

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Report and Accounts,
year ending 31 December 2007

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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2007

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, a grant scheme for research, schools and publications 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 2007.

This year's lecture programme (listed below) continued its recent variety of times, locations and days of the week. The locations ranged from St Nicholas church in Liverpool to visits to Tirley Garth in Cheshire and Port Sunlight on Wirral. The main event of 2007 was the Big History Fair in September at St George's Hall held to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of Liverpool. This consisted of a three-day conference and a local history fair at which the Society had a stall.

To enhance publicity, two pop-up stands were bought and a new set of leaflets and book marks devised. These proved very popular with the members of the public. The Society also supported one of the series of special lectures held in the Town Hall.

During the year, the Society deliberated over the process of digitising the long run of the *Transactions* going back to 1848. This is still in progress and hopefully will enable access to these digitised volumes on the web in the not too distant future.

At the Society's AGM, three officers stepped down and were thanked for their contribution to the profile of the Society over the years. These were Charles Foster (treasurer), Rachel Mulhearn (web editor) and Joseph Sharples (newsletter secretary).

The number of members at 31 December 2007 was 403 as opposed to 406 in 2006. This was made up of 266 individuals, 127 institutions and 10 societies.

In 2007 there was notification of two deaths, four resignations and nine members with unpaid subscriptions for two

years. However, the Society also gained 21 new members, an increase on recent years. In addition, the Society exchanges publications with 22 other societies.

The financial accounts show that the income of the Society this year, at £14,209, was similar to last year. Payments increased somewhat because of expenditure on the new publicity material and on the implementation of the grant scheme. The net increase on the Society's assets was £3,794.

The *Transactions* of the Society, volume 155 for 2006, consisted of five articles, book reviews and an index. The new editor is Professor Peter Gaunt.

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. This also includes a searchable index to *Transactions*.

The following were the lecture meetings:

- 25 February (Sunday): (AGM) Dr M. Gratton, 'Liverpool under parliament: the anatomy of a civil war garrison';
- 29 March: Mrs Catherine Nunn, 'Churchwardens' accounts: the impact of the interregnum on the parishes of south Lancashire and north Cheshire';
- 20 May (Sunday): Lecture and visit to Tirley Garth Gardens: Barrie and Wendy Armstrong, 'The Arts and Crafts Movement in the North West';
- 16 June (Saturday): Lecture and visit to Port Sunlight Village Trust Sunlight Vision: Professor M.E. Rose, 'Port Sunlight and nineteenth-century industrial housing';
- 14, 15 and 16 September 'The Big History Event' at St George's Hall, Liverpool;
- 17 October (Wednesday) Bluecoat School, University of Chester: Dr Sarah Griffiths, 'The charitable work of the Macclesfield silk manufacturers, 1750-1900';
- 17 November (Saturday): University of Central Lancashire, Preston, study day with four speakers: 'Making sense of the census and other matters'.

R.C. Hull, Secretary to Council.

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 2007

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

RECEIPTS (£)		PAYMENTS (£)	
Subscriptions - private	4,172.00	Printing and dispatch of <i>Transactions</i>	3,781.10
Subscriptions - institutional	3,225.00	Officers' expenses	252.56
Interest - income bonds	732.43	Website	387.43
Interest - CAF account	3,943.84	Stationary	359.95
Donations & Gift Aid	1,354.00	Newsletter	741.90
		Lectures, fairs, conferences	1,013.05
Publication sales	243.00	Subscriptions to societies	242.25
Sales - offprints	192.50	Library	15.28
Sales - <i>Slave Trade</i>	60.00	Bank charges	20.00
Day schools	271.00	Refunds	60.00
Public Licensing Society	15.91	Grants	1,400.00
		Publicity	2,141.50
TOTAL		TOTAL	
RECEIPTS	14,209.68	PAYMENTS	10,415.02
Net Receipts	3,794.66		
Cash funds at year end	89,356.85		

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

ASSETS		
Cash funds	National Westminster account	5,771.78
	Charities Aid Foundation account	83,585.07
Total cash funds		89,356.85
Other monetary assets	National Savings Income Bonds	15,000
Assets retained for the Charity's own use	Book stock	5,000
TOTAL ASSETS		109,356.85
LIABILITIES		
	Printing of volume 156	5,000.00
	Grants	4,500.00
	Total	9,500.00