HISTORIC SOCIETY OF
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Reports and Accounts,
year ending December 2002

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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR
2002

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 2002. Editorial problems led to a delay in the publication of Transactions and Council strongly regretted that no volumes at all were published during this year. This was relieved, however, by the publication of the Index covering the years 1848-2000 and Council would like to recognise the services of Diana Winterbotham who compiled it and a grant from the Marc Fitch Fund which helped to finance its publication. The number of members at 31 December 2002 was 439. This was made up of 279 individuals, 146 institutions, 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 experimented with a members’ evening which proved to be successful and hopes to continue with this feature. 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 reports the death of Mr Neville Carrick who was an ex-President of the Society and a long-serving Council member. An obituary appeared in Transactions vol. 151.

The following were the lecture meetings:
22 February (AGM): Paul Knight (University of Liverpool), ‘Macclesfield Horse Fair 1619–1670’
9 March: Liverpool and Manchester: Tales of two cities. Joint day school with Lancashire Local History Federation at Lowton Civic Centre: Terry Wyke (Manchester Metropolitan University) ‘Liverpool gentlemen and Manchester men’; Dr Eddie F. Cass (Uni-
versity of Sheffield) 'The working class of Lancashire in some 19th century fiction'; Alan E. Rose (Mottram) 'Souls and bodies: Wesleyan Central Missions in Liverpool and Manchester in 1914'; Dr Sherylynne Haggerty (University of Liverpool) 'The trading community of Liverpool in the late 18th century'; Dr Andrew Hamer (University of Liverpool) 'Scouse, new scouse and scouseness'

18 April: Rev. Ralph Marsh (Wallasey), 'The Rev. Dr Abraham Hume 1814-1884: His contribution to Liverpool life'

16 May: Members' evening: Doreen McGiveron (Liverpool) 'Master, Matron and Medical Officer: The contribution of three Walton Hospital officials to national & local developments, 1915—1945'; Dr Geoffrey Place (Liverpool) 'The Vikings of Neston'; John Davies (Liverpool) 'Liverpool guidebooks during the period c.1790—1914'

20 June: Dr Andrew Gritt (University of Central Lancashire), 'Basil Thomas Eccleston and agricultural change'

19 September: Joseph Sharples & Richard Pollard (Liverpool), 'Updating Pevsner’s South Lancashire'

17 October: Dr J. Malcolm Gratton (Liverpool), 'A broken reed? Lancashire Royalism 1648—51'

21 November: Dr Mary Higham (University of Lancaster), 'Why “Harper’s Lands”?'

R. C. Hull
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REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN  
FOR 2002

The following works were donated to the library

King's Own Royal Regiment Museum, 55th (West Lancashire) Division trench orders 1918 (1998)
Queen's Lancashire Regiment, *The loyal North Lancashire Regiment* (vol. i & ii) by H. C. Wylly, 1933 (2001)
Swift, R. (ed.), *Irish migrants in Britain, 1815–1914: A documentary history*

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

*David Stoker*
Honorary Librarian
# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

### ASSETS

- Cash funds
- National Westminster account 7,494
- Charities Aid Foundation account 61,326
- Total cash funds 68,820
- Other monetary assets:
  - National Savings income bonds 15,000
- Assets retained for the charity’s own use:
  - Book stock 5,000
- TOTAL ASSETS 88,820

### LIABILITIES

- Printing vols 150–151, Publ. Grants 10,000