HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Reports and Accounts, year ending December 2003

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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR
2003

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 2003. The number of members at 31 December 2003 was 429. This was made up of 271 individuals, 146 institutions and 12 societies. In addition, the Society exchanges publications with 22 other societies.

Council took steps to improve the Society’s editorial arrangements, with the result that *Transactions* vol. 151 (2002) was published early in 2003, and the delayed vol. 150 shortly afterward. This puts *Transactions* back on its normal publishing cycle.

There was an operating surplus of £2,757 in 2003 after paying a large part of the costs of producing three volumes during the year. We were most grateful to the Marc Fitch Fund for donating £2,000 towards the cost of the Index volume, which together with the Gift Aid for three years produced this surplus. In 2003 the income can be divided as follows: subscriptions 52%, investment income 15%, donations and gift aid 26% and sale of publications 7%.

This year seven public lectures were held and are listed below. The Society continued with a members’ evening which proved to be successful and also had a joint meeting with the Friends of Merseyside Maritime Museum at the Museum in November.

The Society’s library, housed in the Liverpool Record Office, is on open access to all who want to use it.

The Society has created a website of its own at www.hslc.org.uk and it is to be hoped this will be launched in 2004.

The following were the lecture meetings:
20 March: Dr Arline Wilson (University of Liverpool) ‘Commerce and culture: William Roscoe, Liverpool’s businessman-scholar’.

10 April: Members’ Evening: Mr John Elsworth, ‘“All sorts and conditions of men”: Dual incumbency at St. Boniface Church, Bunbury, 1595-1896’; Mrs Brenda Murray, ‘John Myers: From Liverpool merchant to country squire’.

15 May: Lancashire’s Old Universities: A seminar: Dr Sylvia Harrop (University of Liverpool) ‘A genuinely civic enterprise’: The founding and development of University College Liverpool, 1881-1903; Prof. Brian Pullan, FBA, (University of Manchester) ‘Free speech and academic freedom in the University of Manchester, 1968-1990’.

19 September: Jim Grisenthwaite, Chairman, NWRAC, ‘Developing the archive: The North-West Regional Archive Council at work’.

17 October: Dr Steve Hindle (University of Warwick) ‘Pensions, appeals and orders: The poor law in North-West England c.1650-1720’.

21 November: Joint event with the Friends of Merseyside Maritime Museum: Prof. David Richardson (University of Hull) and Dr Stephen Behrendt (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) ‘Surgeons and the Liverpool slave trade’.

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REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR 2003

The following works have been purchased:

Dickinson, T. C., Cotton mills of Preston: The power behind the thread (2002)
Graystone, P., Walking Roman roads in East Cumbria (1994)
Nicholls, R., Trafford Park: The first hundred years (1996)
Somerville, R., Office-holders in the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster from 1603 (1972)
Strickland, T., Roman Middlewich: A story of Roman and Briton in mid-Cheshire (2001)
Williams, M. with D. A. Farnie, Cotton mills in greater Manchester (1992)

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

David Stoker
Honorary Librarian
# Financial Statement for the Year
## Ended 31 December 2003

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- **Total Receipts**: 16,195
- **Total Payments**: 13,437
- **Net Receipts/(Payments)**: 2,757

| Cash funds last year end            | 68,820 |
| Cash funds this year end            | 71,578 |

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End

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