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BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

REPORT FOR 1946

The Trust was formed in 1928 primarily for the purpose of holding and administering Arlington Row, Bibury, which had been purchased with the aid of a Fund raised by the Royal Society of Arts and the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society. Although efforts have been made from time to time to extend the usefulness of the Trust, with the exception of the funds of the Society, for which the Trust acts as trustee Arlington Row is the only property which the Trust has acquired.

Experience has shown that a small trust working through honorary officials is not well adapted to administer property of this description. The present rents amount to little more than the annual charges, and the accumulated fund in the hands of the local management committee totals £114 5s 4d (including £40 invested in 3 per cent Defence Bonds).

The roofs of the cottages—suffering from accumulated moss and snow damage from last winter—require attention, and it seems reasonable to assume, with the growing demand for increased amenities, that the Trust will be faced with considerable expenditure in providing electric light, water and improved drainage facilities at some future date.

Under these circumstances the Council of the Trust, at a special meeting, unanimously resolved that enquiry should be made of the National Trust whether the latter would be prepared to take over the property. To this enquiry a reply has been received that the National Trust would be very pleased to have the cottages, but cannot accept them unless a sum of £3000 is provided to cover any necessary expenditure in the future. Under

these circumstances your Council have appointed a Committee consisting of Mr W. Leighton (*Chairman*), Sir Lionel Taylor, Mr H. F. Trew (*Acting Honorary Secretary*) and Mr Stratton Davis (*former Honorary Secretary*), to pursue the matter further and with full power to take any action they feel necessary.

At the meeting of the Council referred to above it was also unanimously decided it be a recommendation to the members of the Trust that the latter be wound up; but it is not proposed to put this resolution forward until the time is appropriate. As the approval of the Society to any transfer of trust property is necessary under the terms of the Memorandum of the Trust, the consent of the Society has been asked to the transfer of the property to the National Trust or other body prepared to hold it on the terms of the present trust: i.e. permanent preservation as a beauty spot.

The Local Management Committee consists of Mrs Longfield (*Honorary Secretary*), Mrs Kennedy, and Mr C. P. Browne, to whom the thanks of the Trust are due. It is recommended that Mr George Fisher of Arlington, Bibury, be added to their number.

The thanks of the Trust are also due to Messrs Duart-Smith, Baker, and Price, of Gloucester, for auditing the accounts for the past year.

The membership of the Trust is about 56.

W. LEIGHTON, *Chairman*.

HAROLD F. TREW,

Acting Honorary Secretary.

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 1946

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
BALANCE, 1 JANUARY 1946:—				'TRANSACTIONS', VOLUME 65	399	14	11
POST OFFICE	£491	11	5	SUBSCRIPTIONS, PRINTING SOCIETIES	9	17	9
LLOYDS BANK	265	7	0	RENT, PUBLIC LIBRARY (1945, 1946)	16	16	0
			756 18 5	COUNCIL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT			
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS			348 19 0	BRISTOL	7	7	0
SALE OF PUBLICATIONS			6 19 2	GIFTS FOR REPAIRS TO CHURCHES	10	0	0
LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS:				EDITOR OF 'TRANSACTIONS' FOR VOL. 65 (1944)	36	15	0
HON. W. R. S. BATHURST			} 45 0 0	SECRETARIES' PAYMENTS	13	5	11
HON. MRS BATHURST				USE OF GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE ROOM	10	0	0
CAPT. R. G. W. BERKELEY				CHEQUE BOOK	5	0	0
THE MERCHANT VENTURERS			2 2 0	POSTAGES, VOLUME 65	15	18	0
DIVIDENDS, WAR STOCK			22 15 0	POSTAGES OF TREASURER	6	0	0
EXCURSION MEETINGS			14 17 8	MEETINGS	4	16	6
INTEREST, POST OFFICE			12 5 6	PROFIT, 1946	688	10	8
			<u>£1209 16 9</u>				<u>£1209 16 9</u>

BALANCE SHEET, 31 December 1946

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.
EXCAVATION ACCOUNT	£132	0	3	WAR STOCK (3½%)	650	0	0
FRYER BEQUEST	15	0	4	SAVINGS CERTIFICATES	246	10	0
EDITOR	36	15	0	POST OFFICE ACCOUNT	503	16	11
			183 15 7	LLOYDS BANK	327	14	2
GENERAL FUND			1544 5 6				
			<u>£1728 1 1</u>				<u>£1728 1 1</u>

Examined and found correct, 7 July 1947,

L. GOODENOUGH TAYLOR, *Hon. Auditor*

I. V. HALL, *Hon. Treasurer*