

PROCEEDINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1980

At the meeting held at the Municipal Hall, Taunton, on Saturday, 17th May, 1980, Mr L. C. Hayward, President, presented Mr A. D. Hallam with a token in appreciation of his service as Recorder of the Society's Botanical Section for the past 35 years. Mr Hallam is to be succeeded by Capt. R. G. B. Roe.

The President then introduced Mr A. L. Wedlake as President of the Society for 1980-81. Vice-Presidents, officers and members of the Council were elected as appears in the list opposite. The Council nomination of the Hon. Librarian was accepted, and the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Editor, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Legal Adviser were elected. It was resolved to thank Mr J. V. Carrington for his work as Hon. Auditor. Messrs. Albert Goodman and Co. were elected to succeed Mr Carrington.

The Chairman reported that, due to the pressure of inflation, Council strongly recommended the suspension of the Life Members Rule. Existing Life Members would not be affected by the suspension. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that after the words "life members" in Rule 8(i) the words "elected before 17th May 1980" be inserted. It was then proposed, seconded and resolved that Rule 16 be repealed, and the following words substituted: Rule 16. "Life Members and Associate Life Members shall enjoy the same privileges as ordinary Members and Associate Members respectively and without payment of an annual subscription".

The Accounts for 1979 were approved. The Hon. Treasurer reported on the need to increase the Society's subscription rates, and it was proposed and seconded that as from January 1st, 1981 the rates shall be as follow:

Ordinary Members	£5 per annum	Associated Societies	£6 per annum
Associate Members	£2 per annum	Schools	£6 per annum
Junior Members	£1 per annum	Libraries (Home)	£6 per annum
	Libraries (Overseas)	£10 per annum	

The Hon. Secretary reported an increase in membership during the year, on improvements to the Society's offices, and on the sale of the Society's publications. There had been a meeting of the Standing Conference of Associated Societies at Wells. More volunteers were still needed, though several had come forward. All helpers were thanked, and in particular the Assistant Secretary, Mrs R. Lindsay.

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the need for a Local History Committee.

Reports were submitted on the work of the Archaeological, Historic Buildings, Natural History, Library, Publications, and Public Relations Committees. Members of these committees were then elected en bloc.

Dr. R. W. Dunning reported on the work of the Somerset Record Society.

Mr L. C. Hayward then delivered his Presidential Address entitled "Somerset Portreeves".

**THE SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979**

1978		£	£	1979
£				£
	<i>Income</i>			
	Subscriptions			
2032	Members' Annual Subscriptions			2129
153	Income Tax recovered on Deeds of Covenant			137
197	Transfer from Life Composition Fund			196
				<u>2462</u>
2382	Rental and Investment Income			
355	Rent Received			355
	Investment Income:—			
121	Endowment Fund			153
72	Proceedings Reserve Fund			72
2228	General Fund			2545
				<u>3125</u>
5158	Total recurrent income			5587
556	Sale of Publications etc.			380
39	Reproduction Rights			42
77	Other Income			61
				<u>483</u>
<u>£5830</u>				<u>£6070</u>
	<i>Expenditure</i>			
	Operating Expenses			
1334	Salary and National Insurance			1563
87	Postages			90
144	Insurance			177
95	Telephone			61
133	Printing and stationery			317
37	Office equipment			21
8	Sundries			36
				<u>2265</u>
1838	Other Expenses			
74	Newsletter			270
91	Subscriptions to other Societies			60
324	Library (less £121 Tite Bequest investment income)			146
31	Excursions and lectures			—
5	Wyndham Hall heating charge			—
118	Subject Committee expenses			127
23	Editor's expenses			6
50	Report on Norman Keep			—
38	Travelling expenses			127
				<u>736</u>
754	Provision for cost of Proceedings Volume 123			2905
	Less: Over-provision for Volume 122			73
2430				<u>2832</u>
31	Grants and Donations			—
5053	Total recurrent expenditure			5833
	Special Expenditure			
	Library shelving			379
	Heaters and equipment			256
	Grants to Taunton Deane Research Committee		750	
	Less: From Gray Excavation Fund		300	450
				<u>1085</u>
5053				<u>6918</u>
<u>£777</u>	Deficit (1978 Surplus) carried to Balance Sheet			<u>£848</u>

HON. AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the Society's books and records and certify that the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1979, and Balance Sheet at that date are correctly prepared in accordance therewith. The Museum Exhibits, referred to at Item 2 of the note to the Balance Sheet, are incompletely catalogued and I have not verified these or the contents of the Society's Library.

J. V. CARRINGTON,
Chartered Accountant.

Taunton. 24th March 1980

THE SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET 31st DECEMBER, 1979

1978		1979
£		£
	Funds	
	Special Funds	
2324	Tite Bequest & Endowment Funds	
	At 1st January 1979	2324
	H. St. G. Gray Excavation Fund	
	At 1st January, 1979	2835
	Add: Investment income and sale of publications	579
		3414
2835	Less: Grants for Excavations	300
		3114
700	Proceedings Reserve Fund	
	At 1st January, 1979	700
	Life Composition Fund	
	At 1st January, 1979	1125
	Add: Compositions received in year	25
	Investment Income	139
		1289
1125	Less: Transfer to Income & Expenditure Account	196
		1093
	Library Fund	
	At 1st January, 1979	15
	Add: Bank Interest	1
15		16
—	Capital Fund	
	Proceeds of Sale of non-Somerset Material	5302
6999		12549
	General Funds	
14582	Mrs. H. St. George Gray Legacy Fund	
	Income & Expenditure Account	
	At 1st January, 1979	4699
	Add: Transfer from Mrs. H.St. George Gray Legacy Fund	14582
		19281
4699	Less: Deficit for year	848
		18433
2430	Provision for cost of <i>Proceedings</i> , Volume 123	2905
28710		£33887
	Represented by:—	
26977	Investments (Schedule 1)	27264
	Current Assets	
47	Unsold Stocks	154
847	Debtors	905
1224	Balances at Bank	6220
8	Cash	9
		7288
(393)	Less: Sundry creditors	665
		6623
£28710		£33887

F. HAWTIN *Hon. Secretary*

L. A. HALDANE *Hon. Treasurer*

NOTE: The following assets are excluded from the above Balance Sheet:—

1. Freehold Land and Building at Taunton Castle.
2. Museum exhibits and certain fixtures and fittings on loan to Somerset County Council.
3. The contents of the Library at Taunton Castle.
4. Sundry unsold stocks of publications.