

THE SCOTTISH RIGHTS OF WAY SOCIETY

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 1997.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:-

- \* select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- \* make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- \* prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ACTIVITIES

The company gives advice about rights of way to the public and to local councils. In addition the company signposts rights of way both to show their routes and to help safeguard their status. Records of the principal rights of way are also kept.

RESULTS

The results for the year are shown in the attached accounts.

FIXED ASSETS

Major changes in fixed assets are detailed in note 5 to the accounts.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the year were:-

|                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| D Bennet (chairman)                  | W J Gay                           |
| T W Boyd (vice chairman)             | J C Bartholomew                   |
| I J G Carnegie                       | J P Lawson                        |
| J Law                                | E S Lyle                          |
| D N Lowe (resigned 21/11/96)         | A Sutherland                      |
| W T Fraser (resigned 21/11/96)       | W R Forsyth                       |
| G Urquhart                           | A R Howatson (resigned 21/11/96)  |
| L M Rosin (resigned 19/12/96)        | S O Kenmack (resigned 21/11/96)   |
| J G Aird                             | Miss H M Dymock                   |
| T Weir                               | J B C Davidson                    |
| R Aitken (appointed 21/11/96)        | A C H Valentine                   |
| J Barton (appointed 16/04/97)        | W B Logan (appointed 19/03/97)    |
| Mrs M C MacLeod (appointed 19/03/97) | Cllr T Smith (appointed 19/03/97) |

GUARANTEE

Each member of the company has undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the Society being wound up.

By order of the board



Judith Lewis  
Secretary

John Cotton Business Centre  
10/2 Sunnyside  
Edinburgh  
EH7 5RA

Date:- 17/9/97

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH RIGHTS OF WAY  
SOCIETY

As described on page 1, the Society's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they believe that the company is exempt from an audit under section 249(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

At the request of the directors, we have examined the accounts on pages 4 to 12 and find them to be in accordance with the accounting records and sufficiently vouched and instructed. We did not carry out an audit.

*Brown, Campbell & Co., B.C.*

Brown Campbell & Company  
Chartered Accountants and  
Registered Auditors  
16 Great Stuart Street  
Edinburgh  
EH3 7TN

Date:- *19<sup>th</sup> September 1987.*

THE SCOTTISH RIGHTS OF WAY SOCIETY  
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

|                                                              |             | <u>1997</u> | <u>1996</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                              | <u>Note</u> | <u>£</u>    | <u>£</u>    |
| INCOMING RESOURCES                                           |             |             |             |
| Annual Subscriptions                                         |             | 11,323      | 10,122      |
| Life Subscriptions                                           |             | 3,520       | 1,776       |
| Corporate Subscriptions                                      |             | 5,620       | 6,049       |
| Donations                                                    |             | 6,109       | 5,304       |
| Receipts from Publications                                   |             | 621         | 225         |
| Interest on Invested Funds including Income<br>Tax recovered |             | 5,418       | 5,650       |
| Income Tax recovery on Deeds of Covenant<br>and Gift Aid     |             | 844         | 672         |
| Grants Receivable                                            |             | 32,260      | 31,528      |
| Royalties received on Sale of Scottish<br>Hill Tracks        |             | 5,568       | 7,181       |
| Surplus on Sale of Scottish Hill Tracks                      |             | 1,283       | 2,185       |
| Lawyers' Search Expenses                                     |             | 870         | 720         |
| Surplus on Raffles                                           |             | 3,593       | -           |
|                                                              |             | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES                                     |             | 77,029      | 71,412      |
|                                                              |             | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE                                |             |             |             |
| Guide Posts Expenses                                         |             | 6,473       | 11,865      |
| MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION                                | 3           | 70,473      | 67,412      |
|                                                              |             | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED                                     |             | 76,946      | 79,277      |
|                                                              |             | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)                                        |             | 83          | (7,865)     |
| OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES                            |             |             |             |
| Net realised Loss on Sale of<br>Investments                  |             | (1,018)     | -           |
| Net realised Gain on Sale of<br>Office Equipment             |             | 150         | -           |
|                                                              |             | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR                                         |             | (785)       | (7,865)     |
|                                                              |             | =====       | =====       |

The results for the year relate wholly to continuing activities.  
There are no other recognised gains or losses for the year.

The Notes on Pages 6 to 12 form part of these Accounts

THE SCOTTISH RIGHTS OF WAY SOCIETY  
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BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 1997

| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u>                   | <u>Note</u> | £               | <u>1997</u><br>£ | £                 | <u>1996</u><br>£ |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Tangible Assets                       | 5           |                 | 1,769            |                   | 2,309            |
| Investments                           | 6           |                 | 53,168           |                   | 57,376           |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>                 |             |                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Stock                                 | 7           | 1,286           |                  | 480               |                  |
| Debtors                               | 8           | 17,043          |                  | 11,709            |                  |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand              |             | 15,976          |                  | 13,056            |                  |
|                                       |             |                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Creditors: due within one year        | 9           | 34,305<br>9,503 |                  | 25,245<br>(4,406) |                  |
|                                       |             |                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Net Current Assets                    |             |                 | 24,802           |                   | 20,839           |
|                                       |             |                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities |             |                 | 79,739           |                   | 80,524           |
|                                       |             |                 | =====            |                   | =====            |
| <u>SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u>     | 10 &<br>11  |                 |                  |                   |                  |
| Unrestricted                          |             |                 | 71,463           |                   | 76,034           |
| Restricted                            |             |                 | 8,276            |                   | 4,490            |
|                                       |             |                 |                  |                   |                  |
|                                       |             |                 | 79,739           |                   | 80,524           |
|                                       |             |                 | =====            |                   | =====            |

The directors:

1. confirm that for the year ending 30 June 1997 the company was entitled to the exemption under subsection (1) of section 249A;
2. confirm that no notice requiring an audit had been deposited under subsection (2) of section 249B in relation to the accounts for the financial year; and
3. acknowledge their responsibility for:
  - a. ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
  - b. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year 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.

D. Bennet

Dr D Bennet, Director

17th Sept 1997 Date

The Notes on Pages 6 to 12 form part of these Accounts

NOTES (FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Company Status

The company is limited by guarantee of the members and does not have share capital. Under paragraph VI of the Memorandum of Association, each member undertakes to contribute up to £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

To comply fully with The Statement of Recommended Practice would require investments to be accounted for at valuation. The Main Board are of the opinion that since the investments are held for the long term it would be inappropriate to account for unrealised gains and losses year by year. Therefore investments have been accounted for at historical cost. This is the only exception to compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice. the market value of the investments is disclosed in note 6.

Funds

With the adoption of the new Recommended Practice, all income and expenditure is dealt with through the Income and Expenditure Account, including those items which under the previous practice were dealt with separately as movements in miscellaneous reserves. Funds are now classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority (e.g. by the restrictive wording of an appeal).

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretions of the Board of Directors in furtherance of the objects of the Scottish Rights of Way Society.

A transfer is made from unrestricted funds to restricted funds to compensate fully all restricted funds which would otherwise be in deficit at the accounting date.

NOTES (CONTINUED)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Statement of Financial Activities

This statement included as note 10, produced to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice, is effectively a restatement of the Income and Expenditure Account in a different format, incorporating information on movements in capital resources to form a single statement of all movements between opening and closing fund balances.

Deeds of covenant

No credit has been taken for future instalments receivable under Deeds of Covenant.

Life memberships

Life memberships are recognised as income in the year of receipt and allocated to the Life Membership Fund. Each year 5% of the fund is transferred to the Fighting Fund which is an unrestricted fund which is used as required to provide funds for restricted funds.

Management and Administration Expenditure

Head office expenses are allocated to General Reserve.

Investment Income

Investment income is credited to the Income and Expenditure Account on the basis of actual dividends and interest receivable during the year.

Sale of Fixed Assets

Any gains or losses on sale of fixed assets are taken to the Income and Expenditure Account.

Grants

Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are awarded.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided on the cost of the assets so as to write them off over their anticipated useful lives as follows:-

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Office Equipment | 33.3% reducing balance |
| Vehicle Trailer  | 33.3% reducing balance |

NOTES (CONTINUED)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Stock

Stock has been valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Taxation

The Society has charitable status for tax purposes.

2. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The directors receive no remuneration other than the re-imbursement of expenses incurred by them for purpose of carrying out their duties. Total expenses paid in the year were £1,057 (1996 - £369).

3. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

|                                              | 1997               |                  | 1996          |               |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                              | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total         |               |
| Wages and NI                                 | 19,604             | 25,904           | 45,508        | 43,477        |
| Rent, Rates and Insurance                    | 7,604              | -                | 7,604         | 5,339         |
| Postage, Printing and Stationery             | 7,306              | -                | 7,306         | 7,220         |
| Travelling Expenses                          | 1,348              | 2,939            | 4,287         | 1,751         |
| Telephone and Electricity                    | 1,566              | -                | 1,566         | 1,980         |
| Audit Fee                                    | 1,610              | -                | 1,610         | 1,293         |
| Expenses of Meetings                         | 462                | -                | 462           | 555           |
| Subscriptions and Donations                  | 225                | -                | 225           | 180           |
| Miscellaneous                                | 255                | 647              | 902           | 3,167         |
| Depreciation of Office Equipment and Trailer | 858                | 30               | 888           | 1,153         |
| Maintenance of Office Equipment              | 115                | -                | 115           | 651           |
| Legal Fees Special Resolution                | -                  | -                | -             | 646           |
|                                              | <u>40,953</u>      | <u>29,520</u>    | <u>70,473</u> | <u>67,412</u> |
|                                              | =====              | =====            | =====         | =====         |

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4. WAGES AND SALARIES

Average number of Employees:

|                    |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| General Fund       | 2     | 2     |
| Catalogue Projects | 1     | 1     |
| Guide Post Fund    | 1     | 1     |
|                    | ===== | ===== |

|                       |             |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                       | <u>1997</u> | <u>1996</u> |
| Wages and Salaries    | £           | £           |
| General Fund          | 18,517      | 17,429      |
| Catalogue Project     | 17,135      | 16,086      |
| Guide Post Fund       | 6,583       | 7,000       |
| Social Security Costs |             |             |
| General Fund          | 1,087       | 1,000       |
| Catalogue Project     | 1,752       | 1,672       |
| Guide Post Fund       | 434         | 290         |
|                       | -----       | -----       |
|                       | 45,508      | 43,477      |
|                       | =====       | =====       |

5. TANGIBLE ASSETS

|                       | <u>Office Equip.</u><br>£ | <u>Vehicle Trailer</u><br>£ | <u>Total</u><br>£ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Cost</u>           |                           |                             |                   |
| At 1 July 1996        | 6,671                     | 200                         | 6,871             |
| Additions             | 348                       | -                           | 348               |
|                       | -----                     | -----                       | -----             |
|                       | 7,019                     | 200                         | 7,069             |
| Sales                 | 150                       | -                           | 150               |
|                       | -----                     | -----                       | -----             |
| At 30 June 1997       | 6,869                     | 200                         | 7,069             |
|                       | -----                     | -----                       | -----             |
| <u>Depreciation</u>   |                           |                             |                   |
| At 1 July 1996        | 4,451                     | 111                         | 4,562             |
| Sales                 | 150                       | -                           | 150               |
|                       | -----                     | -----                       | -----             |
|                       | 4,301                     | 111                         | 4,412             |
| Charge for Year       | 858                       | 30                          | 888               |
|                       | -----                     | -----                       | -----             |
| At 30 June 1997       | 5,159                     | 141                         | 5,300             |
|                       | -----                     | -----                       | -----             |
| <u>Net Book Value</u> |                           |                             |                   |
| At 30 June 1997       | 1,710                     | 59                          | 1,769             |
|                       | =====                     | =====                       | =====             |
| At 30 June 1996       | 2,220                     | 89                          | 2,309             |
|                       | =====                     | =====                       | =====             |

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NOTES (CONTINUED)

| 6. <u>INVESTMENTS</u>                    | <u>1997</u>          | <u>1996</u>          |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                          | £                    | £                    |
| Listed Investments at Cost               | 53,168<br>=====      | 57,376<br>=====      |
| Market Value                             | 52,755<br>=====      | 54,635<br>=====      |
| 7. <u>STOCKS</u>                         |                      |                      |
| Goods for Resale                         | 1,286<br>=====       | 480<br>=====         |
| 8. <u>DEBTORS</u>                        |                      |                      |
| Prepayments and Accrued Income           | 17,043<br>=====      | 11,709<br>=====      |
| 9. <u>CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</u> |                      |                      |
| Sundry Creditors and Accruals            | 5,285                | 2,156                |
| Subscriptions Prepaid                    | 4,218                | 2,250                |
|                                          | <hr/> 9,503<br>===== | <hr/> 4,406<br>===== |

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NOTES (CONTINUED)

| 10. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL<br>ACTIVITIES            | 1997                  |                     |         |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------|
|                                                     | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total   | Total<br>1996 |
| INCOME AND EXPENDITURE                              | £                     | £                   | £       | £             |
| INCOMING RESOURCES                                  |                       |                     |         |               |
| Subscriptions                                       | 20,463                | -                   | 20,463  | 17,947        |
| Donations                                           | 6,109                 | 10,442              | 16,551  | 9,182         |
| Interest on Invested Funds                          | 5,168                 | 250                 | 5,418   | 5,650         |
| Income tax recovery on Deeds<br>of Covenant etc.    | 844                   | -                   | 844     | 672           |
| Surplus on Publications                             | 7,472                 | -                   | 7,472   | 9,591         |
| Grants Receivable                                   | 7,000                 | 14,818              | 21,818  | 27,650        |
| Income from Lawyers' Search<br>Expenses             | 870                   | -                   | 870     | 720           |
| Surplus on Raffles                                  | 3,593                 | -                   | 3,593   | -             |
| Total Incoming Resources                            | 51,519                | 25,510              | 77,029  | 71,412        |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED                                  |                       |                     |         |               |
| Direct Charitable Expenditure<br>Guide Posts        | -                     | 6,473               | 6,473   | 11,865        |
| OTHER EXPENDITURE                                   |                       |                     |         |               |
| Management and Administration                       | 40,953                | 29,520              | 70,473  | 66,766        |
| Total Resources Expended                            | 40,953                | 35,993              | 76,946  | 78,631        |
| Net Incoming/outgoing Resources<br>before Transfers | 10,566                | (10,483)            | 83      | (7,219)       |
| Transfers between Funds                             | (14,269)              | 14,269              | -       | -             |
| Net Incoming/outgoing<br>Resources                  | (3,703)               | 3,786               | 83      | (7,219)       |
| Net Loss on Investments<br>realised                 | (1,018)               | -                   | (1,018) | -             |
| Legal Fees                                          | -                     | -                   | -       | (646)         |
| Gain on Equipment realised                          | 150                   | -                   | 150     | -             |
| Net Movement in Funds                               | (4,571)               | 3,786               | (785)   | (7,865)       |
| Fund Balances brought forward<br>at 1 July 1996     | 76,034                | 4,490               | 80,524  | 88,389        |
| Fund Balances carried forward<br>at 30 June 1997    | 71,463                | 8,276               | 79,739  | 80,524        |

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11. RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

|                             | Balance<br>at 30<br>June 1996 | Surplus<br>/Deficit<br>for the<br>Year | Transfers<br>between<br>Funds | Balance<br>at 30<br>June 1997 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                             | £                             | £                                      | £                             | £                             |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS          |                               |                                        |                               |                               |
| Life Membership Fund        | 16,343                        | 3,520                                  | (993)                         | 18,870                        |
| Fighting Fund               | 46,831                        | 6,178                                  | (13,276)                      | 39,733                        |
| General Reserve             | 12,860                        | -                                      | -                             | 12,860                        |
|                             | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                                  | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                         |
|                             | 76,034                        | 9,698                                  | (14,269)                      | 71,463                        |
|                             | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                                  | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                         |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS            |                               |                                        |                               |                               |
| Lockerby Bequest            | 5,172                         | 159                                    | -                             | 5,331                         |
| George Cheyne Memorial Fund | 3,254                         | (309)                                  | -                             | 2,945                         |
| Catalogue Project           | (3,270)                       | (5,444)                                | 8,714                         | -                             |
| Guide Posts Fund            | (666)                         | (4,720)                                | 5,386                         | -                             |
| Case Law Project            | -                             | (169)                                  | 169                           | -                             |
|                             | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                                  | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                         |
|                             | 4,490                         | (10,483)                               | 14,269                        | 8,276                         |
|                             | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                                  | <hr/>                         | <hr/>                         |
| Total                       | 80,524                        | (785)                                  | -                             | 79,739                        |
|                             | =====                         | =====                                  | =====                         | =====                         |

**THE SCOTTISH RIGHTS OF WAY SOCIETY**  
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**MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE**

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

|                                                              | Designated Funds |                      | Restricted Funds          |                  |                        |                           |                 | Total         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                                                              | Fighting Fund    | Life Membership Fund | Catalogue Project Account | Lockerby Bequest | George Cheyne Memorial | Guide Case Posts Law Fund | Proj. Law Proj. |               |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                                | £                | £                    | £                         | £                | £                      | £                         | £               | £             |
| Annual Subscriptions                                         | 11,323           |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 11,323        |
| Life Subscriptions                                           |                  | 3,520                |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 3,520         |
| Corporate Subscriptions                                      | 5,620            |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 5,620         |
| Donations                                                    | 6,109            |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 6,109         |
| Receipts from Publications                                   | 621              |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 621           |
| Interest on Invested Funds, including Income Tax recoverable |                  |                      |                           | 159              | 91                     |                           |                 | 5,418         |
| Income Tax recovery on Deeds of Covenant & Gift Aid          |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 844           |
| Grants receivable                                            | 7,000            |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 32,260        |
| Surplus on Sale of Scottish Hill Tracks                      | 1,283            |                      | 14,818                    |                  |                        | 8,567                     | 1,875           | 1,283         |
| Royalties receivable on Sale of Scottish Hill Tracks         |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 5,568         |
| Lawyers Search Expenses                                      | 870              |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 870           |
| Surplus on Raffles                                           | 3,593            |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 3,593         |
|                                                              | <u>47,999</u>    | <u>3,520</u>         | <u>14,818</u>             | <u>159</u>       | <u>91</u>              | <u>8,567</u>              | <u>1,875</u>    | <u>77,029</u> |
|                                                              | =====            | =====                | =====                     | =====            | =====                  | =====                     | =====           | =====         |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                                           |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 |               |
| Guide Posts                                                  |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 6,473         |
| Postage, Printing and Stationery                             |                  |                      |                           |                  | 400                    | 6,073                     |                 | 7,306         |
| Travelling Expenses                                          |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           | 44              | 4,287         |
| Telephone and Electricity                                    |                  |                      | 728                       |                  |                        |                           |                 | 1,566         |
| Accountancy/Audit Fee                                        |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 1,610         |
| Wages and NI                                                 |                  |                      | 18,887                    |                  |                        | 5,017                     | 2,000           | 45,508        |
| Rent, Rates and Insurance                                    |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 7,604         |
| Expenses of Meetings                                         |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 462           |
| Subscriptions and Donations                                  |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 225           |
| Miscellaneous                                                |                  |                      | 647                       |                  |                        |                           |                 | 902           |
| Depreciation - Office Equipment and Trailer                  |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        | 30                        |                 | 888           |
| Maintenance of Office Equipment                              |                  |                      |                           |                  |                        |                           |                 | 115           |
|                                                              | <u>40,953</u>    | <u>-</u>             | <u>20,262</u>             | <u>-</u>         | <u>400</u>             | <u>13,287</u>             | <u>2,044</u>    | <u>76,946</u> |
|                                                              | =====            | =====                | =====                     | =====            | =====                  | =====                     | =====           | =====         |

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MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS                                          | Designated Funds      |                       | Restricted Funds                |                                      |                          |                                   |                                                 | Total<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                                                                  | General<br>Funds<br>£ | Fighting<br>Fund<br>£ | Life<br>Membership<br>Fund<br>£ | Catalogue<br>Project<br>Account<br>£ | Lockerby<br>Bequest<br>£ | George<br>Cheyne<br>Memorial<br>£ | Guide Law<br>Posts Project<br>Fund Account<br>£ |            |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year                                   | 7,046                 | -                     | 3,520                           | (5,444)                              | 159                      | (309)                             | (4,720)                                         | 83         |
| Net realised loss on Sale of Investments                         | (1,018)               | -                     | -                               | -                                    | -                        | -                                 | -                                               | (1,018)    |
| Net realised gain on Sale of Office Equipment                    | 150                   | -                     | -                               | -                                    | -                        | -                                 | -                                               | 150        |
|                                                                  |                       |                       |                                 |                                      |                          |                                   |                                                 |            |
| Balance at 30 June 1996                                          | 6,178                 | -                     | 3,520                           | (5,444)                              | 159                      | (309)                             | (4,720)                                         | (785)      |
|                                                                  | 12,860                | 46,831                | 16,343                          | (3,270)                              | 5,172                    | 3,254                             | (666)                                           | 80,524     |
|                                                                  | 19,038                | 46,831                | 19,863                          | (8,714)                              | 5,331                    | 2,945                             | (5,386)                                         | 79,739     |
| Transfer between General Funds                                   | (6,178)               | 7,171                 | (993)                           | -                                    | -                        | -                                 | -                                               | -          |
| Transfer from General Funds to cover Deficit in Restricted Funds |                       | (14,269)              |                                 | 8,714                                |                          |                                   | 5,386                                           | 169        |
| Balance at 30 June 1997                                          | 12,860                | 39,733                | 18,870                          | -                                    | 5,331                    | 2,945                             | -                                               | 79,739     |

# ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending 30th June 1997

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the course of the past year the directors have turned their attention again to our proposals for the reform of the law relating to rights of way in Scotland. It is seven years since we published our first proposals, and it has to be admitted that the previous administration paid scant attention to them. During the past year, however, the matter has resurfaced, and encouraged by Scottish Natural Heritage, who have been giving some attention to the same subject, we have redrafted our proposals in a shorter form.

However, the revised version is unchanged in two principal points of our proposals, namely that the existing legal system for the vindication of rights of way, which is extremely complex, expensive and time-consuming, should be replaced by a simpler administrative system, and secondly that the definition of a right of way as leading from one public place to another should be modified to reflect the legitimate public use of rights of way for recreation rather than for business, as in centuries past.

The latter proposal has been the subject of some misguided comments by a small minority of commentators in recent years, but one can only observe that had it been accepted seven years ago and acted on in a sensible way, then the recent blocking of footpaths by wire fences at Portencross and on Tinto, by being made illegal, might have been prevented.

The certainty that there will be a Scottish Parliament in two or three years' time gives us encouragement that our proposals for the reform of rights of way law will have a more sympathetic reception. There will inevitably be a delay of possibly three or four years before a new Scottish Parliament turns its attention to access legislation. (In that respect we will lag behind England and Wales, where consultation papers may well have been published by parliament before you read this Annual Report of the Society). However, we now know that it is our task in the next two years to produce a convincing case for rights of way to be included in new legislation for Scotland to complement other measures to improve public rights of access to the countryside.

A recent Access Summit conference convened by the Ramblers' Association at Ullswater demonstrated the sense of urgency that is now being generated and the willingness of all organisations representing the interests of walkers and climbers to co-operate to achieve the common aim. We hope that as a follow-up there will be a Scottish Access Summit conference in the near future to discuss the distinctively Scottish aspects of this subject. In the longer term it is possible that the access legislation debate may go forward in the Access Forum, where all interested parties, including local authorities and landowners, will be involved under the chairmanship of Scottish Natural Heritage. If this is the case, I am very hopeful that the Society's voice will be heard.

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### PROJECT REPORTS

#### ■ Catalogue Development Project

The first twelve months of the new project have seen the completion of the basic catalogue, and work continuing apace to decide its future.

In March a consultation paper about the future of CROW (the Catalogue of Rights of Way) was circulated to local authorities and organisations with an interest in the outdoors. The general response was that CROW was invaluable, although some respondents were unsure of its objectives. The ideas put forward for its future development were wide and varied.

We have now produced an options paper that sets out a wide range of possible options ranging up to developing the world's best rights of way recording system. The Society's Board of Directors and Scottish Natural Heritage – our project partners – are now considering these options and hope to reach a decision on the way(s) forward towards the end of the year.

The present project is due to end at the end of February 1998, and Richard Barron, who has developed the project from scratch over the past four years, is moving on to become Countryside Access Officer for Stirling Council. We will miss Richard's innovative approach to rights of way work, but wish him well in his new post.

#### ■ Signposting Project

The work of the past year has been funded by the Scottish Sports Council's Lottery Sports Fund, which has enabled us to install a further 100 signs under the banner of "Signs Across Scotland". Areas covered have included Fife, Easter Ross, Oban and mid-Argyll, Strathspey, Torridon and Ayrshire.

Thanks to the pump-priming effect of that money, additional funding has been obtained from local authorities, from Scottish Natural

Heritage and through the Leader II Scheme. Indeed, some of our sub-projects have been wholly funded by local authorities, without the need to draw on the Sports Council money, and this has led to the erection of an additional 60 signs, principally at Foyers on Loch Ness-side, around Kettle in Fife, and a second phase in the Kirkcaldy area.

Future plans include 20 signposts in the old Selkirkshire, 40 in Dumfries and Galloway, 10 on the Kincardineshire coastal path, and 40 in West Lochaber (for which we have just received generous grant support).

Clearly, there is a demand for what we are doing. Local authorities, SNH, community councils, foresters, estate owners, walking clubs and heritage groups have all come forward with suggestions, and our work is known to and approved by the Paths For All Partnership and by the Scottish Countryside Access Network.

As before, many members have done their bit: the Inverness squad did the business at Foyers, Donald MacKay has wrought single-handed miracles in Fife, Ian Provan and Billy Evans turned out in mid-Argyll, members of the Easter Ross Rights of Way Association have accomplished much in their area, Euan Terras and David Gray have looked after Ayrshire and a party of air cadets from West Lothian helped at Mar Lodge. In addition, most of our Local Representatives and our Directors have quietly lent a hand where required.

A particularly useful contribution has been made by Logie Bertram, who has used his painting skills to refurbish many sub-standard signs and re-letter redundant ones for use on new sites. In a joint project with two of the Fife district administrations, he has also refurbished many of their signs which had become sub-standard.

The varied flavour of this work may be conveyed by some of the more colourful destinations which have appeared on our

signs: Baddidarach, Brig o' Bogendreip, Clachindruim, Clach Thoull, Coup-ma-horn, Cuffabout, Drinkbetween, Duntelchaig, Felagie, Inverfarigaig, Kingskettle, Midoxgate, Polouriscaig, Portmahomack, Quebec Bridge, Scammadale and Star – familiar to our members, no doubt?

### ■ Case Law Project

Members will be familiar with the Society's publication, *Rights of Way – a Guide to the Law in Scotland*. In the "Guide", by way of illustrating the principles of law involved, almost 80 legal cases are cited; these 80 cases have come to be regarded by the legal profession as the authoritative references when it comes to determining present-day rights of way disputes.

It has been put to the Society that there is a demand for a parallel publication, giving more detail of these cases – the points at issue, the arguments used, the decision of the Court, the lessons to be learned and the present-day application.

As a result, the Society has established a partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage and with the Scottish Countryside Access Network, who have agreed to help fund this research. The hard work in the legal libraries has been undertaken by four of the Society's Directors who have experience of legal work, namely John Aird, Tom Boyd, James Gay and Ivan Carnegie; Alistair Lawson is acting as co-ordinating editor.

This new publication will be available towards the end of the year, and it is expected that it will find a market amongst local authority planners, legal staff and footpaths officers, countryside rangers, estate factors, foresters, SNH, RSPB, SLF, NFU and NTS staff, as well as legal trainees – and, indeed, their established senior colleagues. Recreational bodies should also find the book to be relevant, and we anticipate sales to walking clubs, equestrian enthusiasts, staff of

outdoor activities centres and to leaders of youth organisations.

It is foreseen that these case law studies will be read in parallel with the existing Law Guide and the two will form complementary companion volumes, with a similar appearance, format and price.

### NEW STAFF ARRANGEMENTS

As Richard Barron has moved on before the end of the Catalogue Development Project, the Board has agreed to a redeployment of staff to cover the last phase of the Project. The Secretary, Judith Lewis, will therefore manage the last five months of the Project. Her duties will be taken over by Alistair Lawson, who will be Deputy Secretary from the end of September 1997 to the end of February 1998.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### ■ Casework

Three of our most important rights of way problems have been resolved this year.

The first is the long-standing dispute about the route from Tomich to Torgyle. This route was declared to be a right of way by the courts in 1888, but new forestry planting led to the original line of the route falling out of use, and the alternative route was obstructed by a high gate. After long negotiations with ourselves and Highland Council, the local estate and the Forestry Commission have now agreed to reinstate the route, and work will be done to make up a new path where necessary.

In the second case, negotiations with the landowners at the northern end of the Minigaig Pass have led to their agreement for continued public use of the moorland route to Ruthven Barracks. In return, we have agreed to reword the signpost at Ruthven Barracks. We received an excellent response to our

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appeal for evidence of use of this path, and the weight of this evidence has helped us to achieve this successful outcome. We are grateful to all those who took the trouble to write to us.

The third case is the unofficial diversion of the right of way across Rannoch Moor at Black Corries Lodge. We received many complaints about this diversion because the diverted path was inadequate. The landowner has now made up a good new path, and Highland Council has agreed to make a formal diversion order along the new path.

Another long-standing right of way problem solved during the year is the Feagour (Strath Mashie) to Dalwhinnie route. This was thought to have been lost many years ago under blanket afforestation, but has now been explored and found to be passable. The landowners of the estates over which the route goes have acknowledged its existence, and it has been signposted. Although rough and pathless in places, this right of way is a fine continuation of the Corrieyairack Pass to Dalwhinnie.

The office and Board have dealt with many other rights of way problems throughout Scotland. We play an essential role in providing the only national enquiries service about rights of way. The office received 594 items of correspondence on rights of way enquiries during the year, of which over 150 related to new cases. Many enquiries are about lowland routes, mainly used by local people. SNH research has shown that these are the sort of paths that are used by the majority of people seeking recreation in the countryside, and our work in this field also ties in well with the work of the Paths for All Initiative.

##### ■ Spring Raffle

We were delighted with the support that we received for our Spring Raffle. We sold nearly 8000 tickets and made a profit for our

funds of £3,500. We are grateful to all the members and their friends who bought tickets and all those who helped with the organisation, particularly Muriel Dymock and Donald Bennet. The prize winners were as follows:

Mountain jacket – A. MacKay; Tent – G. Hall; Sleeping bag – W.D. Nicholl; Rucksack – G.L. Turnbull; Flask – W.K. Martin; £100 voucher from Sports Warehouse – J. Gibson; Tiso's vouchers – J. Eaglesham, J. Cubin and N. Craig; Mountaineering books from Scottish Mountaineering Trust – Mr and Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Tewnton and B. K. Ruffhead; Copies of Scottish Hill Tracks – K. Foster and C.E. Lonie; Prints by Tom Weir and Donald Bennet – J. Marshall and J. Banbery; Bottles of whisky – R. Pirie and W. Ramage; Compass W.J. Fraser; Map measurer – A. Fraser; Thin's vouchers – M. Greig and Mr Findlay.

##### ■ The Glen Tilt Weekend

This was our major event for 1997. It was held, at the end of August, to commemorate a confrontation in Glen Tilt 150 years ago when a botany professor from Edinburgh University, John Balfour, insisted on his right to walk down the glen with his students. The confrontation led to a court case in which the Society was successful in establishing Glen Tilt as a right of way.

Forty members set out early in the morning and walked the full 22 mile length of the glen from Linn of Dee to Blair Atholl. The two river crossings along the route were accomplished without mishap, and the party completed the walk in excellent time. Other members set out from Blair Atholl later in the day to walk up the glen to meet the other party. They were led off by our President, Tom Weir, to the sound of bagpipes played by Edinburgh University's Secretary, Dr Martin Lowe.

There were 80 members and guests at a supper at the Tilt Hotel in the evening. We were delighted to be joined by representatives from the Atholl Estate, as well as representatives from Edinburgh University – Martin and Janet Lowe, plus Jeff Robinson, ( Professor Balfour's modern-day counterpart at the University) who gave us an entertaining address after the supper about his researches into the work of Professor Balfour.

#### ■ Members' walks

A varied programme of walks throughout the year has been master-minded by Alistair Lawson. A successful innovation this year was our mid-week Torridon Tour, a two day outing through Glen Carron and the Coulin Pass. Participants were able to enjoy the walk unburdened by luggage, which was taken by road by Director, Sandy Valentine, who organised the outing. Other walks have included a return to Loch Etive, and a traverse of Fife spread over two days. Our thanks to Alistair Lawson for co-ordinating the walks programme, and to the directors, local representatives, Society members and members of staff who organised and led individual walks.

#### ■ Re-opening of Clashgour Bridge

We were pleased to be able to contribute £400 from the George Cheyne Memorial Fund towards the cost of repair of this bridge on the Inveroran to Glen Kinglass right of way. It was an excellent example of a partnership project, involving, in addition to ourselves, the Blackmount Estate, Argyll and Bute Council, Scottish Woodlands (who carried out the work) and Garrion Ramblers, with the Area Countryside Ranger, Denys Griffiths, co-ordinating the project. The completion of the project was celebrated in an opening ceremony at the bridge in May,

and we were delighted that Mrs Nancy Cheyne and a number of members of her family were able to attend. Our cover photograph shows Mrs Cheyne and Debbie Smyth from Argyll and Bute Council, about to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

#### ■ Talks to Local Groups

We are grateful to our panel of speakers. In the past year they have presented 16 successful slide lectures to local groups on the work of the Society. If you would like a speaker for your local group please contact the office. If you enjoy public speaking and would be interested in joining our panel of speakers, we would be pleased to hear from you.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### ■ The Cairngorm Passes

We published a new, and greatly improved, edition of our map The Cairngorm Passes this year. The map was redrawn by cartographer, David Langworth, in association with Director, John Bartholomew. Mr Bartholomew was responsible for the overall design, and co-ordinated the project. The map has been attractively printed in two colours and is available to members at a reduced price of £1 (normal price £1.50).

#### ■ Scottish Hill Tracks

One of our members, Cliff Stone, is co-ordinating a team of volunteers who are checking for any essential amendments for the next edition of Scottish Hill Tracks. If you have any suggestions for amendments, please write to him at the office. We have been delighted by the level of sales of the book. We have received £5568 in royalties in the past year, in addition to £1283 from direct sales from the office.

## ■ Law Guide

This continues to sell well, both to lawyers and to members of the public.

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

### ■ "Paths For All"

We have been accepted as a "founder member" of the Paths For All Partnership and one of our directors, Sandy Valentine, has been appointed our representative at Partnership meetings. We will be assisting the Partnership with information from our rights of way records and will be working with them to achieve their objective of networks of footpaths around towns and villages.

### ■ SCAN

The Scottish Countryside Access Network was set up in 1996. It is a network for all those working in the field of access to the countryside. The majority of members work for local authorities. It runs training workshops, and is one of the sponsors of our Case Law Project (see page 3). The Society is a corporate member of the organisation, and we are closely involved in it, as both our Project Officers, Richard Barron and Alistair Lawson, are on the SCAN committee.

## AGM

Last year's AGM was held at The Merlin, Morningside, Edinburgh. Our Chairman, Donald Bennet, reviewed the Society's work during the year and thanked all those who had helped to make it such a successful year. Project Officers Richard Barron and Alistair Lawson gave reports on their projects, and our Treasurer, Ian Cameron, reported on the accounts. Dr Robert Aitken was elected Vice-President of the Society (see page 7). There was some general discussion, particularly about fundraising ideas (which

were subsequently followed up by our Fundraising Committee). Our Guest Speaker was John Freeman of Perth and Kinross Council, who spoke about the role of the local authority in maintaining and improving access to the countryside.

This year's AGM will be held on Thursday 20th November 1997 at 7.30 pm., and we will be returning to the Riverboat Function Suite of The Merlin, Morningside Road, Edinburgh. Our guest speaker this year will be Malcolm Payne, who will be talking about the controversial subject of national parks. A formal notice of the meeting is set out on the back page.

### ■ Proposal to increase subscriptions

The subscriptions were last increased in 1991 and the Board considers that it would be appropriate to increase subscriptions next year. The following resolution will therefore be placed before the AGM: *"That the subscription rates for membership of the Scottish Rights of Way Society should be amended, with effect from 1st July 1998, so that the subscription rates will be as follows: ordinary £12.00pa; concessions £8.00pa; joint £15.00pa; joint concessions £12.50pa; life £150; joint life £180; local authorities £120.00 (unchanged); community councils £12.00; associations and clubs: up to 100 members – £12.00, 101 to 200 members – £25, over 200 members – £40."* We anticipate that these subscription increases will increase our income by over £4000pa.

### Travel Directions to The Merlin, Morningside, for the AGM.

The Merlin is on the west side of Morningside Road, Edinburgh.

If you are coming by car from outside Edinburgh, take the City By-pass to Lothianburn Junction. Continue towards the

city centre along A702, which becomes Morningside Road. The Merlin is about two and half miles from the By-pass. There is a small car park at the back. There are frequent bus services to Morningside Road.

## CHANGES IN THE BOARD

We are delighted that Dr Robert Aitken has agreed to become our Vice-President, and he was duly elected at the AGM. Dr Aitken is a well-known and influential figure in the Scottish outdoor world. He is an acknowledged expert on footpaths in Scotland, and is Chairman of the Scottish Countryside Activities Council. Members who were present at our 150th anniversary AGM at Edinburgh's City Chambers will remember his excellent address on that occasion.

There have been a number of changes in the Board this year. As indicated in the last Annual Report, Douglas Lowe and Willie Fraser decided not to stand for re-election at the last AGM. Arthur Howatson and Stuart Kermack also decided not to stand for re-election. Mr Howatson was the first full-time rights of way officer in Scotland, and we appreciated the experience that he was able to pass on to us in his work for Dumfries and Galloway Council. Mr Kermack is a former Sheriff, and his experience was very valuable, particularly when discussing contentious rights of way cases. One of our local authority representatives, Provost Leslie Rosin, resigned in December. We were grateful to him for finding time to attend our Board meetings despite his busy work schedule. He has been replaced by Cllr Tom Smith of East Dunbartonshire Council.

We have strengthened our legal expertise with the appointment of two additional lawyers to the Board. They are Bruce Logan and John Barton. They both have an excellent knowledge of the outdoors in Scotland, as well as being able to help us with legal problems. We have

also appointed one of our long-standing Local Representatives to the Board – Dr Catherine MacLeod. She was our Local Representative in the West Highlands for many years before moving to Portknockie recently.

## LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

We greatly value the work of our local representatives who walk local rights of way and help us with any problems that arise at a local level. They are: Sandy Anton (Aberdeenshire), Bill Cantley (Edinburgh), John Chalmers (Renfrewshire and Inverclyde), Jim Cosgrove (Angus), John and Mary Duberley (Lochaber), Alan Eelbeck (Dumfries-shire), Jenny Kett (Highland), Alistair Lawson (Clackmannanshire), Douglas Lowe (West Pentlands), Duncan Menzies (Deeside), Roger Oakes (South Pentlands), Ian Provan (Mid Argyll), Gordon Robertson (Highland Perthshire) Euan Terras (Ayrshire), and Douglas Wright (Peebles-shire).

## MEMBERSHIP

Once again we have been successful in achieving a good increase in our individual membership. Our individual membership now exceeds 2000 for the first time. The number of local authority members has declined because of local government reorganisation: there are now far fewer local authorities.

The membership figures at 30th June 1997 were as follows:

|                        | 1997 | 1996 |
|------------------------|------|------|
| Ordinary members       | 1490 | 1338 |
| Life Members           | 557  | 535  |
| Local Authorities      | 21   | 59   |
| Community Councils     | 317  | 386  |
| Associations and Clubs | 136  | 137  |

A list of corporate members is set out on pages 9 to 13.

We regret to announce the deaths of two of our former directors and life members, **James Thin** and **Ian Scott Fraser**, who have both died this year.

**James Thin**, founder of the well-known Edinburgh bookshops, was a keen climber and mountaineer. He was an influential director of the Society from 1959 to 1983. Many in the Society will remember his excellent slide lectures.

**Ian Scott Fraser** was a director from 1980 to 1986, and was Chairman of the Board from 1983 to 1986, a post which he had to give up because of the increasing demands of his work as an advocate. His legal knowledge was of great assistance, for example in a difficult matter concerning Loch Morar, on which he wrote a detailed paper.

As announced in the Newsletter, we have also been saddened this year by the sudden death of one of our office volunteers, **John Ferris**. He took responsibility for entering much of our computer data, and is greatly missed by all in the office.

## VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful to all the volunteers who help us with the Society's work.

Directors and local representatives all give their time on a voluntary basis. They are listed above.

Our thanks also go to the following who have helped with our office and administrative work: Jean Bisset, Lynn Cameron, Mike Lewis, Douglas Lowe and his family, Ursula Ryalls and Ann Valentine.

## FINANCE

### ■ The Treasurer reports:

The presentation of the accounts this year has been amended to give effect to the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Charities Commission, as advised by our accountants.

The Society had a successful year showing a much reduced deficit of £785, despite the increased involvement in the erection and maintenance of signposts and the near completion of the Catalogue of Rights of Way (CROW).

Although we are grateful for the continued support of donations, explained in more detail below, it is felt that we must reluctantly consider an increase in subscriptions as inevitable, and approval for this is being sought from members at the AGM (see above, page 6).

### ■ Scottish Office Grant

We are grateful to the Scottish Office, who are continuing to support our work by renewing our grant for a further year to the spring of 1998. The future of any grant aid from the Scottish Office will be reviewed at the end of the year.

### ■ The Stewart Legacy

We have received a generous legacy of £30,000 from the estate of one of our members, Mr Angus Marr Stewart, from Kirriemuir. The legacy falls within the financial year 1997-98, and is therefore not shown in the accompanying accounts. The Board is actively considering the options for making the best use of this substantial gift.

### ■ Other legacies and donations

We are grateful for all donations, large and small. Most of our donations are given by members rounding up their subscriptions. Even small sums add up to a substantial

amount when contributed by so many. We have received gifts over £100 this year from the following: The All Year Round Ramblers, Blanche Monair's Executry, Perthshire and Kinross Council, W.G.M. McIntosh, and one anonymous donor. In addition to our grant from the Scottish Sports Council Lottery Fund, we have received money for signposting from the following: Langbank Community Council, Stonehouse Heritage Group, Invercauld Estate, West Dunbarton Council, Fife Council, SNH, Alcan Smelting, Highland Council, and Aberdeenshire Council.

## CORPORATE MEMBERS

### ■ Local authorities

Aberdeenshire  
Clackmannanshire  
Dumfries & Galloway  
East Ayrshire  
East Lothian  
East Renfrewshire  
Falkirk  
Fife  
City of Glasgow  
Midlothian  
Moray  
North Ayrshire  
North Lanarkshire  
Perth & Kinross  
Renfrewshire  
Scottish Borders  
Shetland Islands  
South Ayrshire  
South Lanarkshire  
Stirling  
West Lothian (21)

### ■ Community councils

Aberchirder & Marnoch  
Aberdour & Tyrie

Aberfeldy  
Abronhill  
Acharacle  
Alloway & Doonfoot  
Alness  
Ardchattan  
Ardentinny  
Ardross  
Arisaig  
Arran  
Assynt  
Auchterarder & Dist  
Auchtergaven (Bankfoot)  
Auldhouse & Chapelton  
Aviemore & Vicinity  
Avoch & Killen  
Ayton  
Baldernock  
Balerno  
Balfron  
Ballater & Crathie  
Balmerino, Kilmany & Logie  
Balmullo  
Balquhidder  
Bannockburn & District  
Banton & Kelvinhead  
Barrhead  
Bearsden East  
Bearsden North

Beith & District  
Benholm & Johnshaven  
Bettyhill, Strathnaver & Altnaharra  
Biggar  
Blackford  
Blairgowrie & Rattray  
Bornish  
Bothwell  
Braco & Greenloaning  
Braemar  
Braeside & Branchton  
Braeside & Mannofield  
Breachin  
Bridge of Don  
Bridge of Weir  
Bridgend & Kinnoull  
Broughty Ferry  
Buchlyvie  
Burnbank  
Burntisland  
Burrelton & District  
Caithness West  
Callander  
Cambuskenneth  
Cambuslang  
Campsie  
Cardwell Bay  
Carlops

### ■ Subscriptions

The current subscription rates are set out on the inside back cover. If you have not yet paid your subscription this year, you will receive a reminder with this report. If you are paying by banker's order, please ensure that you are paying the up-to-date amount. We try to ensure that our records are correct, but please let us know of any errors or any changes that we should make.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Carluke                       | Dunbar                      | Inchture                      |
| Carmunnock                    | Dunblane                    | Innes                         |
| Carrbridge & Vicinity         | Duneaton                    | Inveresk                      |
| Cathcart & District           | Dunning                     | Inverkeilor & Dist            |
| Catrine                       | Duns                        | Inverkeithing & Hillend       |
| Catterline, Kinneff &         | Eaglesham                   | Inverness West                |
| Dunnottar                     | East Kintyre                | Iona                          |
| Charlestown, Limekilns &      | East Strathearn             | Irongray                      |
| Pattiesmuir                   | Elderslie                   | Irvine                        |
| Chirnside                     | Errol                       | Isle of Coll                  |
| Chryston                      | Eskdalemuir                 | Isle of Whithorn              |
| Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk      | Eyemouth                    | Jackson & Thorntonhall        |
| Cockenzie & Port Seton        | Falkland Right of Way Soc   | Jedburgh                      |
| Coldingham                    | Feughdee West               | Johnstone                     |
| Colintraive and Glendaruel    | Findhorn & Kinloss          | Kalewater                     |
| Comrie & Dist                 | Fintray & Kinellar          | Kelso                         |
| Cornhill & Ordiqhill          | Fordyce, Sandend & District | Kelty                         |
| Cornton                       | Fortrose & Rosemarkie       | Kenmore & Dist                |
| Corstorphine                  | Fowls, Liff and Benvie      | Kettins                       |
| Cove & Altens                 | Friockheim & District       | Kettle                        |
| Coylton                       | Gargunnoch                  | Killearn                      |
| Craiglockhart                 | Gatehouse-of-Fleet          | Killin                        |
| Craignish                     | Giffnock & Thornliebank     | Kilmacolm                     |
| Crail                         | Gifford                     | Kilmuir Easter & Logie Easter |
| Crieff                        | Gigha                       | Kilmun                        |
| Cromar                        | Girdle Toll & Bourtreehill  | Kilwinning                    |
| Cromdale & Advie              | Glamis                      | Kincardine & Croick           |
| Crossford                     | Glassford                   | Kincardine                    |
| Crossgates & Mossgreen        | Glenburn                    | Kincraig                      |
| Cults, Bieldside & Milltimber | Glencairn                   | Kinghorn                      |
| Cummertrees & Cummertrees     | Glendale                    | Kinlochleven                  |
| West                          | Gorebridge                  | Kintore and District          |
| Currie                        | Grantown on Spey & Vicinity | Kippen                        |
| Dalgety Bay - Hillend         | Greenlaw & Hume             | Kirkintilloch                 |
| Dalkeith & District           | Greenock Central            | Kirkliston                    |
| Dalmuir - North Mount Blow    | Gretna & Rigg               | Kirkmabreck                   |
| Dalry                         | Gullane Area                | Kirkpatrick-Juxta             |
| Damhead                       | Harthill & Eastfield        | Kirriemuir Landward East      |
| Darvel & District             | Hawick                      | Kirriemuir Landward West      |
| Dechmont                      | Hawkhead & Lochfield        | Ladybank & District           |
| Deer                          | Headwell & Bellyeoman       | Lamancha, Newlands &          |
| Dollar                        | Heathhall                   | Kirkurd                       |
| Drumbrae                      | Heldon                      | Langbank                      |
| Drymen                        | Howwood                     | Largo Area                    |
| Dull & Weem                   | Inchinnan                   |                               |

|                                 |                                     |                            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lasswade District Civic Society | Newtonmore & Vicinity               | Sinclair's Bay             |
| Latheron, Lybster & Clyth       | Newtyle & Eassie                    | South Cathkin R.A.         |
| Lauderdale                      | North Kincardine Rural              | Southdean                  |
| Lennox                          | North Queensferry                   | Speyside Council           |
| Lenzie                          | North Ronaldsay                     | Springfield & Gretna       |
| Lerwick                         | Oakley                              | Stepps & District          |
| Leslie                          | Old Gourrock                        | Stewarton District         |
| Letham (Angus)                  | Ormiston                            | Stockbridge                |
| Linlithgow Bridge               | Orphir & Scapa                      | Stonehouse                 |
| Lochbroom (Ullapool)            | Overtown & Waterloo                 | Strathard                  |
| Lochgelly                       | Paisley West & Central              | Strathaven                 |
| Lochgilphead                    | Papa Westray                        | Strathblane                |
| Lockerbie & District            | Parish of Stow                      | Strathkinness              |
| Longstone                       | Parkhall, North Kilbowie & Central  | Strathmartine              |
| Lunanhead & District            | Pencaitland                         | Strathpeffer               |
| Maidens & Kirkoswald            | Penicuik & District                 | Strichen & District        |
| Markinch                        | Pollokshields                       | Stromness                  |
| Mauchline                       | Polmaise                            | Symington                  |
| Maybole                         | Port William                        | Tarves                     |
| Mearns                          | Portlethen & District               | Taynuilt                   |
| Meldrum & Bourtie               | Portmoak                            | Tayport                    |
| Melrose & District              | Portobello                          | Templand                   |
| Mercat Cross                    | Portsoy & District                  | Thornhill & Blair Drummond |
| Methlick                        | Prestwick                           | Thurso                     |
| Methven & District              | Rathen & District                   | Tillicoultry               |
| Mid Atholl & Strathtay          | Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone      | Torphins                   |
| Mid Deeside                     | Rhu & Shandon                       | Torridon & Kinlochewe      |
| Moffat & District               | Roslin & Bilston                    | Torryburn & Newmills       |
| Monkton                         | Rosyth                              | Townhill                   |
| Morar                           | Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre              | Troon                      |
| Morningside                     | Royal Burgh of Cupar & District     | Uig                        |
| Mouse Valley                    | Royal Burgh of Lochmaben & District | Uig                        |
| Muirtown                        | Royal Burgh of Peebles and District | Uphall                     |
| Mull                            | Royal Four Towns                    | Uplawmoor                  |
| Murroes & Wellbank              | St Boswells Parish                  | Valleyfield                |
| Musselburgh & Inveresk          | Sandbank                            | Walkerburn                 |
| Muthill & Tullibardine          | Sandford                            | Wanlockhead                |
| Nairn River                     | Sanquhar & District                 | Waternish                  |
| Nesting and Lunnasting          | Scone & Dist                        | Waterside                  |
| New Pitsligo                    | Shotts                              | West Ardnamurchan          |
| Newarthill                      |                                     | West Garioch               |
| Newburgh                        |                                     | West Linton                |
| Newhaven                        |                                     | Whalsay & Skerries         |
| Newport, Wormit & Forgan        |                                     | Wigtown & District (317)   |

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### ■ Other corporate members

|                                                                    |                                                  |                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| A Y R Ramblers                                                     | Deeside Field Club                               | Hawick 50 Plus Group                       |
| Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum (Access Group)                   | Dollar Civic Trust                               | Helensburgh Green Belt Action Group        |
| Allan Park Lairig Club                                             | Dornoch & Cromarty Firth Wildfowlers Association | H F Holidays Ltd                           |
| Arbroath Canny Walkers                                             | Dunbar History Society                           | Highland Distilleries Co plc               |
| Ardentinn Outdoor Education Centre                                 | The Dunblane Civic Society                       | Holiday Fellowship (Edinburgh)             |
| Avon Angling Club                                                  | Dunblane Rambling Club                           | HQ 51 Highland Brigade                     |
| Avondale Civic Society                                             | Dundee C H A Rambling Club                       | Inverness Field Club                       |
| Awe & Avich Amenity Association                                    | Dunfermline & Dist Cycling Club                  | Inverness Walking Club                     |
| Ayr and District Rambling Club                                     | Dunfermline Rambling Club                        | Jacobites Mountaineering Club              |
| Ayrshire Tourist Board                                             | East Kilbride Mountaineering Club                | Kilgraston School                          |
| B.T Hill Club, Dundee                                              | Easter Ross Rights of Way Association            | Kilmarnock Glenfield Ramblers              |
| Banffshire Field Club                                              | Edinburgh & Forth CHA Club                       | Kirkcaldy Naturalist Society               |
| Blairgowrie & District Hillwalking Club                            | Edinburgh Glenmore Club                          | Kype Angling Club                          |
| Border Bothies Association                                         | Edinburgh Natural History Society                | Lang Craigs Hillwalking Club               |
| British Horse Society (Scotland)                                   | Exploration Group of North Somerset              | Largs North Shore Association              |
| Buchan Hillwalking Club                                            | Ferranti Mountaineering Club                     | Linlithgow Hillwalking Club                |
| Cairngorm Club                                                     | Fife Hillwalkers                                 | Long Distance Walkers Association          |
| Caledonian Climbing Club                                           | Fife Mountaineering Club                         | Lothian Award Project                      |
| Camping & Caravanning Club, Glasgow & West of Scotland Association | Fife Walking Club                                | L P 22 Geriatric Hillwalking Club          |
| Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club                                     | Forfar & District Hill Walking Club              | Milngavie Civic Trust                      |
| Carnethy Hill Running Club                                         | Garioch Climbing Club                            | M O D Police Climbing Club                 |
| Carrbridge Tourist Association                                     | Gatliff Hebridean Hostels Trust                  | Monifieth Rambling Club                    |
| Central & North Fife Preservation Society                          | George Watsons College                           | Montrose Hillwalking Club                  |
| Cioch Mountaineering Club                                          | Glasgow C H A Club                               | Moray Mountaineering Club                  |
| Cornalees Tuesday Club                                             | Glasgow Glenmore Club                            | Mountain Bothies Association               |
| Cramond Association                                                | Glasgow H F Outdoor Club                         | Muckhart & Glendevon Amenity Society       |
| Cults Hill Walking Club                                            | Glasgow Health Culture Rambling Club             | North Berwick & District Environment Trust |
| Currie District History Society                                    | Glenboig Ramblers Club                           | Oban Walkers                               |
| Cyclists' Touring Club (Scotland)                                  | Glenmore Lodge                                   | Ochils Mountaineering Club                 |
| Dalmuir 50+ Walking Club                                           | Glenrothes Hillwalkers & Ramblers Club           | Paisley Hillwalking Club                   |
|                                                                    | Grampian Club                                    | Pathcraft Limited                          |
|                                                                    | Great Glen Walking Club                          | Peebles Gutterbluids Society               |
|                                                                    | Grey Corries Walking Club                        | Peebles March Riders Association           |
|                                                                    | Grey Man Hill Walking Club                       | Pendragon Walking Club                     |

Perth & District Hillwalking Club  
 Perth & District Ramblers Group  
 Perth Mountaineering Club J M C S  
 Ramblers Association Northern Area (England)  
 Ramblers Scotland:-  
 Broughty Ferry Group  
 Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Group  
 Dundee & District Group  
 Glenrothes Group  
 Grampian Area  
 Kirkcaldy Group  
 Linlithgow Group  
 Lothians & Borders Area  
 West Fife Group

Ross & Cromarty Heritage Society  
 Royal Ordnance Bishopton Hillwalking Club  
 St Monica's Ramblers  
 Scone & District 50+ Group  
 Scottish Borders Hillwalking Club  
 Scottish Canoe Association  
 Scottish Coal Company Ltd  
 Scottish Conservation Projects Trust  
 Scottish Youth Hostels Association  
 Sidlaw Hillwalking Club  
 Spey Access Group  
 Stirling Hillwalking & Rambling Club

Stonehaven Mountaineering & Hillwalking Club  
 Stonehouse Heritage Group  
 Strathaven Climbing Club  
 Tarves Rambling Club  
 Tayside Over-Fifties  
 Torness Hill-Walking Club  
 U3A Walking Group  
 United Clyde Angling Protective Association  
 Walkaholics Anonymous  
 Wessex Mountaineering Club  
 Westhill Walkers (136)



Newly-weds Euan and Kathleen Terras cement their relationship by installing a new signpost near Dalmellington.

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## The Scottish Rights of Way Society ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS for the year ended 30 June, 1997

| INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT                            | 1997          | 1996           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Income                                                    | £             | £              |
| Annual Subscriptions                                      | 11,323        | 10,122         |
| Life Subscriptions                                        | 3,520         | 1,776          |
| Corporate Subscriptions                                   | 5,620         | 6,049          |
| Donations                                                 | 6,109         | 5,304          |
| Receipts from Publications                                | 7,472         | 9,591          |
| Interest on Invested Funds including Income Tax recovered | 5,418         | 5,650          |
| Income Tax recovery on Deeds of Covenant and Gift Aid     | 844           | 672            |
| Grants Receivable                                         | 32,260        | 31,528         |
| Lawyers' Search Expenses                                  | 870           | 720            |
| Surplus on Raffles                                        | 3,593         | —              |
|                                                           | <b>77,029</b> | <b>71,412</b>  |
| Expenditure                                               |               |                |
| Guide Posts Expenses                                      | 6,473         | 11,865         |
| Wages and NI                                              | 45,508        | 43,477         |
| Rent, Rates and Insurance                                 | 7,604         | 5,339          |
| Postage, Printing and Stationery                          | 7,306         | 7,220          |
| Travelling Expenses                                       | 4,287         | 1,751          |
| Telephone and Electricity                                 | 1,566         | 1,980          |
| Audit Fee                                                 | 1,610         | 1,293          |
| Expenses of Meetings                                      | 462           | 555            |
| Subscriptions and Donation                                | 225           | 180            |
| Miscellaneous                                             | 902           | 3,167          |
| Depreciation of Office Equipment and Trailer              | 888           | 1,153          |
| Maintenance of Office Equipment                           | 115           | 651            |
| Legal Fees - Special Resolution                           | —             | 646            |
|                                                           | <b>76,946</b> | <b>79,277</b>  |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit)                                     | 83            | (7,865)        |
| Other Recognised Gains And Losses                         |               |                |
| Net realised Loss on Sale of Investments                  | (1,018)       | —              |
| Net realised Gain on Sale of Office Equipment             | 150           | —              |
| Deficit for the Year                                      | <b>(785)</b>  | <b>(7,865)</b> |
| Allocated to:                                             |               |                |
| Life Membership Fund                                      | 3,520         | 916            |
| Fighting Fund                                             | 6,178         | 1,163          |
| Lockerby Bequest                                          | 159           | 184            |
| George Cheyne Memorial Fund                               | (309)         | 112            |
| Catalogue Project                                         | (5,444)       | (2,063)        |
| Guide Post Fund                                           | (4,720)       | (8,177)        |
| Case Law Project                                          | (169)         | —              |
|                                                           | <b>(785)</b>  | <b>(7,865)</b> |

**BALANCE SHEET**

|                                            | £       | 1997<br>£ | £       | 1996<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Investments at cost</b>                 |         |           |         |           |
| Market Value £52,755 (£54,635)             |         | 53,168    |         | 57,376    |
| <b>Office Equipment at cost</b>            |         |           |         |           |
| (Less Grant received £7,482)               | 6,869   |           | 6,671   |           |
| Less depreciation to date                  | 5,159   |           | 4,451   |           |
|                                            |         | 1,710     |         | 2,220     |
| <b>Vehicle Trailer at cost</b>             | 200     |           | 200     |           |
| Less depreciation to date:                 | 141     |           | 111     |           |
|                                            |         | 59        |         | 89        |
|                                            |         | 54,937    |         | 59,685    |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                      |         |           |         |           |
| Stock                                      | 1,286   |           | 480     |           |
| Debtors                                    | 17,043  |           | 11,709  |           |
| Cash in Bank and in Hand                   | 15,976  |           | 13,056  |           |
|                                            | 34,305  |           | 25,245  |           |
| Creditors: due within one year             | (9,503) |           | (4,406) |           |
| Net Current Assets                         |         | 24,802    |         | 20,839    |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities      |         | 79,739    |         | 80,524    |
| <b>REPRESENTING<br/>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> |         |           |         |           |
| Life Membership Fund                       |         | 18,870    |         | 16,343    |
| Fighting Fund                              |         | 39,733    |         | 46,831    |
| General Reserve                            |         | 12,860    |         | 12,860    |
|                                            |         | 71,463    |         | 76,034    |
| <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>                    |         |           |         |           |
| Lockerby Bequest                           |         | 5,331     |         | 5,172     |
| George Cheyne Memorial Fund                |         | 2,945     |         | 3,254     |
| Catalogue Project                          |         | —         |         | (3,270)   |
| Guide Post Fund                            |         | —         |         | (666)     |
| Case Law Project                           |         | —         |         | —         |
|                                            |         | 8,276     |         | 4,490     |
|                                            |         | 79,739    |         | 80,524    |

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the year ended 30 June, 1997**

|                                                             | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>£    | Total<br>1996<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>                               |                            |                          |               |                    |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                                   |                            |                          |               |                    |
| Subscriptions                                               | 20,463                     | —                        | 20,463        | 17,947             |
| Donations                                                   | 6,109                      | —                        | 6,109         | 5,304              |
| Interest on Invested Funds                                  | 5,168                      | 250                      | 5,418         | 5,650              |
| Income tax recovery on Deeds<br>of Covenant etc             | 844                        | —                        | 844           | 672                |
| Surplus on Publications                                     | 7,472                      | —                        | 7,472         | 9,591              |
| Grants Receivable                                           | 7,000                      | 25,260                   | 32,260        | 31,528             |
| Income from Lawyers'<br>Search Expenses                     | 870                        | —                        | 870           | 720                |
| Surplus on Raffles                                          | 3,593                      | —                        | 3,593         | —                  |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>                             | <b>51,519</b>              | <b>25,510</b>            | <b>77,029</b> | <b>71,412</b>      |
| <b>Resources Expended</b>                                   |                            |                          |               |                    |
| Direct Charitable Expenditure Guide Posts                   | —                          | 6,473                    | 6,473         | 11,865             |
| <b>Other Expenditure</b>                                    |                            |                          |               |                    |
| Management and Administration                               | 40,953                     | 29,520                   | 70,473        | 66,766             |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b>                             | <b>40,953</b>              | <b>35,993</b>            | <b>76,946</b> | <b>78,631</b>      |
| <b>Net Incoming/outgoing Resources<br/>before Transfers</b> | <b>10,566</b>              | <b>(10,483)</b>          | <b>83</b>     | <b>(7,219)</b>     |
| Transfers between Funds                                     | (14,269)                   | 14,269                   | —             | —                  |
| <b>Net Incoming/outgoing Resources</b>                      | <b>(3,703)</b>             | <b>3,786</b>             | <b>83</b>     | <b>(7,219)</b>     |
| Net Loss on Investments realised                            | (1,018)                    | —                        | (1,018)       | —                  |
| Legal Fees                                                  | —                          | —                        | —             | (646)              |
| Gain on Equipment realised                                  | 150                        | —                        | 150           | —                  |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>                                | <b>(4,571)</b>             | <b>3,786</b>             | <b>(785)</b>  | <b>(7,865)</b>     |
| Fund Balances brought forward<br>at 1 July 1996             | 76,034                     | 4,490                    | 80,524        | 88,389             |
| <b>Fund Balances carried forward<br/>at 30 June, 1997</b>   | <b>71,463</b>              | <b>8,276</b>             | <b>79,739</b> | <b>80,524</b>      |

**Notes.** 1. The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis. 2. The Directors have no financial interest in the Society and receive no remuneration other than re-imbursement of expenses incurred by them for the purpose of carrying out their duties. 3. The Society enjoys charitable status for taxation purposes.

The foregoing abridged accounts for the year ended 30th June 1997 have been prepared from the statutory accounts upon which the auditors have given an accountants' report. Full copies of the accounts, which will be lodged with the Registrar of Companies, are available on request from the Secretary, and will be available at the AGM.

**Dr D. J. Bennet, Director**      **I. A. Cameron C.A., Treasurer**

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES 1997-98

|                                                                                |         |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Ordinary Membership                                                            | £9.50   | per annum |
| Concessionary Membership<br>(OAPS, students and certain others on application) | £6.00   | per annum |
| Joint/Family<br>(Covers members of a family living at the same address)        | £12.00  | per annum |
| Joint Concessionary Membership                                                 | £10.00  | per annum |
| Life Membership                                                                | £120.00 |           |
| Joint Life Membership                                                          | £152.00 |           |
| Local Authorities                                                              | £120.00 | per annum |
| Community Councils                                                             | £10.00  | per annum |
| Associations/Clubs                                                             |         |           |
| Up to 100 members:                                                             | £10.00  | per annum |
| 101 to 200 members:                                                            | £20.00  | per annum |
| Over 200 members:                                                              | £30.00  | per annum |

Subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st July in each year. Where a new member joins between 1st April and 30th June, the subscription covers the period to 30th June in the following year.

### Cover photograph:

*Mrs Nancy Cheyne and Debbie Smyth at the re-opening  
of the Clashgour Bridge (see page 5)*

## SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

The following are available from the office (all prices include postage):

- *Scottish Hill Tracks* New edition 1995. Price £9 from the office (retail price £10.95).
- *Rights of Way: A Guide to the Law in Scotland* by Professor A.E. Anton, revised by Professor Douglas Cusine 1996. Price £5.00 (£3.00 for members).
- *Proposals for the Reform of the Law Relating to Public Rights of Way in Scotland*, September 1990. Price £2.00
- *The Cairngorm Passes* (map). New edition 1997. Price £1.50 (£1 for members).

Photocopies of the Society's out-of-print maps, *The Principal Rights of Way in the West Central Highlands* and *The Knoydart and Morar Passes*, are sent free to new members, together with the new edition of *The Cairngorm Passes* and the *Law Guide*.

The following are available free from the office: leaflets on SRWS membership, the Mapping and Recording Rights of Way project, and a brief overview of the law; rights of way questionnaires and survey forms; pathcards and signcards.

## SOCIETY LEISUREWEAR

Our range of Society leisurewear is still available, and an order form is enclosed with our general mailing. Orders go direct to the supplier, but the Society benefits financially from each garment sold.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1997**

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on  
Thursday 20th November 1997 at 7.30p.m. at the  
Function Suite of The Merlin, Morningside Road, Edinburgh.

### **Business**

1. Minutes of Previous A.G.M.
2. Annual Report
3. Accounts
4. Election of Office-Bearers
5. Appointment of Examining Accountants
6. Resolution for increase of subscriptions: see page 6
7. Any Other Competent Business

Please send any nominations for new directors to  
the Society's office at least 48 hours before the A.G.M.

At the conclusion of the formal business, there will be a short break  
for refreshments. After the break, there will a talk by Mr Malcolm Payne on  
the National Parks Movement, with the title *The Park that dare not speak its name*.

The meeting will be open to the public, but only members will be  
entitled to vote. Please bring your membership card with you.

The Scottish Rights of Way Society is a company limited by guarantee.  
Company registration number: 24243 (Scotland). It is registered with  
the Inland Revenue as a Scottish charity: reference SC015460.

### **The objects of the Society are:**

1. The preservation, defence and acquisition of public rights of way in Scotland.
2. The preservation and restoration of such rights of way as may be in danger of being lost.

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