Accounts For The Year Ended 31st December 1999

CORNWELL LORD Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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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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Suite 1 78 High Street Croydon Surrey CR0 1NA Cornwell Lord Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Date:

Income and Expenditure Account For The Year Ended 31st December 1999

Income	Notes	199	99	199	98
Subscriptions Sales Sundry receipts Income tax recovered o	(2) (3)		3,730 1,708 416		3,585 1,839
covenanted subscription Bank deposit account			128 35		108 80
			6,017		5,612
Expenditure					
Library		584		547	
Meetings		2,774		2,637	
Exhibitions		1,493		-	
Insurance		662		615	
Postage and telephone		407		381	
Printing and stationery		2,221		1,502	
Subscriptions to other b	odies	394		380	
Donations		-		25	
Publicity		42		594	
Proceedings	(4)	(233)		(672)	
Sundry expenses		211		199	
Auditors remuneration		223		223	
Professional fees		243		-	
Trainstop Project		250		-	
			9,271		6,431
Excess of expenditure over inco	ome				
carried forward to General Fun			£(3,254)		£(819)

Balance Sheet As At 31st December 1999

	Notes	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	
Fixed assets	(6)	3,941		4,480
Current assets				
Stocks	(7)	26,930	19,598	
Debtors	(8)	2,311	1,143	
Investments	(9)	35,064	37,564	
Cash at bank and in hand	(10)	20,408	23,315	
		84,713	81,620	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		· ,	,	
Other creditors	(11)	(5,809)	(6,130)	
Net current assets		78,904		75,490
Total assets less current liabilities		82,845		79,970
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year				
Deferred government grants		1,760		1,760
21.4		601.005		70.010
Net assets		£81,085 =====		78,210 =====
Financed by:				
General fund	(12)	18,057		21,246
Bennett Memorial Fund	(13)	26,063		23,908
C C Fagg Memorial Fund	(14)	36,965		33,056
		201.005		670.010
		£81,085		£78,210
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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.

Balance Sheet As At 31st December 1999 (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
- the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company as at 31st December 1999 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: ... 18 2 2000

Treasurer: J D Matthews

Company Secretary: P W Sowar

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Depreciation

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

Demountable building Furniture and equipment

3 1/3rd % per annum on cost

15% per annum of written down value

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Stocks and investments

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

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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:

2)	Subscriptions	<u> 1999</u>	1998
	Current	3,670	3,418
	Arrears	60	167
		52.720	 C2 505
		£3,730	£3,585
3)	Sales		
	Net book sales:-		
	Book I	3	8
	Book II	206	456
	Book III	78	112
	Book IV	72	107
	Book V	113	222
	Book VI	259	507
	Book VII	629	-
	'At the Going Down of Sun'	3	3
	Croydon Church Townscapes	37	161
	Miscellaneous items	286	69
	Postcards	22	194
	·	£1,708	£1,839

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

		1999	1998
4)	Proceedings		
	Sales	(233)	(672)
		£(233)	£(672)
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5) Government grants

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	At cost on 01/01/99	1,046	2,625	13,276	16,947 -
	on 31/12/99	1,046	2,625	13,276	16,947
			=====	=====	~=====
	Depreciation				
	as at 01/01/99	_	2,186	10,281	12,467
	charge for year	-	89	450	539
		_	2,275	10,731	13,006
			====	=====	==== =
	Net book value				
	on 01/01/99	£1,046	£ 439	£ 2,995	£ 4,480
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	on 31/12/99	£1,046	£ 350	£ 2,545	£ 3,941
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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 £76,213. The Society's premises at 96a Brighton Road, South Croydon are insured for a sum of £38,609.

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7)	Stocks			
	Resales		944	701
	Book I		165	166
	Book II		9,489	10,054
	Book III		54	75
	Book IV		244	291
	Book V		2,466	2,585
	Book VI		137	287
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	Croydon flora		25	37
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9)	Investments	Market Value		
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•	8242 Charifund units	86,821	17,048	17,048
	2878 9 1/2% Treasury Stock 1999	Matured	, +	2,500
	3106 10% Treasury Stock 2001	3,232	3,000	3,000
	917 9 3/4% Treasury Stock 2002	989	1,000	1,000
	4221 8 1/2% Treasury Stock 2007	4,896	4,016	4,016
	National Savings Bond	5,000	5,000	5,000
		£106,545	£35,064	£37,564
		=====	=====	=====
10)	Cash at bank			
	Abbey National deposit account		10,000	15,000
	Bank current account		1,092	1,430
	Bank deposit account		9,316	6,885
		•	£20,408	£23,315
			=====	======

			<u> 1999</u>		1998
11)	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
	Subscriptions in advance		320		330
	Sundry creditors		223		223
	Provision for proceedings		5,266		5,266
	Deferred government grants		1,759		311
			£ 7,568		£ 6,130
12)	General fund				
	Balance at 1 st January 1999		21,246		21,770
	Less: expenditure over income		(3,254)		(819)
	donations		65		295
	Balance at 31 st December 1999		£19.057		£21,246
	Barance at 31 December 1999		£18,057		######################################
13)	Bennett Memorial Fund		22.000		22.420
	Balance at 1 st January 1999		23,908 311		22,490
	Add: grants received dividends		2,790		365 2,789
	bank deposit interest		40		82
	bunk deposit morest				
			27,049		25,726
	Less: rates	493		673	
	electricity	(111)		416	
	repairs and renewals	- ent 449		41 528	
	depreciation of furniture and equipmed depreciation of Chipstead building	eni 449 87		328 87	
	Bennett collections	68		73	
			986		1,818
	Balance at 31 st December 1999		£26,063		£23,908
14)	C C Fagg Memorial Fund				
	Balance at 1 st January 1999		33,056		29,312
	Add: dividend		3,853		3,637
	bank deposit interest		56		107
	Balance at 31 st December 1999		£36,965		£33,056



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DIRECTORS' REPORT for 1999

to be PRESENTED to the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
to be HELD on THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2000

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the Society's Council for the year ended 31 December 1999. 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. Its 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, exhibitions, and publishing programmes.

LIBRARY

The library has continued to function, responding to numerous postal requests for information, amongst which during the year have been requests for site-specific information for sites of interest to the Surrey Wildlife Trust, and in connection with the Croham Hurst Survey. The Librarian has conducted searches for enquirers, and opened the library for researchers as and when required. A twice-monthly open evening was reinstated, but was not very successful. There have been continuing difficulties in making the library an ordered and pleasant working environment. Squirrels in the loft, fortunately, preferred to chew old cardboard boxes

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Directors' Report for 1999 [continued]

rather than valuable maps and periodicals. The new extension is still damp, in part perhaps as a consequence of a broken gutter, so will have to be emptied to dry out, which will make the two main rooms even more congested. For the immediate future, the library can really only be considered as a repository rather than a work-place. The Librarian lives nearby, has advertised his home telephone number to members, and will gladly arrange access and assistance with researches at any mutually convenient times.

The Society's set of land use survey field-slips and fair-copy ms. maps, on Ordnance Survey six inches to the mile maps, have been catalogued. These were made by members in the early years of the Society's Regional Survey of Croydon and District (1912 onwards), and pre-date all three published national land use surveys.

In view of our restricted available space, a considerable volume of material of marginal local interest has been transferred to other and more appropriate libraries, including Croydon Public Libraries, the Linnean Society, and the Surrey Archaeological Society.

Some periodicals and part-works (Monographs of the Palaeontographical Society) urgently requiring binding have been collated and prepared for this purpose, and some important lacunae filled.

Lists of library accessions have been supplied to Section Secretaries to bring the library's resources to the attention of members.

MUSEUM

The Museum's provisional registration with the Area Museums Service has been confirmed. Routine work on cataloguing the collection in the form of a computer database has continued. The Society has been awarded Heritage Lottery Funding for the creation of a 'museum without walls' in the form of thematic displays to be presented at selected shelters on Croydon's new Tramlink system. These displays, which will be professionally designed, will illustrate aspects of the archaeology and local history of their locations. The Society is collaborating with the London Borough of Croydon Council and with Tramlink in this project.

PUBLICATIONS

A new title in our illustrated local history series, Croydon from Above, was published in December.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition 'Going Wild in Croydon' was presented in the Sun Lounge at Fairfield Halls in May, featuring the natural history of Croydon.

CROHAM HURST SURVEY

Work on the Croham Hurst survey has continued, with monthly field meetings. Particular attention has been paid to the geomorphology of the hill, and the question of the presence or absence of the Woolwich & Reading Beds, in connection with which we enjoyed the company of a geologist from the British Geological Survey on one occasion. Butchers' broom (Ruscus aculeatus) was re-located, although apparently in diminished quantity.

CONSERVATION and PLANNING

Members of the Industrial Studies Section have liaised with Historic Royal Palaces in connection with a research project concerning Reigate stone; and have worked with the Surrey Wildlife Trust in connection with the surveying and conservation of Brockham, Dietzsch, and Smidth kilns at the former limeworks sites at Betchworth and Brockham.

FINANCE

The Society's accounts for the last financial year are stated below.

MEMBERSHIP

At 31 December 1999 there were 456 members, an increase of 13 during the year. We particularly regret to record the death of Edwin Short, a long-standing member and supporter of the Society.

DIRECTORS and SECRETARY

During the year the Directors have been Mrs P.F. Collins, Mr E. Frith, Mr J.B. Gent, Dr J.B. Greig, Miss B. Hawkins, Mr B. Lancaster, Dr J. McLauchlin (until 22nd April), Mrs E. Malarkey (until 22nd April), Mr J.D. Matthews, Mr J. Northam, Mrs E.N. Redshaw, Mrs F.N. Rooks, Mrs M. Saaler (until 22nd April), Mr A.H. Shaw, Mr P.W. Sowan (also Company Secretary), Mr B.J. Stocker, and Mr K.E. Woodhams.

Paul W. SOWAN Company Secretary John B. GENT President 18 February 2000

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society for the year 1999 will be held in the David Sweet Hall at East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, on Thursday 27 April 2000, 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 John Gent entitled ...

Reflections on reaching the age of 130, Croydon and the Society, 1870 to 2000 – and beyond

Paul W. Sowan Company Secretary

AGENDA

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 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 1999, all of which documents are included herewith
- 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]
- 4 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 2000/2001
 - [Nominations, which may be made only for and by fully paid up Ordinary, Life or Honorary Members, should reach the Company 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]
- 5 To appoint Accountants for 2000, and to authorise the Council to fix the Accountants' remuneration.

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	Dalance at 31	December 1999		£18,057		£21,246
13)	Bennett Meine	orial Fund				
	Balance at 1 st .		23,908		22,490	
	Add: grants received			311		365
	divider	ıds		2,790		2,789
	bank d	eposit interest		40		82
				27,049		25,726
	Less: rates		493	,	673	20,120
	electric	ity	(111)		416	
		and renewals	-		41	
	depreci	ation of furniture and equipment	449		528	
	depreci	ation of Chipstead building	87		87	
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