 societies. In addition, the Society has 22 other societies with which it exchanges publications.

This year eight public lectures were held and are listed below. The Society’s library, housed in the Liverpool Record Office, is on open access to all who want to use it. The Society is still investigating a website of its own and it is hoped this will come online in the not too distant future.

The Society gratefully acknowledges a grant from the Marc Fitch Fund towards publication of the Index to Transactions. A number of local history fairs were used to publicise the Society’s publications and Council records its thanks to all who took part. The Society was pleased to share another day school with the Lancashire Local History Federation and would like to thank D. Winterbotham for organising this event.

The following were the lecture meetings in 2001:

15 February (AGM): G. Milne (University of Liverpool), ‘The good, the bad and the nervous: mercantile business culture in mid Victorian Liverpool’
24 March: Medieval Lancashire and Cheshire. A joint day school
with Lancashire Local History Federation: C. Lewis, ‘Founder of
Lancashire? The perplexing career of Roger the Poitevin, 1060?-1110?’; P. Booth, ‘Two large-scale cattle enterprises in the medi­eval North West’; P. Morgan, ‘Wills and testaments in medieval
19 April: P. Vipond (West Kirby), ‘Landscape in south-west
Cheshire’
17 May: J. Hollinshead (Hope University College), ‘Lancashire’s first
convent: Woolton 1795’
21 June: M. Lynch (Lancaster), ‘Moral miscreants: evidence from
the Ecclesiastical Court of Whalley 1510–1538’
20 September: K. Aspden (University of Leeds), ‘Archbishop Fred­erick Keating of Liverpool and a Catholic political party, 1921–
1928’
18 October: J. Virgoe (University of Liverpool), ‘Some aspects of
18th century agriculture in south-west Lancashire’
15 November: J. Sutton (Alsager), ‘Prosecution Associations of
Cheshire and Lancashire: Their origin and development’

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REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN
FOR 2001

The following works were donated to the library:


The following works have been purchased:

Foster, C. F., *Cheshire cheese and farming in the North West in the 17th and 18th centuries* (1998)

Exchange volumes were received from kindred societies and copies added to stock.

*David Stoker*  
Honorary Librarian
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

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TOTAL RECEIPTS 14,421 TOTAL PAYMENTS 7,284

Net receipts/(Payments) 7,137
Cash funds last year end 44,021
Add NS Deposit Bonds realised 13,404
Cash funds this year end 64,562

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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