

# Community Service Council for Durham County Limited



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## Foreword

by

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

I am very happy to contribute an introductory paragraph to this stimulating Report. It presents a picture of unemployment which must call forth sympathy, and it presents a record of service to the unemployed which shews how sympathy may wisely express itself.

It is our duty to keep our minds steadily upon this problem. Not all of us can follow with competent judgment discussions of the causes of unemployment; but all of us can appreciate its effect and the value of efforts to remedy or to mitigate these. This the Report signally helps us to do. Unemployment is the testing point of our contemporary civilisation. All citizens ought to feel concerned about it; all ought to wish for more knowledge to guide their expression of that concern either as private persons or as citizens shaping public opinion and by their votes affecting political action. Here is just such stimulus and food for thought as we all need.

*William Ebor.*

February 24th, 1936.



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## Introduction.

**I**N the County of Durham, excluding the Tyneside Towns, 92,000 men are registered as unemployed, 30% of the insured population of the area. These figures, however, do not give an adequate idea of the real gravity of the situation, which is revealed by the fact that 34,000 men have been out of work for over two years, 20,000 for more than three, and 10,000 for more than four. Among the mining towns and villages those of the South West Durham Coal-field are the most depressed, and there are many places where from 50 to 80% of the working population are out of work. Coal is in many places worked out, and the area has little hope for the future ; indeed the *Times* Correspondent wrote " No amount of general trade recovery can ever cure their plight, because their sole industry is not depressed, but dead." The fall in the total of unemployed throughout the country has not affected the position in the North-east to any appreciable extent. On June 24th, 1929, there were some 80,000 on the register for Tyneside and Durham, and by June, 1932, this figure had reached the total of 196,000. In May of last year it had been reduced to 160,000. In other words there are still twice as many men unemployed in this area as there were in 1929, and only 30,000 less than at the worst period. It will be seen that what is called the hard core of unemployment, men suffering from prolonged periods without work, is concentrated in a relatively small geographical area, an area in fact which presents the " Special Problem."

The beauty of the countryside very often belies the tragic conditions from which the County is suffering. It still wears a predominantly pastoral aspect, occasionally a long row of houses and a pit with its chimneys and heaps stand out on the ridge of a hill against the sky. But the numerous developments which crowd the map, and cause the district to be shown with a blob of black on school atlases, fall quietly and unobtrusively into the scene. Unfortunately housing in the County is bad and the average village reminds the visitor of nothing so much as a slum in one of the great cities. Long rows of old houses, often with privies across the back street in a shocking rank. At times one comes across a single row of these houses far from anywhere ; no amenities of any kind, no shops, no church, nothing to show that the agglomeration is a community and not just part of a slum transplanted from a big town. Such are Eden Pit, Tudhoe Law and Witton Park.



It is not our province to describe the economic and political causes of this distress. When an area is almost entirely dependent on one industry which ceases to employ men in anything like their original numbers, the results will be far more deadly than in a district, such as Birmingham, where there are over a hundred alternative industries and skill is readily transferable.

What is known as the "Unemployment Problem," can, in effect, be divided into its causes and the effects. The former is primarily an economic and political issue, the latter personal and social. Some little time ago publicity was given to alternative theories concerning the amount of food necessary to support life and its cost. The importance of both theories was academic, as they dealt not with men and women as they exist to-day, but with an ideal type laid up in Heaven, at any rate not in the County of Durham. The miner's wife does not cater according to a formula divorced from local conditions and individual needs, she buys and feeds according to her knowledge and position as well as she is able, and if there is not sufficient to go round she is the first to feel the lack. Mr. Malcolm Stewart in his first report (CMD. 4957) states "whatever agreement or disagreement there may be amongst medical experts as to malnutrition, it is quite certain that any person with average powers of observation, who studies the faces of these men, could not fail to see that there is something definitely wrong." The trouble is not purely physical; prolonged unemployment reduces mental and nervous energy, produces lack of skill, lack of interest and ultimately a condition of apathy that requires more than a prospect of paid employment to restore its subject to normal. The mind rusts as well as the body for lack of occupation. No statistics can measure this evil and no cursory visit to a special area will disclose its extent. It is not the function of the Community Service Council to solve the economic causes of unemployment, but it believes that it can help in the work of alleviating what the King has called "The intolerable nightmare of unemployment." It believes that there is a possibility of fruitfulness in this sterile idleness, some measure of victory in this defeat.

During the last two years and more particularly during the last nine months there have grown up in the County of Durham what are known as Service Clubs. Chiefly their purpose is to enable men to use their enforced idleness so that it may be of some profit to themselves and to the community in which they live. They are not intended to be an alternative to normal industrial employment but are designed so that men may maintain their morale towards the day when they can once more take their place in industry. There are now about 60 of these clubs established for men and some 36 for women. Twelve thousand

men and women have decided that a way lies open to them which may be trod with self respect and profit. Banded together, and financed not only by their own efforts but by much voluntary assistance from the south, they are engaged in a range of activities which includes handicrafts of all types, physical training, athletics, choirs, drama groups, W.E.A. classes, allotments and work for those in even more unfortunate circumstances than themselves. Through the movement runs a thread of sturdy independence and local pride and slowly becoming more manifest is the realization that when work comes it will be for shorter hours for all men and that the experience in the use of leisure gained in the Clubs will be of value under such conditions.

It is a problem which the North would like to solve for itself, but it is not only a northern responsibility. Its plight is due to causes quite beyond its control and the very factors which have brought relative prosperity to other parts of the country have contributed to its depression.

## Club Activities.

Once a club has been built, there is scope for the gradual widening of the members' interests in a variety of occupations. But in the initial stages they are more concerned in the equipment and furnishing of the club premises, rather than in activities of less immediate practical value. As a result woodwork takes priority over the other occupations, but these other interests are not delayed, and almost every club in the County is now equipped for cobbling and upholstery, as well as for carpentry, while dramatic work, singing and discussion classes are being extended as quickly as possible. The effectual limit to the number of activities which may be followed in the clubs is not yet in sight, though as yet there has been little time for specialisation and experiment in many subjects which ought to become part of the regular club programme.

### HANDICRAFTS.

Many men have unexpected talents which can be discovered if time and opportunity permit. The Service Clubs exist to provide this opportunity for those who have time for study or for the exercise of skill and craftsmanship. The Clubs provide the facilities and equipment and the Community Service Council provide a certain number of skilled instructors. In almost every Club



there is to be found a group or groups engaged in this activity. Work has been accomplished which reflects considerable credit on the men who, with little previous experience and working with the most economical materials have produced objects of real beauty. Classes have been organised in the following : Woodwork, upholstery, boot-repairing and cobbling, weaving, rugmaking, and simple tapestry work ; french polishing (in conjunction with woodwork), woodcarving, simple designing, sea grass work for stools and seats.

#### "KEEP FIT" MOVEMENT.

We in England are very far behind Scandinavia and other European countries in our neglect of physical training in all its forms. It may be that the Keep Fit movement which has been started in the Service Clubs in the country has in it a germ of a national movement for regular physical recreation. There are now 40 Centres in the county which have physical training groups as part of their functions under the instruction of the Community Service Council. The standard of work accomplished is often remarkably high, and the difference in the men's physique which is noticeable after they have been members of these groups is marked. In many cases the group is linked up with the football and cricket teams associated with the Club. To make the best use of these, two Football Leagues have been formed this winter exclusively for teams from the Social Clubs.

#### EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

The various Adult Education classes provided by local authorities and voluntary organisations have in the past very often failed to attract many of those whom we most wish to reach. A possible explanation of this has been the fact that whenever the expenses of this form of education have been met either wholly or partially by statutory funds, the necessary regulations are apt to discourage them. As an experiment the Community Council in conjunction with the Workers Education Association and the local education authority has organised some groups in the Service Clubs who attend short courses of six lectures on subjects which have ranged from the " Historical Associations of the County " to " The Economic Position of Nyassaland. " These have proved very successful and an average attendance of 28 has been recorded at these classes. In addition the W.E.A. and the Community Council have organised One-Day and Week-end Schools for unemployed members of W.E.A. classes in the County. They have discussed such problems as " The Future of the League of Nations, " " The Purpose of Education " and kindred subjects. The average attendance at

the One-Day Schools has been 200. There are some eight tutors at present who undertake to give classes, and altogether they have given 17 courses of lectures to 9 centres since the scheme was started in November. It is hoped that these groups will eventually blossom out into W.E.A. classes and that they will be part of the normal activities of every Club in the County.

### DRAMA.

Superficially it may seem improbable that unemployed men and women would care to devote some of their enforced leisure to dramatic work, but experience has proved this not to be so. Drama is one of the most popular of the activities in both men and women's Centres, and the opportunities it affords for co-operation and self-expression have appealed to the members of Clubs all over the County. For the proper production of a play demands something from every group in the Club; actors and musicians, scene makers and painters, costume makers and designers, carpenters and joiners, stage and business managers and in fact craftsmen of all types.

In June the Community Service Council engaged a Dramatic Organiser whose work began with demonstrations and lectures on the formation of dramatic groups and on the various activities involved and very soon groups were formed who decided to develop dramatic work. Play readings were held as an introduction to acting, and many of the play reading groups have eventually produced actual plays.

A One-act play 'Geordie's Wooing,' by the Rev. Val Green was successfully produced by the Stanley group and some 3,000 Club members in the County have seen it performed. It is hoped that as the drama group in each Club gains sufficient confidence they will visit other Clubs in the County and thus not only display their talent, but encourage others to take up the same work. Naturally, there are many difficulties in the way of production, the chief obstacles being the royalties which have to be paid, and the lack of proper accommodation and stages. Considerable ingenuity however has been displayed in surmounting this latter problem and a portable set of plain coloured curtains has proved itself extremely valuable and lent dignity to the most unpromising surroundings.

It should be borne in mind that the development of drama work is probably more difficult than any other Club activity. There has been little local drama in the County, and the Club members have first to be inspired with what is to many an original idea. The choice of suitable plays is not easy, the hackneyed productions of amateur dramatic societies having little relation to the experience of life learnt in the mining villages of Durham. It is possible we shall find our



own playwrights among the members themselves, and already there are signs that this is not outside practical possibilities.

### MUSICAL AND CHORAL GROUPS.

There is a great interest in music in the County which can be developed through the medium of the Service Clubs. In many cases music has been handicapped in the past through lack both of the necessary funds and of adequate instruction, and the Community Council is endeavouring to give further assistance to what is an essential part of the life of the village.

In the main, the work has been to assist the organisation of choirs for men and women, but help has also been given to local bands which were in danger of collapse through the effects of prolonged unemployment on the financial position of their members. Experiments have also been made with the assistance of the Pipers' Guild in the making and playing of Bamboo pipes and this has aroused considerable interest in many Clubs. A special course for leaders in this activity has been held at Hardwick Hall.

The development of choral work began in October, 1935, and since that date 8 groups have been started and we confidently expect that these will be considerably augmented during the next few months. The ultimate success of a choir rests far more upon the spirit shown by the members themselves than upon the producer or amateur conductor, and experience has shown that many members of the Clubs themselves possess latent talent to be developed. There are Choirs in the Clubs at Butterknowle, Witton Park, Annfield Plain, Sunderland, Stanley, Ushaw Moor, Evenwood and Chilton.

### WOMEN'S SECTION.

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In County Durham the housewife is never unemployed, and the programme and organisation of the Women's Clubs is rather different from that of the Men's Clubs. Their object is to provide opportunities for women to use the slender resources at their disposal to a better advantage, and to enable them to use such hours of leisure as they possess in a manner that will give them some chance of self-expression and some interest and amusement.

At the beginning of 1935 there were only 13 Clubs for women in the County and the majority could not be considered more than a weekly sewing party. At the end of December, however, there were 36 Clubs established with a considerable variety of activities, including dressmaking, renovations, thrift-craft, knitting, upholstery, weaving, toy-making, quilting, embroidery, cooking and similar pursuits. The recreational programme includes Keep-Fit classes, folk-dancing, choral and dramatic groups and educational classes. For many of these classes teachers are provided by the Community Service Council, and the work is done under the direction of its permanent staff.

As a result of several Conferences to which delegates from the several Centres were invited, the Women's Clubs are now becoming more conscious both of their importance and the fact that they are part of a county, indeed, of a national movement. Inter-Club competitions and visits have been arranged and these show every sign of becoming more popular.

The wife of a man who has been unemployed for a long period inevitably suffers from a degree of nervous strain, and the Community Council have felt compelled to face this problem and to provide a place where, for at any rate a short time, women are able to escape from the course of their ordinary existence and to enjoy the rest which they undoubtedly deserve. During this year through the kindness of Mrs. Clara Tillard, of Bath, who put her house at Etherley at the disposal of the Community Council, many women were able to enjoy a 10 days' holiday. It is proposed that in 1936 this house shall be used entirely for this purpose and through the generosity of the people of Purley and Coulsdon, in Surrey, and much valuable assistance from the Commissioner for Special Areas, it is hoped that some 300 women will be able to make use of it.

The Community Council wish to take this opportunity of thanking the many local branches of the Womens' Institute for the very practical help they have given to the Clubs, not only by assisting them financially and with many material gifts, but by advice and co-operation given to new and inexperienced Clubs by an organisation of considerably wider and longer experience.

## Hardwick Hall.

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An invaluable asset to the Club movement in County Durham has been the possibility of special instruction furnished by the Residential Centre at Hardwick



Hall. The clubs are encouraged to send two or three of their members to Hardwick for a three weeks' course ; and arrangements are made whereby the unemployed man does not suffer any pecuniary loss. The aim of the course is to enable the club members on returning home to pass on what they have learnt and so supplement the work of the technical Instructors of the Community Council.

Hardwick Hall was opened as a Residential Centre for members of Service Clubs in County Durham and the North East Coast in October, 1934. For three months prior to that date, the work of cleaning, preparing and adapting the house and gardens (unoccupied for 13 years) had been carried out by unemployed men and such members of the staff as had been appointed.

Through the long years of disuse the house and grounds had suffered and ingenuity and ability were taxed to meet the daily problems of converting a private house into a residential centre with workshops, dormitories, lecture rooms and a dining hall adequate for 40 residents. This work done and the house ready, the recruiting of students became the next problem, and this proved extremely difficult—members of the Clubs were suspicious of the motive for asking them to go into residence for three weeks—was it a slave camp?—was it a dodge to get men to work for nothing?—these and similar questions were always asked and even an unreserved re-assurance was suspected.

The idea of a "residential centre" was new to most members of the Clubs and had to be very carefully tested and approved before it could be accepted—as the first hardy spirits returned they were closely questioned as to programme, food, discipline, etc. Since then a very steady progress has been maintained and Hardwick is now accepted as an integral part of the Club movement in County Durham, and there is a constant demand for more places than the Hall will accommodate.

From October, 1934, to December, 1935, 17 courses in all have been held, 13 craft courses and 4 Horticultural courses with an average attendance of 39—the length of the course of any student has varied in the case of crafts, according to the ability of the student, from three to seven weeks, and in horticulture from thirteen to twenty-six weeks.

The programme is arranged to provide regular instruction in simple crafts that can be conveniently and successfully carried on in Clubs—woodwork, upholstery, simple weaving, book-binding and toy-making. Talks and discussions on the management and development of Clubs, play-readings, lectures on the practice of craftsmanship and gardening, wireless discussion groups and miscellaneous talks and discussions fill the evenings of every course. The whole aim is to suggest to residents the possibilities of widening the scope of the activities



in their own Clubs and give some experience in the organisation of new interests.

The experimental nature and novelty of the Club movement and the impact of new ideas upon men of varying age and intelligence makes instruction an ever-changing problem. A group in any particular shop may include men from 20-50 years of age, many of whom perhaps have no idea as to why they have come. In some cases prolonged unemployment has dulled normal perceptions and sapped the instinct of curiosity—in others, particularly the young men of 19-21, intermittent employment since leaving school and the lack of continuous training have created a condition of mind and outlook unfavourable to the reception and cultivation of new interests. The problem of instruction in the shops is also the problem of the gardens, though here men generally come with some knowledge and experience of allotments or house-gardens and with a definite purpose—this, together with the longer period of residence makes the task easier and the growth of an increased alertness and sureness can be observed. The physical condition of long term residents improves markedly but it would be rash to generalise about malnutrition from that fact. Regular meals, outdoor work and the satisfaction that comes with regular occupation all contribute to bring about the improvement.

In the early part of 1935 through the generosity of the people of Hertfordshire a poultry farm and pig farm were added to the activities, and students on long courses can gain experience in three branches of "small-holding" organisation.

From the outset Hardwick has been run as a private house and with very few exceptions residents have respected the unwritten laws and the standards and tradition established by earlier students. Every course 40 men are thrown together for a time without ever having met before and have to live together in the closest contact. They boast of their own Clubs, or compare them unfavourably with others—new angles of thought, new considerations, new manners react upon them—after the early awkwardness they become a community, but a community in which no individual is "lost." So from the long boredom of idleness with its resultant and relentless crushing down of initiative and individuality a man regains a sense of his own unique personality and life becomes more vital and varied.

The rapid development of the Club movement in the area covered by the activities of the Community Service Council during 1935 has resulted in the great majority of residents being drawn from these Clubs, and by the increasing co-operation and interchange of ideas drawn from the experience of the Clubs on one hand and the peculiar opportunities of Hardwick on the other, the movement will grow and strengthen itself. Its significance grows as the problem



of unemployment is prolonged and intensified in the County—viewed from the standpoint solely of the economic solution of unemployment it may appear unimportant but in the sum of human happiness, the relief of the dreadful boredom of idleness, the release of creative energy and imagination, the spread of simple culture and the increase of common action for common welfare it will have far reaching effects.

## Holiday Camp at Seaham Harbour.

In August, 1935, 275 men from the Counties of Durham and Northumberland occupied the permanent school camp at Seaham Harbour for a fortnight. The weather could not have been better and every one enjoyed themselves to the full. Games were arranged and several matches were played against local bodies whose teams visited the camp to compete. Many of the men were instructed for the first time in throwing the javelin and discus, in single stick, and in archery.

Thanks are due for the success of the camp to so many people that they cannot all be named here, but the following rendered special service.

Messrs. H. N. A. Archer, P. Cherrington, W. B. Atkinson, Captain Buckler, and Quartermaster Hollibone ; and special thanks must be given to the Commandant and Matron of the Camp.

## Durham City and District Gardens Guild.

The Community Council has during the last year worked in very close co-operation with this body, whose concern is to assist in the development of communal gardens in the villages of County Durham. By providing expert advice in the lay-out and design of open spaces and by assistance in the form of plants and seedlings the Gardens Guild is performing a valuable function. Many of the Social Service Clubs in the County are the only public places in the village, and when possible sufficient land has been obtained in order that the ground round the Hall may be pleasantly laid out. Schemes have been completed, or are at the moment in the course of construction by voluntary

effort at :—

Belmont.	Langley Park.	Shincliffe.
Croxdale.	New Brancepeth.	Shincliffe Bank Top.
Kimblesworth and	Page Bank.	Shotton Colliery.
Plawsworth.	Pittington.	Tudhoe.
Kirk Merrington.	Shadforth.	West Auckland.
Littletown.	Sherburn.	

## The Personal Service League.

Throughout the County the local branches of the Personal Service League have worked in very close liaison with the Community Council. The Personal Service League has 46 local Committees whose concern is the distribution of clothing collected in other parts of England, or made by working parties in this County, and an average of 8,000 articles of clothing pass through the hands of the Central Committee in Durham every month. In some cases local Committees work in the Service Clubs and in others in close Co-operation with them, and the experience gained by one body is always at the disposal of the other.

## Juvenile Unemployment.

Although there is a high percentage of unemployment among adults in the County the figures for juveniles are even more alarming, 50% being on the live register of the Ministry of Labour. The psychological effects of such widespread unemployment among young people and the atmosphere in which they are growing to manhood and womanhood call for action perhaps with greater urgency than any other problem with which the County is faced. One proposed solution has been the large scale transference to more prosperous areas, but, if this is put into effect, it will be the province of the Ministry of Labour. In the meantime national organisations which are concerned with the welfare of young people are doing their best to develop their activities often in the face of very great difficulties. The Community Service Council Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee to co-ordinate these various endeavours, to prevent



wastage of individual effort and to provide for common action. Among those represented on the Committee are the Durham County Association of Boys' Clubs; The National Council of Girls' Clubs; Church Lads' Brigade; The Boys' Brigade; The Girl Guides; The Boy Scouts; The Y.M.C.A.; The Y.W.C.A.; various Juvenile Organisation Committees and The Girls' Guildry.

## Voluntary Labour Schemes.

There are few more unpleasing sights than a derelict colliery and at the moment there is no law which compels the coal owner to remove from the village this symbol of desolation. Such beauty as many villages in Durham possessed is now marred by gaunt and depressing slag heaps, coke ovens and pit heads, although the work they once represented has now departed.

In many villages the men have decided that as it is impossible for these sites to be cleared by local authorities, it must be done by the members of the community themselves. These voluntary labour schemes have a threefold value. In the first place they efface ugliness, in the second place they create a useful and often beautiful addition to the amenities of the village, and in the third place they provide an occupation which has a definite constructive value.

The financing of these schemes remains the responsibility of the Commissioner for Special Areas, but the Community Council has helped in many cases in developing the original idea and in forming the necessary organisation to complete the work. In some dozen villages the amenity scheme is linked up in some form or another with the Club and has been looked upon as part of its activities. It must be clearly understood that work is undertaken on a purely voluntary basis only when there is no possible chance of it being done by paid labour and the work accomplished must be for the benefit of the community as a whole and not for any private individual. Such schemes have been promoted at :—

Toft Hill.	Page Bank.	Wooley.
Stanley.	Spennymoor.	Grange Villa.
Howden-le-Wear.	Croxdale.	Binchester.
Annfield Plain.	Beamish and West Pelton.	Edmondsley.
Wolsingham.	Tow Law.	Sacriston.
Witton Gilbert.	South Hylton.	Sunnybrow.



King Edward laying the foundation stone of the Stanley Club.

(By courtesy of Central Press Agency).



The Amenity Scheme at Thistleflat.

(By courtesy of Durham County Advertiser).





The Pittington Gardens' Guild and their work.

Members of  
the Witton  
Gilbert Social  
Service Club  
erecting their  
hut.





The Sacriston Social Service Club.



Members of a women's club at work.





"Geordie's Wooing"  
played by the Stanley  
Dramatic Group.

It has been performed before  
over 2,000 people.

(By courtesy of  
Newcastle Chronicle).

A scene from the  
second act.



The Woodwork Shop  
at Harwick Hall.

## Durham Orthopaedic Association.

The Community Service Council has recently given shelter to a very young society—the Durham Orthopaedic Association—which has for its object the care of cripples throughout the County.

Since the war, residential Hospital-Schools have sprung up throughout England, delightful institutions where education goes hand in hand with cure, and where the whole atmosphere is one of hope and cheerfulness—for orthopaedics, “making straight children,” is a very hopeful branch of surgery.

Durham is one of the few areas which does not possess such a Hospital, and the reason can readily be found among the empty shipyards and closed pits. Now there is an opportunity to remedy this deficiency and, with the help of grants which it is hoped to obtain from the Commissioner of Special Areas and from Lord Nuffields’ Trust, to build such a Hospital-School, and equip its associated clinics, and to have an adult ward also, for in this heavily industrialised county many old accidents become orthopaedic cases. It is also hoped to provide in a whole variety of ways for the general welfare of those cripples whom the surgeon cannot even now cure. A teacher of handicrafts in the homes, a rota of kind folk who will lend their cars to take a mother and a lame child to a clinic, or a crippled lad to Hospital, chances of holidays, opportunities of training; there is no end to the plans which might be developed in Hallgarth House, if the new Association has the support of Durham people behind it in its endeavours.

The Hon. Secretaries will gladly answer enquiries about their plans and (even more gladly) receive contributions and offers of voluntary service from any one interested in the cripples of the county.

### Activities in the Centres.

<i>Club.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>		
	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	
*ANNFIELD PLAIN	50	26	MEN’S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. WOMEN’S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Knitting, Rugmaking. Singing Group. MIXED : Dramatic Group.
*BEAMISH AND WEST PELTON.	60	—	MEN’S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical Training class.



<i>Club.</i>				<i>Membership.</i>		
				<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	
*BINCHESTER	...	...	230	137		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts : Woodwork, Upholstery, Boot-repairing. Physical Training class. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Knitting, Thriftcrafts.
BISHOP AUCKLAND	...	...	108	28		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, wood-carving, Toymaking, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Physical Training class, football team. Discussion Group, W.E.A. class. Electrical work. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Knitting, Dressmaking, Thriftcrafts, Weaving. Singing.
BRASSIDE	...	...	—	28		WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Keep-fit class. Dramatics.
BURNHOPE	...	...	168	34		MEN'S SECTION ; Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training class. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Keep-fit class.
BUTTERKNOWLE	...	...	171	130		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. W.E.A. class. Ambulance class. Physical training. Singing Group. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Singing Group.
BYERS GREEN	...	...	500	136		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Upholstery. W.E.A. class and discussion group. Physical Training and Football team. Music and Drama. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Rugmaking, Knitting.
CHESTER-LE-STREET	...	...	154	—		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training. Male Voice Choir. Drama.
CHILTON	...	...	80	24		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. W.E.A. class. Physical training. Choral Society. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Rugmaking.
CONSETT	...	...	—	30		WOMEN'S SECTION : Keep-fit class.
Craghead	...	...	380	—		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Physical training.
CROOK	...	...	420	—		MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Musical Group. Physical training.

<i>Club.</i>				<i>Membership.</i>		
				<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	
DARLINGTON	...	...	—	100		WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Rugmaking. Keep-fit class.
DIPTON	...	...	...	80	45	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Upholstery.  WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Thriftcrafts, Rugmaking. Cooking classes.
DURHAM HOUSE SETTLEMENT.				40	—	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Weaving. Discussion Groups.
*EDMONDSLEY	...	...		55	60	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Discussion Group. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Rugmaking, Weaving. Keep-fit class.
EVENWOOD	...	...		120	—	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Drama. Physical training.
FRAMWELLGATE MOOR				80	95	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Furniture making. Boot-repairing. Upholstery. Physical training. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Weaving, Thriftcrafts. Discussion Group.
*GRANGE VILLA	...	...		150	—	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery.
GREENSIDE	...	...		80	—	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Drama.
GREENHEAD	...	...		70	17	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Physical training. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Weaving, quilting.
HAMSTEELS (QUEBEC)	...			378	200	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Drama. Physical training. Lectures. Football team. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Rugmaking, Weaving, Basketmaking, Keep-fit class. Discussion.
HELMINGTON ROW	...			178	30	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Upholstery. Physical training. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking.



<i>Club.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>				
	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>			
HOLMSIDE ... ..	137	63			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Weaving, Leather-work, Upholstery, Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Book-binding. Discussion Group. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Weaving, Matmaking, Upholstery, Toymaking. MIXED : Dramatic Group.
*HOWDEN-LE-WEAR ...	120	39			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Physical training. Drama. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Thriftcraft. Drama.
KIRK MERRINGTON ...	50	—			
LEAMSIDE ... ..	50	—			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training, Listening Group, Football team.
NEW BRANCEPETH ...	120	—			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Physical training.
NEW WASHINGTON AND USWORTH.	87	27			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery, Weaving. Physical training. Drama. Lectures. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking. Keep-fit class.
*PAGE BANK ... ..	100	—			
PITY ME ... ..	100	—			
RYTON ... ..	95	—			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery, Weaving.
*SACRISTON ... ..	470	39			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Drama. Physical training. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking.
SHILDON I. ... ..	—	45			WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Thriftcrafts.
SHILDON, II. ... ..	—	78			WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Thriftcraft.
*SOUTH HYLTON ... ..	233	179			MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training. Drama. Con- certs. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts.

<i>Club.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>		
	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	
*STANLEY ... ..	190	128	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Drama. WOMEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Dressmaking, Thriftcrafts. Choral Society. MIXED : Choir.
SUNNISIDE ... ..	84	—	MEN'S SECTION : Handicrafts ; Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training.
SUNDERLAND (SIX CLUBS)			
ROKER AVENUE ...	350	70	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. General Engineering. Physical training. Discussion Groups. WOMEN'S SECTION : Sewing, Rugmaking, Keep fit. Drama.
SOUTH DURHAM STREET.	200	240	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Upholstery, Boot-repairing. WOMEN'S SECTION : Keep-fit. Music. Drama. Dressmaking. First aid.
ST. POLYCARP ... ..	75	—	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot repairing.
ST. CUTHBERT ... ..	35	—	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Weaving, Keep-fit.
CHURCH ARMY ... ..	50	12	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing. WOMEN'S SECTION : Sewing, Dressmaking. Musical activities.
ST. JOHN ... ..	70	—	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Lectures, Music.
THISTLEFLAT ... ..	80	45	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training. WOMEN'S SECTION : Dressmaking, Thriftcraft.
TORONTO ... ..	156	70	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training. Drama. WOMEN'S SECTION : Dressmaking, Thriftcraft.
USHAW MOOR ... ..	177	67	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing, Upholstery. Weaving. Physical training, Football team. Bookbinding. Male Voice Choir. Drama. WOMEN'S SECTION : Dressmaking.
WASHINGTON STATION	50	25	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing. WOMEN'S SECTION : Dressmaking.



<i>Club.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>		
	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Women.</i>	
WEST AUCKLAND ...	260	62	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Upholstery, Boot-repairing. Drama. Physical training. WOMEN'S SECTION : Dressmaking. Keep-fit.
WEST BOLDON ... ..	84	—	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Bookbinding, Pottery, Weaving. Physical training. Lectures.
*WITTON GILBERT ....	170	75	MEN'S SECTION : Woodwork, Boot-repairing. Physical training. Football team. Drama. WOMEN'S SECTION : Dressmaking, Thriftcraft. Rugmaking.
WITTON PARK ... ..	—	60	WOMEN'S SECTION : Dressmaking, Sewing, Rug-making. Singing Group.

\*Denotes AMENITY SCHEME.

Though they have not been under way long enough to have any occupational activities, the following places also possess Social Service Clubs.

BEARPARK.	ESH WINNING.	TOFT HILL.
CORNSAY COLLIERY.	HUNWICK.	WEST RAINTON.
COUNDON.	LEASINGTHORNE.	WOLSINGHAM.
EAST HEDLEY HOPE.	RODDYMOOR.	
ESCOMB.		

## Acknowledgements.

The reader of this Report now knows something of the meaning of unemployment in Durham, and of the methods of the Community Service Council. But its work could not have gone forward unless assistance had come from outside. The occupational Clubs need money not only for equipment, but for adequate maintenance.

The Council must therefore express its deepest gratitude to all those who have helped it; but in particular to those bodies and organisations which have adopted Centres in Durham County. It is not only that their help with money has made possible the adequate and proper equipment of the Clubs, but that their visits and the sympathy and interest they have shown have been a very real encouragement to the people of Durham. Firm friendships have been made and new connections found between North and South.

In particular the Council must thank the Staffs of many Government Offices in Whitehall for their help ; the Hertfordshire Appeal for Durham which has adopted seven villages in this one administrative area alone ; the Sevenoaks Council for Durham Distressed Areas ; the people of Ruislip, Middlesex ; of Tonbridge, Kent ; of Castle Eaton, Wiltshire ; of Coulsdon and Purley, Surrey ; and the London Rover Scouts.

The following is a complete list of bodies which have adopted villages or Centres in Durham.

<i>Place.</i>	<i>Adopted by.</i>
BYERS GREEN.	HERTFORDSHIRE APPEAL FOR DURHAM.
BEAMISH AND WEST PELTON.	
SACRISTON.	
TORONTO.	
WITTON GILBERT.	
WEST AUCKLAND.	
GRANGE VILLA.	
NEW WASHINGTON.	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SOCIAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON STATION.	ASSOCIATION.
HOWDEN-LE-WEAR.	H.M. OFFICE OF WORKS SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.
GREENHEAD.	
THISTLEFLAT.	
USHAW MOOR.	HOME OFFICE SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.
NEW BRANCEPETH.	
HAMSTEELS.	SEVENOAKS COUNCIL FOR DURHAM DISTRESSED AREAS.
BINCHESTER.	
CHILTON.	TONBRIDGE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.
CROOK AND DISTRICT.	MINISTRY OF HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.
CROOK STANLEY.	
HELMINGTON ROW.	
SUNNISIDE.	
EVENWOOD.	BOARD OF EDUCATION SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.
TOFT HILL.	
PAGE BANK.	
TOW LAW.	LONDON ROVER SCOUTS.
BISHOP AUCKLAND.	PATENT OFFICE.



<i>Place.</i>	<i>Adopted by.</i>
BUTTERKNOWLE.	EXCHEQUER AND AUDIT DEPARTMENT.
EDEN PIT.	BEDFORD.
FRAMWELLGATE MOOR. EDMONDSLEY.	POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.
KIRK MERRINGTON.	CASTLE EATON, Swindon, Wilts.
SOUTH HYLTON.	RUISLIP SOCIAL SERVICE.
SUNDERLAND	CROWN AGENTS' SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.
"THE FIELDS," ETHERLEY.	COULSDON AND PURLEY.

The Council would like to express its profound gratitude to all those who have helped it in the course of the last year. But it would be invidious to mention them all by name.

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 All those friends who have contributed in any way to the inauguration and maintenance of Hardwick Hall.

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The Community Council is always grateful for any contribution ; but money is not its only need and every kind of assistance is welcome.

There are still several Clubs in the County who have no one to help them, and any town or village that adopted one of these would be rendering invaluable service. Voluntary helpers are required for several kinds of work, as for example, to instruct Women's Clubs in Handicrafts, and to staff summer camps for unemployed men. Those who think of giving their services should communicate with the Council and their offers will be gratefully considered.

The Women's Section needs materials and clippings for renovations and dressmaking, and would be glad to receive anything of this sort.

The Gardens Guild needs plants and garden tools. And there is a constant demand for Pianos, Wireless Sets, Newspapers, Books, and Equipment for games.



## TOW LAW UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

At Tow Law, County Durham, a venture has been undertaken with the co-operation of the Durham Community Council, the National Council of Social Service and the Commissioner for Special Areas, which will, it is hoped, result in permanent social value to a much tried Durham village.

Tow Law stands on the edge of the Durham fells, on a ridge 900 feet above the sea, and has a population of about 4,000. In the last century there was a flourishing iron foundry, long since vanished. Seven years ago the local pits were shut down and have now been dismantled. Throughout the past three years 75 per cent. of the insured population, of about 1,200 persons, have been unemployed.

Early this year a Social Service Committee was elected by a public meeting of the village and a scheme was drawn up for the formation of an occupational club and the construction of a playing field by the voluntary labour of the unemployed members of the community. Six acres of rough, sloping waste land, just below the village, were obtained. The interest of the Community Service Council for Durham County was sought, and on their recommendation the National Council of Social Service in May, 1935, made a grant of £250 for a hut to be erected by the future club members, and for tools and equipment for the purpose. Eventually, the club will be a community centre for the whole village. The Commissioner for Special Areas at the same time decided to help the playing fields scheme, by making a grant for materials, tools and working clothes. Over 200 men have set to work upon preparing the ground, which requires levelling and terracing, since it falls some thirty feet from the upper to the lower end.

The club is to be built at the upper end of the site and on the remainder the people of Tow Law intend to lay out flower beds and shrubberies, a sports ground and children's recreation ground, an open-air swimming bath and a paddling pool.

The first clearing of the site, part of which is encumbered with foundations of the old iron works, is well advanced, and it is hoped that the full scheme will be completed within two years. Tow Law will then possess a real centre of communal recreation and activity, brought into being by the efforts of its own people.

## COMMUNAL POULTRY CENTRES.

The Community Council is not responsible either for the development of small holdings or allotments in the County, this activity is directed by the County Council Agricultural Department. On the other hand in many of the villages in which Social Service Clubs have been established communal Poultry Centres which consist of approximately 5 acres and on which some 20 men have individual holdings are established. In most cases the Committee responsible for the Social Club works in very close alliance with the local Committee organising the Poultry Centre and at Grange Villa, Byers Green, West Auckland and Page Bank the Poultry Centre is being financed by the Hertfordshire Appeal for Durham County.

Byers Green  
Physical Training Class  
watching an exhibition  
of single stick.



Field Sports at  
Seaham Harbour  
Camp:  
discus and  
javelin.





These Poultry Centres have a two-fold purpose, in the first place men are able to augment their Unemployment Benefit by the sale of produce and in the second place the interest in this activity is providing many men with a satisfying occupation of considerable benefit both to their physique and their morale.

Poultry Centres have been established at the following villages in the administrative area of the Community Council :—

ANNFIELD PLAIN (No. 1).  
ANNFIELD PLAIN (No. 2).  
BELMONT.  
BINCHESTER.  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.  
BISHOP MIDDLEHAM.  
BROOMPARK.  
BURNHOPE.  
BYERS GREEN.  
CORNSAY.  
CROOK.  
DIPTON.  
ELDON.

ESCOMB.  
GRANGE VILLA.  
HEDLEY HILL TERRACE.  
HELMINGTON ROW.  
MURTON.  
NEW KYO.  
PAGE BANK.  
PELTON.  
ROWLANDS GILL.  
SACRISTON.  
SHERBURN.  
SHERBURN HILL.  
SHILDON (No. 1).

SHILDON (No. 2).  
SHINEY ROW.  
SPENNYMOOR.  
STANLEY.  
SUNDERLAND.  
THORNLEY.  
TOW LAW.  
TRIMDON GRANGE.  
WEST AUCKLAND.  
WHEATLEY HILL.  
WINGATE.  
WOOLEY.



# THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL FOR DURHAM COUNTY LIMITED.

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, Year ending 31st March, 1936.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.	£ s. d.	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.	£ s. d.
Salaries, Wages and Fees :—		Grants :—	
Administration ...	1204 17 3	N.C.S.S. General ...	2516 13 4
Organisers ...	1158 8 4	Handicrafts ...	325 0 0
	2363 5 7	Physical Training ...	450 0 0
Travelling Expenses :—		Exhibition ...	20 0 0
Administration ...	325 5 9		3311 13 4
Organisers ...	321 12 10½	VOLUNTARY MONEYS ...	501 19 3½
			3813 12 7½
Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	646 18 7½		
Centres Equipment ...	54 7 3½		
Office equipment ...	67 9 6		
Office expenses ...	206 19 11		
Postages, Telephone and Carriage	57 6 7		
Printing and Stationery ...	137 6 3		
Rent and Rates ...	72 9 0		
Wireless equipment ...	62 17 5		
Sundry expenses ...	53 0 0		
Insurance ...	32 1 7½		
Exhibition, Grant to Tyneside Council	41 19 3		
Preliminary expenses of Incorporation	20 0 0		
	30 0 0		
P. T. KIT AND TOOLS :—			
Grants to Centres ...	118 4 0	GRANT :—	
		N.C.S.S. P.T. Kit, etc,	200 0 0
CAMP ACCOUNT :—			
Maintenance, Transport, etc., for Camp held at Seaham Harbour ...	320 1 5	CAMP ACCOUNT :—	
		Grant—N.C.S.S.	150 0 0
		Men's Contributions ...	144 18 2
			294 18 2
OTHER PAYMENTS :—		OTHER RECEIPTS :—	
N.C.S.S. Grant to Brasside refunded ...	75 0 0	Brasside S.S.C. ...	75 0 0
	4359 6 5½		
	24 4 4		
Balance—Surplus of Income over Expenditure	£4383 10 9½		£4383 10 9½

## BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Sundry Creditors ...	58 13 0½	Sundry Debtors ...	2 18 4
Revenue Account, 31.3.1935 ...	466 17 2	Cash at Bank ...	519 16 2½
Add—Surplus for year, as per Income and Expenditure Account ...	24 4 4	Cash in hands of Officers ...	27 0 0
	491 1 6		546 16 2½
	£549 14 6½		£549 14 6½



# THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL FOR DURHAM COUNTY LIMITED.

## EDUCATION AND WOMEN'S WORK ACCOUNT.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, Year ending 31st March, 1936.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
EDUCATION ACCOUNT.	£	s. d.	EDUCATION ACCOUNT.	£	s. d.
Grants to Institutions, etc. ...	582	19 8	Grants—N.C.S.S. ...	1250	0 0
Books, Plays, Records, etc. ...	90	7 6	N.C.S.S. Summer School ...	150	0 0
Conference Expenses ...	56	0 5½			
Travelling Expenses of Delegates etc. ...	65	9 2			1400 0 0
Salary of Organiser ...	176	0 0			
Summer School ...	150	0 0			
		1120 16 9½			
WOMEN'S WORK.			WOMEN'S WORK.		
Wages of Organisers ...	464	15 2	Grants—N.C.S.S. ...	1300	0 0
Fees of Instructresses ...	204	13 3			
Centres Equipment ...	189	8 9			
Holiday Homes ...	109	3 8			
Travelling Expenses of Organisers ...	96	13 1			
		1064 13 11			
THE FIELDS, ETHERLEY.			THE FIELDS, ETHERLEY.		
Maintenance, Subsistence, etc. ...	30	2 5	Grants—N.C.S.S. ...	313	6 8
Lighting, Heating, etc. ...	4	16 9	Herts. Grant ...	200	0 0
Salaries and Wages ...	25	17 1	Purley and Coolsdon Grants ...	200	0 0
Rents and Rates ...	5	12 1			713 6 8
Travelling Expenses ...	6	0 1			
Laundry, Sundries, etc. ...	4	6 3			
Equipment ...	19	13 2½			
Postages, Printing and Stationery ...	4	1 10			
		100 9 8½			
HALLGARTH HOUSE, DURHAM.			HALLGARTH HOUSE, DURHAM.		
Instalment on purchase ...	80	0 0	Grant from Commissioner for Special Areas	1140	0 0
Equipment ...	163	14 9			
Repairs, etc. ...	258	19 11			
		502 14 8			
		2788 15 1			
Balance—Surplus of Income over Expenditure	1764	11 7			
		£4553 6 8			£4553 6 8

### BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Sundry Creditors ...	40 2 5½	Cash in hand ...	1804 14 0½
REVENUE ACCOUNT.			
Balance from Income and Expenditure Account ...	1764 11 7		
	£1804 14 0½		£1804 14 0½





**THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL FOR DURHAM COUNTY LIMITED.**  
**HARDWICK HALL.**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, Year ending 31st March, 1936.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages	1475 10 2	GRANTS.	
Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	268 4 6	N.C.S.S. ...	1875 0 0
Postages and Telephone	34 6 2	VOLUNTARY MONIES.	
Printing and Stationery	35 4 3	Pilgrim Trust	500 0 0
Travelling Expenses	90 7 11	Herts. Grant	250 0 0
Insurance	72 7 4	Donations, etc.	55 11 2
Medical Supplies	2 19 6½		
Rates and Taxes	43 12 0	OTHER RECEIPTS.	
Food	837 13 11	Residents' fees	611 12 3
Laundry	107 2 7	Workshop materials	45 1 4
Property repairs	656 8 8	Miscellaneous	217 18 5
General equipment	148 2 3		
Garden equipment	80 3 6	Balance—Being Excess of Expenditure over	
Workshops equipment	47 6 11½	Income during the Year	918 19 6
Materials for Workshops	189 10 4		
Pigs and Poultry Scheme	344 5 10½		
Recreational activities—equipment	12 2 11		
Sundries	28 13 9½		
	£4474 2 8		£4474 2 8

**BALANCE SHEET.**

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	139 17 1	Cash at Bank	1443 8 3
Revenue Account at 31.3.35	2222 17 10	Cash in hands of Officers	0 7 2
Less Excess of Expenditure over			
Income during year	918 19 6		
	1303 18 4		
	£1443 15 5		£1443 15 5

**AUDITOR'S REPORT.**

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing revenue accounts and balance sheets with the books and vouchers of the Community Service Council for Durham County and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required, and in my opinion such accounts and balance sheets are correct according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shewn by the books of the Council.

Shire Hall, Durham,  
June, 1936.

(Signed) J. E. CLARKSON,  
Auditor.



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