

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Reports and Accounts,
year ending 31 December 2004

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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'.
- 22 April: Presidential lecture by Dr Suzanne Schwarz: 'Methodism and missions: The career of the Rev. Melvill Horne, minister of Christ Church Macclesfield'.
- 20 May: Melanie Tebbutt, 'Taming the wilderness: Rambling in the Pennine moorlands c.1880-1920'.
- 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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REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR 2004

The following works have been purchased:

Chapman, S, ed., *Autobiography of D. Whitehead of Rawtenstall, 1790–1865* (2001)

Foster, C. F., *Seven households: Life in Cheshire and Lancashire 1582–1774* (2002)

Foster, H., *Crossens: Southport's Cinderella suburb* (2002)

Glasgow, E., *Studies in Southport's history* (2002)

Gray, T. C., *Dr Richard Formby: Founder of the Liverpool Medical School* (2003)

Lathom, F., ed., *Wybunbury* (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. Roberts, *The Park Bridge Ironworks and the archaeology of the wrought iron industry in North West England, 1600 to 1900* (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)

Phillips, A. D. M. & C. B. Phillips, *A new historical atlas of Cheshire* (2002)

Stobart, J., *The first industrial region: North West England c. 1700–60* (2004)

Vincent, J., ed., *The diaries of Edward Henry Stanley, 15th Earl of Derby (1826–93) between 1878 and 1893* (2003)

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

David Stoker
Honorary Librarian

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

RECEIPTS (£)		PAYMENTS (£)	
Subscriptions—private	4,176	Printing of Publications	3,966
Subscriptions—institutions	3,147	Hon. Secretary	20
Interest—Income bonds	538	Hon. Treasurer	9
Interest—CAF account	2,381	Other officers	0
Donations	950	Hon. Editors	42
Gift Aid	449	Website	739
Sales— <i>Transactions</i>	132	Stationery	40
Sales—Offprints	21	Newsletter	610
Sales— <i>Slave trade</i>	48	Lecture & fairs	220
Miscellaneous	50	Subscriptions to Societies	246
Publishers Licensing Soc.	211	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