

THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES
Footpaths Preservation Society.

FIRST

Annual Report

AND

Balance Sheet,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

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REPORT.



The Managing Committee have much pleasure in presenting the following Report for the Society's past year, ending 30th September, 1895.

The preliminary meeting leading to the formation of the Society was held in Manchester, on the 3rd August, 1894.

On the 16th of the same month the Society was formed, and the rules adopted, as follow :—

RULES.

1.—The Society shall be called "THE PEAK DISTRICT AND NORTHERN COUNTIES FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION SOCIETY."

2.—The objects of the Society shall be:—

- (a) The preservation, maintenance, and defence of the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of public highways, footpaths, bridlepaths, byeways, and other ways, vacant spaces, waste lands, and roadside slips, and to right of recreation over commons in the Northern and Midland Counties, particularly in the Peak District.
- (b) The prevention of the abuse of such rights, especially trespass and damage to crops and property, and disturbance of game by trespassers.
- (c) The support by influence, petition or otherwise, of Bills in Parliament promoting the aforesaid objects, or any of them, or others of a like or kindred nature.
- (d) The purchase, or promoting the purchase of rights of way and rights over open spaces to be dedicated to the use of the public for ever.

(e) And all objects conducive to the foregoing, including the combination or co-operation with other societies or persons in the promotion or furtherance of the aforesaid objects, or any of them.

3.—An annual subscription of 2s. 6d. or upwards, payable in advance on the first day of October in each year, shall constitute membership.

4.—The business of the Society not transacted in General Meeting shall be in the hands of a Managing Committee, elected annually, and consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Solicitor, Honorary Secretary, and not less than twelve other members of the Society, with power to add to their number.

5.—An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society shall be held in the month of October in every year, and shall receive, consider, and, if approved of, adopt the report of the Managing Committee for the past year, and transact any other business that may arise.

6.—An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held without delay whenever occasion shall arise, upon the requisition of five members specifying the reason for the meeting and communicated to the Honorary Secretary. Such meeting shall also be held before the institution or defence of any legal proceedings, the costs of which the ordinary revenue of the Society shall be insufficient to defray, and a favourable vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, shall, subject to the necessary funds being duly subscribed or guaranteed, be sufficient sanction for the institution or defence of such proceedings, provided that no liability in respect thereof shall attach to any member beyond the amount of such member's individual subscription to the Society, or the amount of such member's guarantee towards the funds necessary to conduct such proceedings.

7.—The Managing Committee shall, by themselves or by Sub-Committees appointed from their number—

- (1) Induce—or, if necessary, compel—as far as possible, all Local, Public, or Urban Authorities and District Councils to perform their duties as conservators of the said public rights.

- 2) Institute or defend, assist others in instituting or defending, continue, compromise, abandon, or prosecute to judgment, at their discretion, and generally give instructions for all the legal proceedings sanctioned by general meeting as aforesaid.
- (3) Keep a map, or series of maps, wherein the situation of all footpaths and other public ways shall so far as possible be indicated and recorded, and visit, inspect, survey, and report on the same from time to time, and receive, consider, and investigate complaints of violation of any of the said rights, or of the abuse thereof.

8.—All Sub-Committees shall, from time to time, report to the Managing Committee.

9.—The Society shall subscribe and be affiliated to such national Society or Societies constituted for like objects, as may from time to time be determined in General Meeting.

10.—All General Meetings, whether Annual or Extraordinary, shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary's written notice, posted or delivered to members at their usual or last known addresses at least three days before the day of meeting, and indicating the business for which the meeting is to be convened. Ten members shall form a quorum.

11.—These rules may be rescinded, supplemented, or altered by resolution passed in General Meeting, but not otherwise, and then only after a week's notice, in writing, of the proposed alteration.

Largely attended public meetings were held in Sheffield, Hayfield, and Derby, on the 12th September and the 4th and 12th October respectively, and sections of the Society, with local committees and secretaries, were established at those places.

During this period also a pamphlet, explaining shortly the origin and objects of the Society, was prepared, and 5,000 copies distributed.

The Committee urge upon members the necessity of increasing the membership, so as to secure a fund sufficient to

carry out the important objects of the Society. They also appeal for donations and increased subscriptions to those who are able to increase their subscriptions, as the work which can be done necessarily depends upon the funds at the command of the Society.

**Rights of Way from Hayfield to the Woodlands,
Ashopdale, via the Mill Hill Shoulder of
Kinderscout.**

Your Committee have—in pursuance of the resolution passed at the General Meeting, on the 16th of August, 1894—made full and careful enquiry into the facts and evidence concerning the rights of way from Hayfield to the Sheffield and Glossop Road, via the Mill Hill shoulder of Kinderscout. The work in relation thereto has been very much more laborious than was anticipated, and has necessitated a large number of meetings, entailed long and difficult research into old maps, records, &c.

The evidence of very many witnesses was obtained and submitted to the Honorary Counsel, who advised your Committee that the facts and evidence were sufficient to establish the public rights claimed; which ought, if necessary, to be asserted by the Society. The Committee, before taking any other action, considered that in view of the large amount of important evidence obtained, they might approach the land-owners over whose property the rights extend, with a view to the public rights being acknowledged without an exciting appeal to the law, which, whatever might be its result would produce an amount of friction and ill-feeling it would be well to avoid, and would also cause the opposing parties a great amount of anxiety, labour, and expense. They, therefore, sought and obtained, on the 11th May, 1895, an interview with His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, and fully laid before him the claim of the Society and the nature of the evidence in support of their contention.

A reply from the Duke's agent was afterwards received, stating that the Duke was in the hands of his sporting tenants, during the continuance of the leases, and referring the Society in the first instance to them. The Committee accordingly communicated with the lessees, and have had several meetings with their representatives, and various proposals for settlement have been made and considered. Subject to conditions as to the mode of user, the Duke and the tenants have agreed, without prejudice, to grant a way down the Ashop Clough, which is satisfactory to your Committee.

After considerable negotiation, the owners of the land on the Hayfield side of Kinderscout offered, without prejudice to the rights of either side, to dedicate a way to the public, in lieu of that claimed by the Society. This proposed way does not materially deviate from the claimed way, but in order to legally secure it and dispose of the claim to the old one, it is necessary to obtain an Order from Quarter Sessions, and to obtain the consent of the Parish and District Councils. Some opposition has, however, arisen in Hayfield to the proposal, and the matter is at present in negotiation. Subject to a settlement of this opposition, the right to pass from Hayfield to the Sheffield and Glossop Road, near the Snake Inn, via the Mill Hill shoulder of Kinderscout, has been secured to the public.



