

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF  
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Report and Accounts,  
year ending 31 December 2005

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## REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2005

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 2005.

In December 2005 the death of Dr Michael Power was sadly reported to Council. He had been a Vice-President of the Society and had held many offices on the Council in a long and active membership. He had recently retired to Scotland.

The number of members at 31 December 2005 was 418. This was made up of 269 individuals, 138 institutions and 11 societies. In addition, the Society exchanges publications with 22 other societies.

The accounts of the Society show an operating surplus in the year of £6,701. To gain a true view of the Society's financial position in the year, one needs to deduct from this figure approximately £4,000 allocated to the Slavery Conference in October, the invoices for which had not been presented by the year end. There was also a further approximate £600 authorised for the library, the spending of which was delayed by changes in the library staff. The real operating surplus was therefore of the order of £2,300.

The Society maintains Reserve Funds so that it may pursue long term programmes of sponsoring historical research, conferences and publication which may involve spending much more than the ordinary annual income in any one year and so would not be possible without these reserves.

The *Transactions* of the Society, volume 153 for 2004, consisted of four articles (one by the President of the Society), book reviews and an index.

This year five public lectures were held and are listed below. The Society was forced to alter its venue for meetings

owing to the reduced opening hours at the Liverpool Central Library from March 2005 and is grateful to Liverpool Hope University for providing an alternative site at short notice. Another members' evening based on 'Meet your archivists', this time with those from the Lancashire Record Office and the John Rylands Library, Manchester, was held in June.

The highlight of the year was the major international conference on 'Liverpool and Trans-Atlantic Slavery', which took place from 13 to 15 October, a joint collaboration with National Museums Liverpool, which attracted much interest and was very successful. It is hoped to publish the papers later in 2007. On 19 November a study day was held at Edge Hill University College on 'Poverty and Experience in the North West' which again proved to be a success.

The Society's library, housed in the Liverpool Record Office, is on open access to all who want to use it. The library catalogue will soon be accessible on the Society's website: [www.hslc.org.uk](http://www.hslc.org.uk). This also includes a searchable index to *Transactions*.

The following were the lecture meetings:

- 17 February: (AGM) Dr Jon Murden, 'The Liverpool 800 Project: City of change and challenge'.
- 17 March: Dr J. Roger Dickinson, 'The Irish Sea trade of the Isle of Man c.1570-1750'.
- 21 April: Dr Trevor Griffiths, 'Working-class families and their survival strategies in early twentieth-century Lancashire'.
- 19 May: Dr Geoffrey W. Place, 'Chester: gateway to Ireland'.
- 16 June: (Members' evening) 'Meet your archivists': Mr Bruce Jackson (Lancashire Record Office) and Mr John Hodgson (John Rylands Library) at Liverpool Hope University College.
- 15 September: Dr Paul Dalton, 'The charters of Ranulf II, earl of Chester: Politics and peacemaking in King Stephen's reign'.

R. C. Hull, Secretary to Council.

## COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 2005

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

RECEIPTS (£)		PAYMENTS (£)	
Subscriptions - private	4,549	Printing of publications	4,701
Subscriptions - institutional	3,499	Hon Secretary	16
Interest – income bonds	621	Hon Treasurer	0
Interest – CAF account	2,864	Other officers	21
Donations	975	Hon Editors	141
Gift Aid	424	Website	300
Sales – <i>Transactions</i>	1,072	Stationary	0
Sales – offprints	47	Newsletter	669
Sales – <i>Slave Trade</i>	0	Lectures and fairs	733
Miscellaneous	0	Subscriptions to societies	328
Public Licensing Society	221	Library	4
		Bank charges	20
		Refunds	16
		Conferences	622
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>14,272</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>7,571</b>
 Net Receipts (Payments)	 6,701		
 Cash funds last year end	 77,310		
Cash funds this year end	84,011		

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

ASSETS

Cash funds	National Westminster account	8,801
	Charities Aid Foundation account	75,210
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>84,011</b>
Other monetary assets	National Savings Income Bonds	15,000
Assets retained for the Charity's own use	Book stock	5,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>104,011</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	Printing of vol. 154; conference	9,000