

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1984

In the spring of 1984 Dr. David Thackray of the National Trust carried out an extremely successful preliminary archaeological survey of Lundy and in August led a party which commenced excavations on the Parade Ground of the Castle. In the former he was assisted by one of our members, Keith Gardner, and in the latter a number of us were happy to be allowed to help.

In August the Nature Conservancy Council invited interested parties to a meeting to review the current position in respect of the NCC's proposal to establish a statutory marine nature reserve around Lundy. A diversity of views was expressed, with the Field Society continuing to support the establishment of a statutory reserve. It now seem unlikely, however, that one will be set up under existing legislation. It is fortunate that the voluntary marine nature reserve already established around Lundy continues to be respected.

Grants were made to assist with the National Trust's archaeological survey and to aid two visits by working parties of British Leyland apprentices. A census was made of Lundy ungulates and is published in this Report. The Society is working on the design and production of a series of display boards which will be on permanent exhibition on Lundy.

Much hard work by our Hon. Membership Secretary, Elizabeth Hubbard has increased our subscription income considerably and we are grateful to her for this. Thanks are also due to John Dyke for his design of the Field Society Christmas Cards and to Doug Kestell for the design and production of T-shirts and car stickers. The sale of all these items has helped to improve our cash flow. The proceeds from the excursion again made a significant contribution to our income.

Keith and Michelle Mortimer have left their job on Lundy where they also acted as the Field Society's representatives for a number of years, we thank them for this and wish them well for the future. We welcome Mary Gade as our new island representative.

I am sure that all our members will join in expressing appreciation for the warm welcome that we receive from those who live on Lundy and in thanking the Landmark Trust for their continuing hospitality.

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