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Chairman's Remarks - Trust Annual Report 1986

Council Members and Officers. There have been several changes during the year. In January George Burnett was co-opted to the Council and now chairs the Development Control Committee. Julie Macpherson, who has done a very long stint as Hon. Membership Secretary, has recently handed over this task to Commander B. Tower. We are enormously grateful to her for all that she has done over the years and I believe that we can still count on the assistance of her computer for address labels. Stephen Coates has been succeeded as Assistant Hon. Treasurer by Mrs. Liz Meredith, and Mark Savidge has become Hon. Publicity Officer.

George Swift, Robert Adam and John Thorn have indicated their wish to resign from the Council at the Annual General Meeting.

As Hon. Manager of the Heritage Centre, George Swift has held one of our most onerous and time-consuming appointments and it would be difficult to overstate the value of his contribution. At the end of July he was succeeded as Hon. Manager by Alan Cooke. Whilst he wishes to resign from the Council, he will remain, to our great relief, on the Management Committee of the Heritage Centre.

Robert Adam finds it increasingly difficult to spare time from his architectural practice and feels that he also must resign. He has been of the greatest help to the Trust and, in particular, has been responsible for instigating and organising the Winchester Preservation Trust Design Awards which are now an established annual event. In addition, as a result of his initiative, we have this year instituted a Measured Drawing Prize for architectural students.

Due to increasing involvement in other appointments, John Thorn has decided, to our great regret, that he must stand down. We hope that both he and Robert Adam will rejoin the Council one day when their other commitments permit.

We were particularly delighted to see Nick McPherson, whose accident was referred to in the last Annual Report, resume an active role on the Council.

As always, we are extremely grateful to our Hon. Secretary, Gill Graham, to all our Officers and to those who serve on the various Committees. The Trust could not function without them.

Membership. We now have some 800 individual and 22 corporate members. The steady expansion in our numbers is satisfactory but we believe that a considerable additional increase is desirable. Added numbers lend weight to our views when we express them to the authorities, increase our income and add to the pool of expertise

and activity within the Trust. The most effective means of recruitment is by word of mouth and we do ask members, therefore, to do all that they can to persuade others to join.

It is not always easy for the Council to be sure that it is in tune with the members and we would like to see increased communication with our membership. This can take various forms. As usual, the Chairmen of our Committees and other Officers will be available at the Annual General Meeting and will be glad to answer questions and receive suggestions. Our Newsletter is now published on a regular basis three times a year and letters from members (and others) are always welcome. It is also, perhaps, worth reminding members that there is now a Members' Room at the Heritage Centre where the Trust's comments on planning applications and other correspondence and documents are available, and thus members can keep abreast of views which the Trust has expressed on various matters.

The Future. The activities of the Trust during the last year are described elsewhere in this Report. In the near future our most important concerns are likely to be:

The re-development of the Central Car Park site. A Brief, prepared by the City Council, is shortly to go out to developers. Public comment will be invited at the third stage of the competition on up to four schemes which the Council will select from those submitted by the entrants. In our view the public should have been given an opportunity to comment on the Brief itself and we canvassed strenuously, but unsuccessfully, to this effect. We feel that a valuable opportunity was lost and we have some reservations about the Brief itself. Nevertheless, we shall do all we can to ensure that the scheme finally selected for this re-development, which is a most important one, is as good as it can possibly be in the circumstances.

The M3 Motorway. We understand that the 1985 Inquiry Inspector's Report was delivered some months ago to the Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment. Their decision is expected by the end of this year.

Peninsular Barracks. During the year the Light Division Depot moved to Flowerdown. There is, however, no news as yet on the redevelopment of this 15-acre site in the centre of the City, which will be of not only local, but of national importance.

David Middleditch

Archives Committee - Trust Annual Report 1986

The work of the Committee is concerned with the acquisition of material (mainly photographic) for the Trust's Archives and the promotion of the Trust's interests by the use of such material in exhibitions, etc.

The County Library in Jewry Street is an excellent venue for exhibitions where a prominent display area is seen by upwards of 15,000 people during a period of 4

weeks. During November members of the Committee arranged an exhibition on "The Brooks: A Heritage Lost" depicting photographs of the pre-demolition Brooks Area contrasted with a few modern scenes and supplemented by copies of old parish registers, directories, sales notices, etc. This gave an indication of the life and vitality of the area before the 1950s - a heritage now lost.

Thanks must be given to the staff of the County Record Office for their help in making material available for this exhibition. Selections from the material have also been seen in some of the smaller libraries in the area.

The Trust's archives are housed in the Winchester Library and have been used for specific research by members, particularly relating to the permanent exhibition at the Heritage Centre. Valuable additions to the stock have been made, particularly by the copying of about 50 Salmon photographs of Winchester at the turn of the century.

The Committee Chairman is anxious to increase the scope of the archive and would welcome the loan for copying of photographs, prints, etc. of scenes, views, events, characters, buildings of Winchester and the immediate vicinity. This work can be carried out within a few days or even while you wait if an appointment is made, and causes no damage or deterioration to the original.

Landscape Committee - Trust Annual Report 1986

For several years we had a Trees Committee which monitored planning applications, conducted surveys and gave advice on tree planting. Since it was found that the scope of the Committee was broadening to include problems of landscape as a whole, it was felt appropriate in 1984 to change the name of the Committee to its present title.

Members will recall from last year's Report that concern was expressed about the river wall repairs in The Weirs. The Trust made various representations and it is disappointing to find that the work, which is now nearly complete, includes an ugly tarmac path and crude safety barrier.

During the year the Committee has endeavoured to look at different parts of the City's landscape, to note what is there and what is lacking, and it has started to record and to note places where new planting would be an improvement. It hopes to interest residents' associations in the landscape of their own districts and make suggestions for improvements, and steps in this direction have already been taken.

The £25 donation from the Richmond Society will be used for a Red Oak to be planted in November by our President, Mrs. Barbara Carpenter Turner, at the Park end of Park Avenue.

The Committee has been fortunate to have the help of the City's Landscape Architect, Mr. Julian Davis, at its meetings.

The Heritage Centre - Trust Annual Report 1986

The most important event of the year was the opening of the permanent exhibition "Discover the City" on 3rd May by Lord Briggs of Lewes. This was the culmination of three years' hard work by the Commitee and by a number of members and helpers. The Exhibition, which was designed by Michael Quinion Associates and largely financed by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, does great credit to all concerned. Until recently, attendances were somewhat disappointing, but they are increasing steadily now that the Exhibition is becoming better known.

It was necessary to close the Centre whilst "Discover the City" was being assembled, but prior to this two highly successful exhibitions were held, the "Railway Exhibition" and and exhibition of "Victorian Costume and Items of Working Life", both of which attracted considerable numbers of visitors.

Additionally, several successful book-sales have been held at the Centre, which also provides the venue for meetings of the Council of the Preservation Trust and its various Committees and for some of the talks of the Urban Studies Committee.

Looking to the future, the immediate concern of the Committee will be to increase the utilisation and income of the Heritage Centre. Costs of getting the building into a state good enough to house the exhibition and loss of income during the period when it was closed have eroded our resources and we need to provide for inevitable repair bills in the future. The Committee, therefore, will be concentrating on developing new ideas to generate funds and to increase awareness of the Centre generally. The year has been one of considerable achievement and it is now necessary to keep up the momentum.

At the end of July Dr. George Swift was succeeded as Hon. Manager by Alan Cooke. George Swift has been a tower of strength and our grateful thanks are due to him, as they are to all our helpers and in particular our Voluntary Duty Officers without whom the Heritage Centre could not operate at all. We always need more, and help in this direction would be especially welcome.

Development Control - Trust Annual Report 1986

Chesil Street Redevelopment - Bridge Street Offices

The principal work of the Committee continues to be the examination of the weekly lists of planning applications to the City Council. We submit our comments to the Council, wherever the intervention of the Trust seems called for, either against or in support of a particular application. We try to heed the opinions, not only of our own Committee or of the Council of the Trust, but also of any Trust members who let us know their views. Our two Panels, one dealing with commercial applications, the other with residential properties, are led by Frank Chippindale and John Kingdon. We owe much to their hard work and efforts on our behalf.

Since last year's Report, the Trust has received a further presentation from the architects of the Chesil Street development, now somewhat reduced in size. We have also continued to discuss with the Planning Authority the development of the Henly site on the corner of St. Thomas and St. Swithun Streets. Both of these developments are now going ahead.

60/61 Colebrook Street

Two more recent applications, wnich have been the subject of presentations to the Trust, are new proposals for extending the Southgate Hotel and also the City offices in Colebrook Street. The Southgate development is an imaginative one, comprising a renovation and extension of the Southgate Street frontage with a new bedroom block at the back, filling the gap between the old hotel building and the new Law Courts higher up the slope. The result will be an attractively refurbished hotel with 60 bedrooms. The Trust, whilst making a number of architectural comments, is generally in favour of the proposed development.

The proposed Council office extension requires the demolition of 60/61 Colebrook Street - the cottages featured on the cover of the December 1985 Newsletter. The Trust has registered a strong objection to this. Although the cottages are not on the current list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, the earliest deeds are a Lease and Release of 1831, which is within the period (1700-1840) when, according to the DoE, most buildings which survive in anything like their original condition qualify for listing.

The new building would fill the gap along Colebrook Street between the present City offices and No. 59.

The proposals caused much comment from the Trust. It was felt that other more imaginative solutions to the City's space problem could have been considered, and that small shops or even residential buildings along Colebrook Street might be more suitable. Also, the architecture was considered unduly fussy. On the plus side, it was appreciated that the view along Market Street would be improved.

The Committee keeps a close eye on appeals against planning decisions to the Department of the Environment. At the end of 1985 we attended a 3-day Public Inquiry into an appeal against a City Council decision not to allow No. 32 Southgate Street (the old Hampshire Club building) to be turned into offices. We supported the Council on the grounds that there were already sufficient offices in the area still seeking tenants, and that the extra car parking involved would not only increase the traffic along St. Thomas's Passage, but would remove one of the few remaining gardens behind Southgate Street. Sadly, this appeal was upheld by the Inspector, and the office conversion will now go ahead.

As the Committee continues with its routine work, it tries to concentrate on those issues which are important to members. It cannot and would not want to concern itself with every little proposal put forward, many of which indeed serve to improve the amenities of our developing City. Meanwhile, the views of members are always welcome, either verbally or in writing, about any planning application which arouses their concern.

Programme of Lectures, Walks and Visits - Trust Annual Report 1986

Thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Mrs. Brit Croft, our Hon. Programme Co-ordinator, members have had a very full and varied programme of activities.

Six evening lectures were given during the winter at St. Lawrence Parish Room. Alan Blanc, Dip.Arch., ARIBA, gave a fascinating talk on "The Care and Repair of Historic Gardens", widely illustrated and very much appreciated by his audience. David Anstis, M.Arch., ARIBA, visited us from Chichester and lectured on "Idendity and Design" with excellent slides. John Holder, M.Sc., from Hampshire County Council's Recreation Department, talked about "The Royal Victoria Country Park", a subject of much local interest. We may arrange a visit to the Park when work on the Tower is completed. George Perkin, Dip.Arch, ARIBA, Editor of the 'Concrete Quarterly', spoke on "Modern Architecture Around the World Today". This was a return visit by popular request and greatly enjoyed, as was a talk by Professor R. L. Barclay, OBE, ARIBA, on "Conservation and Development: Zanzibar and the East African Heritage". Finally, we were fortunate to have a lecture by Professor Martin Biddle, MA, FSA, on "Archaeology, History and the Winchester Volumes", which was followed by a lively discussion which ranged well beyond the subject of the lecture.

A visit to the Royal Naval Dockyard at Portsmouth planned in April had to be cancelled due to security restrictions following the Libyan crisis. This was a great disappointment since the architecture of the Dockyard is fascinating and we were privileged in that the visit was arranged specially for us by the Royal Navy. We hope very much that it will be possible to re-arrange this visit next year and, in view of this, an evening talk by Dr. R. Riley on the Royal Naval Dockyard, which will take place on 15th January, will be of particular Interest.

Closer to home, an evening visit in glorious weather to Merdon Castle was enjoyed by over 50 members. An archaeological walk along Winchester's Defences conducted by Mr. Ken Qualmann, City Archaeologist, and a vist to Winchester College conducted by Mr. J. Stow were both highly successful. The tour of the more unusual aspects of the Cathedral, led by Mrs. Corinne Bennett, the Cathedral Architect, has become a traditional feature in our programme and was an unforgettable experience for the twelve members fortunate enough to secure a place.

By the time this Report is in members' hands there will have been a visit to the new Military Establishment at Flowerdown and a tour of the Cathedral Close led by our President.

The Sherborne Society asked us for help in arranging a tour of Winchester and their visit took place in June. They wished to see some of the less familiar aspects of the City, including some examples of the Preservation Trust's achievements. After entertaining them at the Heritage Centre, we provided guides for a walk which included St. John's Street, St. Peter Chesil Church, The Weirs, Wolvesey Palace and Winchester College, and they were treated to a sumptuous tea by the Hon. Programme Secretary. We are arranging a visit to Sherborne in 1987, and this should be a very worthwhile event.

Any programme is a matter of trial and error and not all events are as popular as others. Broadly, the emphasis is on Winchester and Hampshire, but not exclusively so, and the aim is to give members the opportunity of talks, walks and guided visits not otherwise available to them. We welcome members' views on the programme,

critical or constructive, and in particular their suggestions for events to be included in future programmes.

Urban Studies Committee - Trust Annual Report 1986

The title of this Commitee is a legacy of the original intention, several years ago, to establish in Winchester an Urban Studies Centre linked with the national network of such Centres.

There are now six activities, mainly concerned with Winchester streets and buildings.

Lunch time talks at the Heritage Centre on the 2nd Tuesday in September, October and November - see Summer Newsletter.

Educational activities for children following the successful Brooks Trail in 1986.

Lectures and visits to new buildings. The Trust is associated with Winchester City Council's "Time for Design" Initiative. The proposed theme for the current session is Housing, Design, Furnishing and Landscaping.

Meetings related to exhibitions on the upper floor of the Heritage Centre.

The present exhibition on the High Street, with photographs of old and new buildings will be displayed for two months. During October, times, day and evening, have been allocated for informal "do you remember?" meetings when well known local residents will start the gossip flowing.

Members are urged to visit the Centre soon to add their names to the listed dates as accommodation is limited to 20. Sessions for members and friends will be held on Friday 10th October at 6.30 p.m., Friday 17th October at 10.30 a.m. and Friday 24th October at 2.30 p.m.

Publication of booklets on Winchester streets. The fourth is likely to be St. Thomas, Symonds and Little Minster Streets. Any historic details from members will be welcomed.

A slide transparency collection is to be established, mainly of Winchester buildings and events. Initially an indexed file, and description, will be for one thousand slides, providing a useful visual reference to be available on loan. Offers have already been received, and the Trust would welcome any spare slides which members care to donate.

Town Planning Committee - Trust Annual Report 1986

In the last Annual Report we were able to enthuse over the recently published Winchester Area Local Plan as a very good basis for real progress in Winchester. It seemed that years of patient argument had at long last prevailed and we were able to congratulate the Planners on their courage in taking a fundamental change of direction. Sadly, we must now report that we are very disturbed by signs of backsliding into the old 1960s orthodoxy. Progress towards an improved Winchester now seems less likely because of the City Council's attitude to development of the Central Car Park, and a return to the bad old days of not inviting public participation until all the important decisions have been taken.

The Winchester Area Local Plan Inquiry. As we shall explain later, the heart of our argument with the City Council lies in different interpretations of some of the findings of the Public Inquiry into the WALP. The Trust submitted three papers to the Inquiry on the subjects of Offices and Employment Restraint, the Peninsular Barracks site, and General Transport Strategy.

Offices. Along the lines of the Discussion Paper on the subject published previously by the Trust, we expressed the view that offices actually earn most of Winchester's bread and butter and are, in many cases, more benign in regard to traffic generation and the quality of the built environment than most other activities (especially shopping, essential as it is in other respects to the well-being of the City). We did not, therefore, see the City's proposed blanket ban on all office development as either reasonable or likely to withstand developers' appeals to the Secretary of State. We did, however, point to particular worries with office developments, concerning scale and density of infill and the insidious growth of office deserts as single land-use areas. As a remedy we suggested a far more defensible policy of zonal planning control in which maximum limitations would be placed on size, density and proportion of a particular land-use. While it was accepted at the Inquiry that such controls were feasible, the Planners resisted the idea on the grounds of complexity, and the Inspector agreed. However, she also rejected the Planners' blanket control policy, so that the City is left with no new method of control, while its existing powers are being steadily eroded by adverse appeal decisions, which reflect the Government's policy of minimal restraint on commercial activity. A recent decision in Southgate Street extends the Westgate area office desert and demonstrates the unfortunate impotence of the present planning controls. On this subject, therefore, we broadly agreed with the City about ends but not about means.

Peninsular Barracks. The Peninsular Barracks Brief was not an allowable matter for discussion at the Inquiry, though the principles of development were debated. The Trust put the argument that the strategic consequences of the development of this very remarkable site had not been adequately investigated, particularly in relation to tourism and the other major development site in and around the Central Car Park. In hindsight our presentation lacked force and conviction, expressing our fears regarding the development without delivering constructive argument for alternatives. Like everyone else, we have spent too little time on this immensely important subject.

General Transport Strategy. The Trust concentrated most effort into its submission on the more immediate problem of the proposed development of the Central Car Park, and it is in relation to this subject that our grave concern for the future of

Winchester now lies. The Trust submitted that as the Council had abandoned the highway building policies of the previous draft Plans for the City, it was in a position to experiment at improving the appearance and quality of life in the central area of the town. We argued that traffic was the key to this and that traffic is largely governed by parking provision, so that the logical experiment would involve the progressive removal of parking reached by streets where traffic is most in conflict with pedestrians, to nearby areas where the problem is less severe.

This cautious approach would have tied in nicely with the City's published intention to commission a monitoring study of the effects of the Plan, and with the tradition of incremental change which is the essence of Winchester's character. Further potential for improvement could be discerned in coupling some simple Park and Ride scheme with the experiment. It was not to be. The Inspector clearly saw the potential for experimentation, but concurred with the Planners' view that the experiment might be economically risky, even though their own proposals involved the more sudden removal of the majority of the existing car parking spaces for 3 years while the development took place. Our greatest disagreement was with the plan to bring back all these spaces into a new multi-storey car park in the centre of the town, thus perpetuating all the unpleasantness of massed traffic in streets which should be dominated by pedestrians. The Inspector, herself a Planner, whilst showing some sympathy for our views, could not perceive the illogicality of this throw-back in policy any more than could the City Planners. However, she acknowledged the basic correctness of the argument by supporting our plea that, at the very least, the Council should investigate the practicability of reversible parking provision on the central site. That is to say that a multi-storey car park on this site should if possible be designed so that it could be converted to other uses when the time comes for excluding all but essential vehicles from the surrounding roads. This recommendation went unheeded in the draft brief.

Amongst other things, the Inspector also recommended that when the actual brief for the development of the Central Car Park had been prepared, the people of Winchester should be allowed ample opportunity to express their views on what they wanted on the site. In doing so she echoed a firm commitment to this effect given by the City Council before the Inquiry.

The Brooks Development Brief. After studying the Inspector's Report, we reluctantly accepted that incremental development of the area was a lost cause due to economic pressures, but we continued to take the view that parking, other than for service vehicles and the disabled, should be excluded from the site. Not only do we oppose general parking for the environmental reasons already mentioned, but because we believe that the site cannot be developed to the standards of excellence this position warrants - either socially or aesthetically - if weighed down by the inclusion of 350 car parking spaces (an increase of 64 on the present number!) in a building which the developers would have to provide at their own expense. We strongly suspect that there are those in the Planning Department, as we know there are in the City Council, who share this view, but it is a brave Officer who will speak against the tide of establishment thinking. One thing seemed hopeful to us, and that was the knowledge that the whole matter would receive a public airing before the developers were issued with a brief.

It was therefore with complete amazement that we received news at the very last moment that the Council would decide the brief and make the first selections of developers' schemes without further reference to the public. Only when narrowed to a choice of four finished schemes would the people of Winchester have a chance to comment. When we expressed our amazement we were told that the "ample" public participation in the "proposals" envisaged by the Inspector was fully met by participation in the Winchester Area Local Plan (before the brief had been drafted), and the provision for comment on the four selected schemes (when there would no longer be any opportunity to influence what went into them). It was too late to do much about what still seems to us, at best, a most curious "interpretation" of the Inspector's words, but we were heartened to see how narrow was the majority in the City Council for this process to go ahead unchanged.

Our hopes must lie in the opportunity to influence the outcome during the months to come, by continued reasoned argument to anyone who will listen. The Brief has some good points, but in its present form it also has the seeds of mediocrity, if not complete failure.

Facilities for pedestrians. To end on a hopeful note, we can report that during discussions with the City's Chief Engineer and the Police about vehicle abuses like pavement mounting, and traffic bias at pedestrian crossing points such as the Southgate Street traffic lights, we discovered much in common. The Police, while agreeing with us, must unfortunately give priority to other matters, but recognise that public irritation over pavement parking may lead to this being given greater priority in the future. The City Engineer entirely agrees with the need for greater pedestrian dominance of central area streets and hopes that when funds permit, resurfacing in the lower part of the High Street and elsewhere may help to establish the change to pedestrian priority which is already taking place. He has also tried to persuade the County Council (which rules on this particular subject) that there should be a pedestrian crossing phase at traffic lights wherever the need is self-evident.

Hon. Treasurer's Report for the year ended April 1986 - Trust Annual Report 1986

I am pleased to report that the Trust's financial health remains good and that although expenses continue to climb, our revenue increases at the same time.

Income. Our total income increased by 7.7% or £304 during the year, which is of course only just ahead of inflation. However, the most satisfying aspect of our receipts was an increase of £554 (32%) in our subscription income. This is our life blood and the continued efforts to increase membership are essential to ensure that these annual improvements are maintained. Interest income was some 25% higher at £2,594. The deposit previously held by the Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust is now earning well on an investment account.

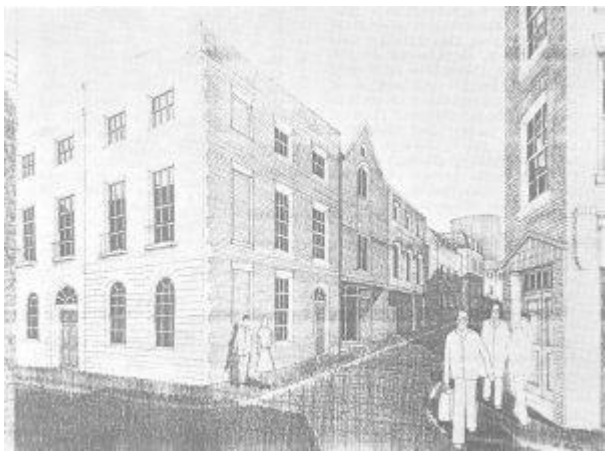
Expenditure. Total expenses were up £807 (17.7%) on the previous year. However, these costs were all as approved by Council, by budget or by subsequent allocation. Running costs are well contained by all Committees and especially our Secretary.

Income from all sources exceed our normal expenditure by £1,400. However, the Trust agreed to absorb some of the additional expenses of the establishment of the permanent exhibition in the Heritage Centre which were in excess of the grants received from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, and this results in the drop in the excess of income over expenditure when viewed against last year. When the results from the Heritage Centre, including the bookshop, are included, then we have a deficit of £208. However, as you will note from the accounts, a decision was made last year to write-off to depreciation the fixtures and fittings in the Heritage Centre by 30th April 1986. Hence there has been a particularly high charge of £1,149 this year.

Balance Sheet. The small deficit mentioned above results in a similar drop in the Trust's total assets. The Balance Sheet does conceal a considerable hidden reserve in fixed assets where our property at 24 Canon Street is valued at £12,000 only. In accordance with previous decisions, the property will be revalued for Balance Sheet purposes every five years with the next valuation due in 1988. With vacant possession the property has a current market value of at least £40,000.

Heritage Centre. The high depreciation charge on the fixtures and fittings at the Centre has resulted in a shortfall in income over expenditure of £1,187. However, the results do underline the need for the Centre to redouble its fund-raising efforts. The shop again produced a satisfactory result in terms of profit. However, the sharp fall in sales of 34% is disappointing and I know the Management Committee will be seeking the support of all members to help retrieve the ground that has been lost. The Balance Sheet for the Centre reflects the impact of the deficit as a result of the depreciation. The life blood of the Trust is its members and we must all make it our duty to ensure that we enrol at least one new member each year.

David Weait



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Committees - Trust Annual Report 1986

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