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(A Company Limited by Guarantee Without Share Capital)

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Accounts  
For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001

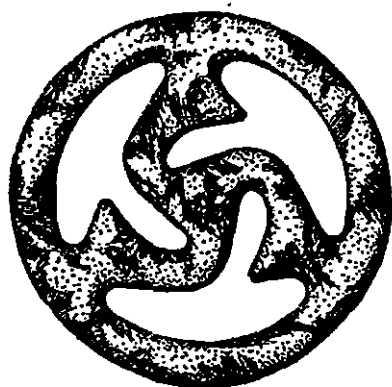
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## **CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY and SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT for 2001**

to be PRESENTED to the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
to be HELD on THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2002

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001. The Society was incorporated on 14 November 1967, under the Companies Acts, as consolidated by the Companies Act 1985, as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The Society is also a registered charity. It traces its history continuously from the Croydon Microscopical Club (1870 - 1877), the Croydon Microscopical and Natural History Club (1877 - 1901), and the unincorporated Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society (1901 - 1967.) The principal activity of the Society is, for the public benefit, the encouragement of the study of the natural and local history and archaeology of the Croydon area, by organising lectures, talks, discussions, exhibitions, field-excursions, and surveys; by issuing publications; by maintaining a library; and by maintaining or participating in the maintenance of a museum. These aims have been pursued, during the year, chiefly through our library accessions, meetings, museum work, public displays and exhibitions, and publishing programmes.

### **LIBRARY**

Use of the library has increased this year. There has been a wide range of enquiries relating to many aspects of local geology, archaeology, local and natural history, and even psychology. The card index system has been entirely overhauled by Christine Chin, and a substantial start made by her on filing a backlog of cards and preparing a catalogue of maps. Data from cards for selected topics is being extracted and stored electronically off-site. The majority of library items, especially books, journals, maps and plans, and small pamphlets, can be found relatively quickly. Large pamphlets, however, have yet to be filed systematically, and are thus currently more difficult to locate.

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## ***Directors' Report for 2001 [continued]***

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### **MUSEUM**

The regular Tuesday evening working parties at the Museum have continued to work on the archaeological, palaeontological and mineral collections. The contribution of Mr. David Burford to the latter will be missed with his leaving the district. Progress has been made in sorting, housing and entering information on the computer database. Two flint fossils from the Croydon area have been presented to the Museum.

The millennium 'Museum without walls' heritage trail was officially opened by Coun. Rod Matlock, Deputy Mayor of Croydon, on 26 June, at the East Croydon tram stop, in the presence of invited guests, including John Gent (Project Leader), Liz Malarkey (Project Coordinator), Alan Rossiter (Project Designer, FreeForm Arts Trust), Mary Shelley (Heritage Lottery Fund), Adrienne Bloch (former Croydon Council Heritage Development Officer, now of the Major Projects Unit), and representatives from Tramlink Ltd, First group plc, and the principal commercial sponsor, Nestles UK Ltd. They were welcomed by the President, Paul W. Sowan, accompanied by other members who had assisted in the realisation of the project. The trail was conceived by Adrienne Bloch, and received substantial Heritage Lottery Funding and support and sponsorship from the London Borough of Croydon, Nestles, and the Wates Foundation. The trail features large display panels at the more important tram stops (East and West Croydon, George Street, and Church Street), and smaller ones at Therapia Lane, Sandilands, Addiscombe, Woodside, Gravel Hill and Addington Village. A free leaflet, designed by Croydon Council to accompany the trail, was published for distribution from the Tramlink shop in George Street, and the Tourist Information Bureau at the Town Hall. It is hoped to extend displays to other tram stops within Croydon, and to encourage neighbouring societies and boroughs to extend the trail beyond the Croydon Borough boundaries.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Brian Lancaster's paper '*The Croydon case: dirty old town to model town*' was published in June, as Part 7 of volume 18 of our *Proceedings*. The eighth in our series of illustrated local history books, *Croydon's transport through the ages*, by John Gent, came out in October.

### **WEB SITE**

The Society's home page, to be found at [www.croydononline.org.uk/hs/cnhss/index.asp](http://www.croydononline.org.uk/hs/cnhss/index.asp), has been updated during the year, and queries have continued to come in through the comment page on

the archives site. The outbreak of foot and mouth disease resulted in considerable curtailment of some of the Society's outdoor activities and a 'Latest' page was added to the archive site in order to provide information about last minute changes to the meetings programme.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

A major exhibition *Croydon's transport through the ages* was presented on the Sun Lounge at the Fairfield Halls, 14th - 27th October, and formally opened by Dave Wetzel, vice-chair of Transport for London, coinciding with the publication of our book of the same title. Sales at the exhibition bookstall amounted to £2,687. A small display commemorating the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Croham Hurst as a public open space was presented in Croydon Public Libraries' Local Studies Centre in December.

### **RESEARCH**

Work on the geological component of the Croham Hurst Survey, consisting of the mapping of the Chalk / Thanet Sand and Thanet Sand / Blackheath Pebbles boundaries and of geomorphological features is now largely completed.

Members of the Industrial Studies Section have been working on an industrial history guide for Croydon, intended to be published by the Surrey Industrial History Group. Contributions have been made to the archaeological and historical understanding of the east Surrey Reigate stone quarries (for Historic Royal Palaces.) Much archaeological investigation has been undertaken at the lime kilns at Betchworth and Brockham in liaison with the Surrey Wildlife Trust, which is adapting these structure as bat hibernation sites.

### **CONSERVATION and PLANNING**

The Society, through its membership of the Association of Croydon Conservation Societies, and representation on Croydon Council's Nature Conservation Consultative Panel, contributes towards Croydon's Nature Conservation Strategy. Since the reorganisation of local government, there have been two Panel meetings, combining conservation and allotments interests. A promise of three or four such meetings annually has yet to be realised. LB Croydon appointed a Conservation Officer, Andy Williams, early in the year.

Lack of effective communication between Croydon Council staff, contractors, and representatives of local voluntary bodies in relation to the timing of grass mowing and other work at sensitive sites remains a cause for concern.

The Geology Section has continued to assist with conservation working parties at the Corporation of London's Rose and Crown chalk pit at Riddlesdown. The ultimate aim is to allow for controlled public access at this site. There remains an absence of activity by the South London RIGS (Regionally Important Geological Sites) Group.

The Industrial Studies Section has advised Surrey Wildlife Trust, and Mole Valley District Council, on the archaeological value of the Betchworth and Brockham lime kilns, and liaised with English Heritage staff in connection with the expected scheduling of these as statutory Ancient Monuments.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

At 31 December 2001 there were 443 members, a decrease of 8 during the year. These included 288

ordinary, 87 associate, 39 life, 19 group and 10 honorary members. Mr K.E. Woodhams was elected an Honorary Member in recognition of his long service as, variously, Acting Curator, Exhibitions Director, Geology Section Secretary, and President over many years. We regret to report the death of Mr Stanley A. Treays, an Honorary Member, during the year.

#### **DIRECTORS and SECRETARY**

During the year the Directors have been, Mr E. Frith, Dr J.B. Greig, Miss B. Hawkins, Mr B. Lancaster, Mr J.D. Matthews, Mr J. Northam, Mrs E.N. Redshaw, Mrs F.N. Rooks, Mr A.H. Shaw, Mr P.W. Sowan (also Company Secretary), Mr B.J. Stocker, and Mr R.E. Wheeler.

**Paul W. SOWAN**  
President

**Brian LANCASTER**  
Secretary  
4th March 2002

## **CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY and SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY LIMITED**

Registered office: 96a Brighton Road, SOUTH CROYDON, CR2 6AD

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society for the year 2001 will be held in the David Sweet Hall at East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, on Thursday 25 April 2002, commencing at 19.45.

The AGENDA is printed below.

After the formal business meeting, refreshments will be served. There will then follow the Presidential Address of Paul Sowan entitled **...Dorking lime: tradition and technology transfer in east Surrey**  
**Brian LANCASTER, Secretary**

#### **AGENDA**

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive, consider, and (if approved) to adopt the Directors' report, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Accounts, and the Accountants' Report for the year 2001, all of which documents are included herewith
3. To consider, and (if approved) to adopt, the motion 'that, should the Council deem it to be necessary in the current financial year, subscription rates be increased to £12.00 for Ordinary and Group Members and to £6.00 for Associate Members; these changes to take effect for the year 2003' [It is not proposed to alter the rate for Life Membership]
4. To consider, and (if approved) to adopt, the motion 'that nominations for election be considered en bloc' [Should the number of valid nominations received exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, this motion will be withdrawn: in that case, or if the motion be put but not carried, names will be considered individually]
5. To elect the President, the four Vice-Presidents, the several Officers, and no fewer than five nor more than ten Ordinary Members of Council for 2002/2003 [Nominations, which may be made only for and by fully paid up Ordinary, Life or Honorary Members, should reach the Secretary at the Society's office no fewer than seven days before the meeting; each such nomination should be accompanied by a statement signed by the nominee certifying her or his willingness to stand for election; non-members, Associates, and Group Members may neither nominate nor be nominated, nor may they take any part in the formal business of the Meeting; a list of all validly nominated eligible candidates for election will be circulated at the meeting; should the number of nominations be equal to or fewer than the number of vacancies, those persons validly nominated and eligible to serve will be declared elected unopposed]
6. To appoint Accountants for 2002, and to authorise the Council to fix the Accountants' remuneration.

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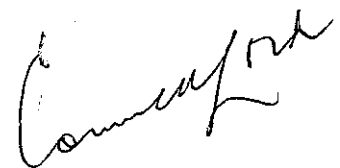
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**REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS**

**To The Members of Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Limited**

We have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the annexed accounts from the books, records and information furnished to us and certify that they are in accordance therewith.



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Date: 18th February 2021

**Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Limited**  
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**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Subscriptions	(2)	3,252	3,470
Sales	(3)	5,005	2,796
Sundry receipts		57	548
Income tax recovered on gift aid subscriptions and donations		501	136
Bank deposit account		9	51
		-----	-----
		8,824	7,001
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Library		581	554
Meetings		2,869	2,598
Exhibitions		2,318	-
Insurance		1,141	706
Postage and telephone		543	467
Printing and stationery		1,721	1,942
Subscriptions to other bodies		527	420
Publicity		21	-
Proceedings	(4)	( 782)	( 306)
Sundry expenses		130	291
Auditors' remuneration		294	294
Museum without walls – Tramlink Project		4,944	-
Diminution of investments		30	19
Reigate Stone Research Project		65	-
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		14,402	6,985
 <u>Excess of expenditure over income/ (income over expenditure)</u>			
<u>carried forward to General Fund</u>		<u>£ (5,578)</u>	<u>£ 16</u>

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**Balance Sheet As At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Fixed assets</u>	(6)	3,060	3,472
<u>Current assets</u>			
Stocks	(7)	36,299	27,340
Debtors	(8)	3,512	1,776
Investments	(9)	32,015	35,045
Cash at bank and in hand	(10)	13,184	24,273
		-----	-----
		85,010	88,434
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</u>			
Other creditors	(11)	( 1,515)	(4,616)
		-----	-----
<u>Net current assets</u>		83,495	83,818
		-----	-----
Total assets less current liabilities		86,555	87,290
		-----	-----
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</u>			
Deferred government grants		1,271	1,495
		-----	-----
<u>Net assets</u>		£85,284	£85,795
		=====	=====
<u>Financed by:</u>			
General fund	(12)	13,643	18,777
Bennett Memorial Fund	(13)	27,263	26,391
C C Fagg Memorial Fund	(14)	44,378	40,627
		-----	-----
		£85,284	£85,795
		=====	=====

The exemption conferred by Section 249A(1) not to have these accounts audited applies to the company and the directors confirm that no notice has been deposited under S249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.



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**Balance Sheet As At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 (cont'd)**

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that:

- i) the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
- ii) the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 and of its income and expenditure account for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2002

Treasurer: J D Matthews J D Matthews

Company Secretary: P W Sowan P W Sowan

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. The following accounting policies have been applied and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to spread the cost of the following assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Demountable building	3 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> per annum on cost
Furniture and equipment	15% per annum of written down value

Stocks and investments

Stocks and investments are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Government grants

Government grants received in respect of expenditure charged to the income and expenditure account during the year have been included in the income and expenditure account. The remainder are deferred and will be included in the income and expenditure account by instalments over the expected useful lives of the related assets at the following rates:

Computer	15% per annum of written down value
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2) <u>Subscriptions</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Current	3,192	3,420
Arrears	60	50
	-----	-----
	£3,252	£3,470
	=====	=====

3) <u>Sales</u>		
Net book sales:-		
Book I	3	6
Book II	251	243
Book III	6	15
Book IV	83	159
Book V	129	229
Book VI	343	187
Book VII	549	1,650
Book VIII	3,054	-
'At the Going Down of the Sun'	6	-
'Croydon Church Townscapes'	22	27
Miscellaneous items	126	69
Postcards	433	211
	-----	-----
	£5,005	£2,796
	=====	=====

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
4) <u>Proceedings</u>		
Sales	( 782)	( 306)
	-----	-----
	£( 782)	£( 306)
	=====	=====

5) Government grants

Government grants were included in the Bennett memorial Fund of £224 (2000-£264). Deferred government grants of £1,271 (2000-£1,495) will be included in the Bennett memorial Fund in future years.

6) Fixed assets

	<u>Freehold Premises at 96a Brighton Road</u>	<u>Demountable building erected on leasehold land, Chipstead Valley</u>	<u>Furniture and equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
At cost	1,046	2,625	13,276	16,947
on 01/01/2001	-	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----	-----
on 31/12/2001	1,046	2,625	13,276	16,947
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Depreciation				
as at 01/01/2001	-	2,362	11,113	13,475
charge for year	-	87	325	412
	-----	-----	-----	-----
on 31/12/2001	-	2,449	11,438	13,887
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Net book value				
on 01/01/2001	£1,046	£ 263	£ 2,163	£ 3,472
	=====	=====	=====	=====
on 31/12/2001	£1,046	£ 176	£ 1,838	£ 3,060
	=====	=====	=====	=====

No figure has been brought into the balance sheet in respect of the library, scientific instruments and exhibits. A valuation of library books was made for insurance purposes in June 1983 and amounted to £29,450 and the contents of the Society's rooms are insured for a total of £78,881. The Society's premises at 96a Brighton Road, South Croydon are insured for a sum of £40,877.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

		<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
7)	<u>Stocks</u>		
	Resales	924	902
	Book I	159	160
	Book II	8,209	8,804
	Book III	30	38
	Book IV	100	153
	Book V	2,139	2,271
	Book VI	3,006	3,436
	Book VII	5,527	6,003
	Book VIII	10,759	-
	'At the Going Down of Sun'	1,616	1,631
	'Croydon Church Townscapes'	3,132	3,146
	Tram posters	9	15
	Croydon flora	21	25
	Postcards	668	756
		----- £36,299 =====	----- £27,340 =====
8)	<u>Debtors</u>		
	Sundry debtors	3,512	1,776
		----- £ 3,512 =====	----- £ 1,776 =====
9)	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	
	4471 M & G Charibond	5,736	5,000
	8242 Charifund units	89,611	17,048
	3106 10% Treasury Stock 2001	-	3,000
	917 9 ¾% Treasury Stock 2002	951	981
	4221 8 ½% Treasury Stock 2007	4,900	4,016
	National Savings Bond	5,000	5,000
		----- £106,198 =====	----- £35,045 =====
10)	<u>Cash at bank</u>		
	Abbey National deposit account	5,000	10,000
	Bank current account	2,097	3,729
	Bank deposit account	6,087	10,544
		----- £13,184 =====	----- £24,273 =====

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
11) <u>Creditors: amounts falling due</u> <u>within one year</u>		
Subscriptions in advance	296	275
Sundry creditors	293	294
Provision for proceedings	926	4,047
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	£ 1,515	£ 4,616
	=====	=====
12) <u>General fund</u>		
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2001	18,777	18,057
Add: expenditure over income/ (income over expenditure)	(5,578)	16
donations	444	704
	-----	-----
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001	£13,643	£18,777
	=====	=====
13) <u>Bennett Memorial Fund</u>		
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2001	26,391	26,063
Add: grants received	224	264
dividends	2,426	2,514
bank deposit interest	13	73
	-----	-----
	29,054	28,914
Less: rates and rent	905	1,674
electricity	408	336
depreciation of furniture and equipment	325	382
depreciation of Chipstead building	87	87
Bennett collections	66	44
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	1,791	2,523
	-----	-----
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001	£27,263	£26,391
	=====	=====
14) <u>C C Fagg Memorial Fund</u>		
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2001	40,627	36,965
Add: dividend	3,731	3,558
bank deposit interest	20	104
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Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001	£44,378	£40,627
	=====	=====