

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF  
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Reports and Accounts,  
year ending December 2001

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## 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 Cheshire and Lancashire'; M. Higham, 'Why "Harper's Lands"?'
- 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'

*R. C. Hull*  
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## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR 2001

The following works were donated to the library

- Aughton, P., *Bristol: A People's History* (2000)  
Bruce, A., *The Cathedral 'Open and Free': Dean Bennett of Chester* (2000)  
Cavill, P., S. E. Harding & J. Jesch, *Wirral and its Viking Heritage*, English Place-Name Society (2000)

The following works have been purchased:

- Arkell, T., N. Evans & N. Goose, *When death do us part: Understanding and interpreting the probate records of early modern England* (2000)  
Brown, A., *The Rows of Chester: The Chester Rows Research Project* (1999)  
Crosby, A. G. (ed), *Leading the way: A history of Lancashire's roads* (1998)  
Dymond, D., *Researching and writing history: A practical guide for local historians* (1999)  
Edwards, B. J. N., *Vikings in North West England: The artefacts* (1998)  
Foster, C. F., *Cheshire cheese and farming in the North West in the 17th and 18th centuries* (1998)  
Friends of Real Lancashire, *Lancashire, the geographical county: The County Palatine of Lancaster 2000* (2001)  
Gunn, S., *The public culture of the Victorian middle class: Ritual and authority in the English industrial city 1840–1914* (2000)  
Hollowell, S., *Enclosure records for historians* (2000)  
Jones, G., *The Millers: A story of technological endeavour and industrial success, 1870–2001* (2001)  
Kain, R. J. P., & H. C. Prince, *Tithe surveys for historians* (2000)  
Lambert, S., *Irish women in Lancashire 1922–1960: Their story* (2001)  
Lewis, J., *The medieval earthworks of the Hundred of West Derby: Tenurial evidence and physical structure*, (2000)

- Littler, D., (ed), *Guide to the records of Merseyside Maritime Museum, Volume II* (1999)
- Mills, D., & K. Schurer, (eds), *Local communities in the Victorian census enumerators' books* (1996)
- Price, J., *Sharpe, Paley and Austin : A Lancaster architectural practice 1836-1942*, (1998)
- Roberts, E. (ed), *A history of linen in the North West*, (1998)
- Thornton, T, *Cheshire and the Tudor State, 1480-1560*, (2000)
- Wilson, J. F, *Ferranti : A history: Building a family business 1882-1975* (n.d.)

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

RECEIPTS (£)		PAYMENTS (£)	
Subscriptions—Private	4,543	Printing of publications	5,401
Subscriptions—Institutions	3,600	Newsletter	574
Interest—Income bonds	789	Library	567
Interest—CAF account	2,536	Lectures & fairs	109
Donations—Lancashire CC	900	Subscriptions to societies	236
Donations—J. McDermott	5	Expenses—Treasurer	153
Sales— <i>Transactions</i>	798	Expenses—Editors	56
Sales—Offprints	114	Expenses—Pubs. Sec.	135
Sales— <i>Slave trade</i>	244	Bank charges	41
Sales—Bennison map	138	Refunds	12
Miscellaneous	754		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>14,421</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>7,284</b>
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

<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash funds	NatWest Bank deposit account		8,842
	Charities Aid Foundation account		55,720
Other monetary assets	National Savings income bonds		15,000
Assets for charity's own use	Book stock		5,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>84,562</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	<i>Transactions</i> , volume 150, Index and publication grants		15,000

