REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR
2004

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 2004. The number of members at 31 December 2004 was 420. This was made up of 267 individuals, 142 institutions and 11 societies. In addition, the Society exchanges publications with 22 other societies.

The income of the Society was not this year affected by any special factors. Of the £12,130 received, 61% was from subscriptions, 24% from investment income, 11% from donations and Gift Aid and the remaining 4% from sales of publications.

This year six public lectures were held and are listed below. The Society continued with a members’ evening on the theme of ‘Meet your archivists’, which proved to be successful at Liverpool Hope University College in June. The study day on ‘Aspects of Cheshire landscape history’, due to take place on Saturday 16th October was postponed for a number of reasons, and the Society is exploring the possibility of planning a similar event in future. There has been a very positive response to the call for papers for the international conference on ‘Liverpool and transatlantic slavery’ which will be held at the Merseyside Maritime Museum between 13 October and 15 October 2005. The Society is grateful to Liverpool City Council for continuing use of the Roscoe Room in the Central Library, where most of its meetings take place. 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 at www.hslc.org.uk and this is proving successful. It includes a searchable index to Transactions.

The following were the lecture meetings:
19 February (AGM): Janet Gnosspelius, ‘The men (and women) who built the Liverpool Bluecoat School’. 
18 March: Dr Karen O’Brien, ‘Female verbal crime in 17th century Cheshire’.


17 June: ‘Meet your archivists’: Jonathan Pepler (Cheshire Record Office) and David Stoker (Liverpool Record Office).

16 September: Dr John Appleby, ‘Pirates and plunder in the Irish Sea c.1500–1700’.

20 November: Peter Kennerley, ‘The foundation of Liverpool Cathedral 1904’ (held at the Western Rooms, Liverpool Cathedral).

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The following works have been purchased:

Foster, H., Crossens: Southport's Cinderella suburb (2002)
Gray, T. C., Dr Richard Formby: Founder of the Liverpool Medical School (2003)
Lofthouse, F. H., Keepers of the house: A workhouse saga (2001)
Nevell, M. ed., From farmer to factory owner—Archaeology of the industrial revolution (2003)
Nevell, M. & J. Walker, Denton and Dukinfield Halls and the archaeology of the gentry and yeoman house in North West England 1500 to 1700 (2002)

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

David Stoker
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

### RECEIPTS (£)
- Subscriptions—private: 4,176
- Subscriptions—institutions: 3,147
- Interest—Income bonds: 538
- Interest—CAF account: 2,381
- Donations: 950
- Gift Aid: 449
- Sales—Transactions: 132
- Sales—Offprints: 21
- Sales—Slave trade: 48
- Miscellaneous: 50
- Publishers Licensing Soc.: 211

### PAYMENTS (£)
- Printing of Publications: 3,966
- Hon. Secretary: 20
- Hon. Treasurer: 9
- Other officers: 0
- Hon. Editors: 42
- Website: 739
- Stationery: 40
- Newsletter: 610
- Lecture & fairs: 220
- Subscriptions to Societies: 246
- Library: 214
- Bank charges: 6
- Refunds: 22
- Publishing & research grants: 0

### TOTAL RECEIPTS
12,130

### TOTAL PAYMENTS
6,220

### Net Receipts/(Payments)
5,910

### Cash funds last year end
71,400

### Cash funds this year end
77,310

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

#### ASSETS
- Cash funds
- National Westminster account: 10,601
- Charities Aid Foundation account: 66,709
- Total cash funds: 77,310
- Other monetary assets: National Savings income bonds: 15,000
- Assets retained for the Charity’s own use: Book stock: 5,000

#### TOTAL ASSETS
97,310

#### LIABILITIES
- Printing vol. 153; conference: 10,000