

## HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1990

Under the guidance of our new Treasurer Ian Lovatt, who took up the post at the beginning of this year, we are moving all our membership information onto a computer database. This is by no means straightforward as the existing manual systems are well established, having been evolved over the past forty-five years. We are most grateful to Ian for giving us such positive guidance in this area, although we regard it as important not to lose any of the advantages of our previous system.

On page forty-four of our thirty-sixth Annual Report, details were given regarding the setting up of the Lundy Marine Consultation Group with secretarial services supplied by the Field Society. This year the group expressed a wish that the Society should continue with these duties and this we are pleased to do, with Robert Irving undertaking the task on our behalf.

The Field Society regard working parties as a most important and positive way of demonstrating our determination to work closely and constructively with the Landmark Trust (working party members required, see page 8). Five LFS working parties visited the island in 1990; four of these can be described as routine involving off-season stints of a week's duration. The fifth, developed by Andrew Gibson (Warden) and John Morgan, was the first high-season short-notice party. In addition to thanking them and all participants, we also thank Helen Cole and Gordon Vaughan for their organisation and leadership.

Dr John Schofield and his wife Janet took on the editorship of the Annual Report at the beginning of 1990 and this represents their second edition. Readers will notice a number of changes to the appearance of the volume, and the Field Society and the editors would like to thank John Dyke for providing a new map for inside the rear cover and John Dyke and Robert Irving for the illustration on the front. Although the drawing is John's, Robert provided the idea for a simpler illustration. Thanks also go to Chris Webster for helping to produce the new layout for the front cover.

John Schofield has continued his archaeological investigations on the island with some financial support from the Society, while Tony Taylor continued to coordinate bird ringing on Lundy. He is particularly thanked for his expert guidance on these and other associated matters.

After a short but very busy time as Sales Manager Jane Maggs retired from this post for domestic reasons; Tony Parsons retired after three years as a committee member and both are thanked for their services. John Morgan was elected as a member of the committee as was Richard Campey, the latter for a second consecutive period of three years.

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