

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF  
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Report and Accounts,  
year ending 31 December 2006

Report of Council  
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## REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2006

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 series of public lectures and meetings 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 2006.

This year's lecture programme (listed below) has been a bold experiment. This was partly forced onto the Society with the earlier evening closure of Liverpool Central Library from 2005. Diversity figured in both the timing of lectures, including lunch time at the Walker Art Gallery in October and a Saturday visit to Sefton Church. There were also two study days in the Grosvenor Museum, Chester and the University of Central Lancashire in Preston. The attendances at all these were very encouraging and this path will be followed in future years.

During the year the Society formalised its procedure for the making of research grants and has awarded three research, three education and one publication grant, totalling £2900.

The number of members at 31 December 2006 was 406 as opposed to 418 in 2005. This was made up of 261 individuals, 134 institutions and eleven societies. In 2006 there was notification of four deaths, nine resignations and eleven members with unpaid subscriptions for two years. However, the Society also gained 16 new members. In addition, the Society exchanges publications with 22 other societies.

The financial accounts show that the income of the Society this year, at £13,787, was similar to last year. Payments increased significantly because expenditure on the 2005 slavery conference and the library was carried over from the previous financial year. The net increase on the Society's assets was only £1,552 – less than the rate of inflation.

The *Transactions* of the Society, volume 154 for 2005, consisted of six articles, book reviews and an index. This is the

last volume under the editorship of Dr Graeme Milne and the Society thanks him for his hard work in maintaining the high standard of the publication.

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 year saw increased spending on the library both in the form of a programme of rebinding and purchasing new stock.

The following were the lecture meetings:

- 26 February (Sunday): (AGM) Dr Pat Starkey, 'Social work and training in Liverpool'.
- 16 March: Rev. Dr Michael Freeman, 'The bishops of Chester in the Restoration period'.
- 20 May (Saturday): Lecture and visit to Sefton Parish Church; Mr Geoffrey Baker, 'William Blundell, a seventeenth-century Catholic gentleman'.
- 17 June (Saturday): Grosvenor Museum, Chester, 'Aspects of Chester Archaeology from the Roman period to the seventeenth century' study day.
- 19 October (12.30 pm): Rex Makin Lecture Theatre, Ms Xanthe Brook, 'The Blundells of Ince Blundell Hall as collectors'.
- 18 November (Saturday): University of Central Lancashire, Preston, 'The family in the North West of England' study day.

R. C. Hull, Secretary to Council.

## COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 2006

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

| RECEIPTS (£)                  |               | PAYMENTS (£)             |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Subscriptions - private       | 4,060         | Printing of publications | 5,021         |
| Subscriptions - institutional | 3,318         | Hon. Secretary           | 0             |
| Interest - income bonds       | 605           | Hon. Treasurer           | 43            |
| Interest - CAF account        | 3,318         | Other Officers           | 33            |
| Donations                     | 1,005         | Hon. Editors             | 39            |
| Gift Aid                      | 447           | Website                  | 230           |
| Sales - <i>Transactions</i>   | 303           | Stationary               | 373           |
| Sales - offprints             | 36            | Newsletter               | 640           |
| Sales - <i>Slave Trade</i>    | 23            | Lectures and fairs       | 1,302         |
| Miscellaneous                 |               | Subscriptions to         |               |
| (Day school = 775)            | 875           | societies                | 215           |
| Public Licensing Society      | 22            | Library                  | 1,183         |
|                               |               | Bank charges             | 20            |
|                               |               | Refunds                  | 16            |
|                               |               | Conferences              | 3,124         |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>         | <b>13,787</b> | <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>    | <b>12,239</b> |
| <br>Net Receipts (Payments)   | <br>1,548     |                          |               |
| <br>Cash funds last year end  | <br>84,011    |                          |               |
| Cash funds this year end      | 85,559        |                          |               |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

| ASSETS                                       |                                     |                |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cash funds                                   | National Westminster account        | 6,650          |
|  | Charities Aid Foundation account    | 78,909         |
| Total cash funds                             |                                     | 85,559         |
| Other monetary assets                        | National Savings Income Bonds       | 15,000         |
| Assets retained for the<br>Charity's own use | Book stock                          | 5,000          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                          |                                     | <b>105,559</b> |
| <br>LIABILITIES                              | <br>Printing of vol. 155 and grants | <br>8,000      |