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# **SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**

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President :

Lt. Col. R. S. CHIPCHASE, C.B.E., M.I.N.A.

Hon Treasurer :

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Hon. Secretary :

DAVID C. ROBERTSON, Esq.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Thursday, 23rd November, 1961, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

## **A G E N D A**

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of Minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Election of Committee Members.
7. Social Report.
8. Election of Social Committee.
9. Any other business.
10. Vote of Thanks.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961**

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 93rd Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

No calls have been made on the Brigade this year which would have enabled us to show the general public what we train for and what our duties entail. We are, of course, glad that there has been no one in such distress as to require our aid, but as long as the ships shall sail the seas our members will continue in their determination to maintain our proud record and be worthy of the town's motto "Always Ready."

## **ACCOUNTS**

We are pleased to record a small improvement in the financial position, notwithstanding that the sum of £76 7s. 10d. has been expended on repairs and maintenance to the Watch House. The expenditure in this connection has not yet been completed and repairs to the roof and further interior decorations will need to be charged against the accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1962. These repairs and decorations, whilst adding to the comfort of all who use the building, have all been necessary to prevent serious deterioration.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

We would again like to take this opportunity of thanking our honorary members and those friends mentioned in our statement of accounts, who so generously subscribe to our needs. We would particularly like to record our thanks to the Tyne Life Boat Society for their valuable donations which are received year after year.

## EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

The thanks of the Brigade are due and given to our President, Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase, and we are indeed fortunate in having been able to enjoy his experience, interest and guidance in all our affairs throughout the year. We are grateful, too, to Mr. K. J. Peacock, our Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. D. C. Robertson, our Honorary Secretary, for their assistance which they so readily give in the administration of the Brigade, and we would again express our appreciation to the members of H.M.S. Coastguard for their co-operation and assistance afforded to us throughout the year.

## G. O. NICKSON

We regret to report that owing to an illness sustained by our Senior Officer, G. O. Nickson, during the past year, he has on medical advice found it necessary to relinquish many of his duties in the Brigade. His unbounded energy, enthusiasm and zest, which characterised his work for the Brigade and social activities, are appreciated by all the members, and all those who have at any time come in contact with our work. We are extremely sorry to learn that after 30 years of loyal and devoted service as a Brigadesman and as an officer, we are no longer to see him in his usual active roles, but we are happy to record that he is well on the road to recovery and that he will maintain his interest in the Brigade.

## OFFICERS TO THE MEN

The officers once again give thanks to all members of the Brigade for the work, training and time which they have ungrudgingly given during the past year without which the high standards of efficiency and readiness could not be maintained.

It is with pride and pleasure that we have to record the attachment of the Fourth South Shields Sea Scout Troop to the Brigade as a nursery for cadets, and the officers will at all times be ready and willing to give encouragement to the cadets, many of whom will no doubt be officers of the Brigade in the future.

## SOCIAL

At the Fifth Annual Dance held in October, 1960, at the Hedworth Hall, we were honoured to have the pleasure and the

company of the then Mayor and Mayoress of South Shields, Alderman and Mrs. J. F. Richardson. Although financially there was little gain, the evening was enjoyed to the full by all who attended and the function did much to strengthen our public relations.

Our thanks are once again given to Brigadesman J. Askew for his invaluable work in connection with the organisation and carrying out the duties of M.C. so efficiently. At the same time, we would express our appreciation to all those who assisted him and helped in any way to make the function such a success.

## PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

In the past volunteers have always been forthcoming to such an extent that the Brigade had three teams, A, B and C. Competition for places facilitated the maintaining of a very high standard of efficiency and the occasional wreck which, in those days, was regrettably not uncommon, nevertheless acted as a spur and gave the men the satisfaction of being able to successfully carry out the job for which they had volunteered; that is, the saving of life at sea.

Happily it is now many years since a "wreck" was seen near the Tyne but the natural result is for the number of new recruits of the Brigade to fall. From out of the two world wars there came a reluctance to join a disciplined body and this in itself may have affected recruitment to voluntary organisations such as ours, where there appears to be little active service. We would, therefore, urge all members of the Brigade to endeavour to obtain one new recruit for training in this vital work, for it is a sobering thought that if one ship were wrecked the number of lives in danger would be far in excess of those in the days of the old sailing ship. The rewards to our members may be slow in coming, but if our services are called for the satisfaction in human values could not be measured even if only one life were saved.

In the past few months the Brigade House has seen a number of different uniforms and heard more boisterous voices than ever before. They belong to a troop of Sea Scouts—the 4th South Shields, who, as mentioned above, are now attached to the Brigade. They are attending for training quite regularly and have taken part in drills and competitions. It is our task to train them up to a high standard of efficiency, and the energy of youth, combined with the experience of our older members, augurs well for the future of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

"A lost ship can be replaced but a life lost has gone for ever."



# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest Received .....					52	2	5
Donations:—							
Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase .....		10	10	0			
Mayoress' Charities .....		10	0	0			
The Whalton Shipping Co. Ltd. ....		10	0	0			
Smiths Ltd. ....		3	3	0			
Old 8th S.S. Rifle Club .....		2	2	0			
United Swimming Club .....		10	0				
Collection Box .....		5	0				
					36	10	0
Grants:—							
Ministry of Transport .....		40	0	0			
Tyne Lifeboat Society .....		52	10	0			
					92	10	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS ...					181	2	5
Balances at 30th June 1960:—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c....	363	5	10				
Cash in Hand .....		15	7				
					364	1	5
					£545	3	10
PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cost of Premises:—							
Caretaker—Wages & Insurance	30	18	3				
T.I.C.—Rentals .....		18	11				
Gas and Electric .....	1	15	2				
					33	12	4
General Expenses:—							
Printing and Stationery .....	3	15	0				
Postages .....	1	12	5				
Telephone .....	15	2	6				
Insurances .....	9	4	0				
Cheque Books and Bank Charges .....	1	1	0				
Audit Fee .....	4	4	0				
Sundry Expenses .....	1	0	0				
					35	18	11
Miscellaneous:—							
Electric Heaters and Wiring...	54	7	2				
Paint, Hardboard, etc. ....	22	0	8				
					76	7	10
TOTAL PAYMENTS ...					145	19	1
Balances at 30th June, 1961:—							
Cash at Bank—Current A/c....	397	10	7				
Cash in Hand .....		1	14	2			
					399	4	9
					£545	3	10

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books.

21 St. Aidan's Road, South Shields.  
28th September, 1961.

THOS. VASEY,  
Chartered Accountant.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 12th December, 1962, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

## **A G E N D A**

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of Minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Election of Trustees.
6. Election of Committee Members.
7. Election of Social Committee.
8. Any other business.
9. Vote of Thanks.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1962**

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 94th Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

This past year has seen an unusual activity by the Brigade in that we were called out on two occasions and received a stand by call on a third.

The first occasion was when the drifter "Olga Ryzelga" founded at the north end of Whitburn Steele. The Brigade Captain received a call at 14.55 hours and it is to the credit of the Brigade members that whilst this was during working hours they were fully operational at 15.20 hours. Happily, as our readers will have read in the press, the crew of the drifter were able to make their way ashore in their own lifeboat and our services were not required. The Brigade, however, stood by until such times as it could be satisfied that there were no more members of the crew aboard.

On the second occasion, two young canoeists were reported as having left the north side of the river for the harbour mouth and it was thought they may have been in difficulties off the



coast. Once again the Brigade proved its readiness on receiving the call, and searched the coast from Marsden to the entrance of the Tyne. The search, which lasted several hours, proved all the more difficult as in this instance we did not have the benefit of the daylight hours. Again our readers will be happy to know that both young canoeists had eventually safely landed inside the harbour on the south side of the river.

The stand by call was received from the local police who had been called to the rescue of two boys who were trapped by the tide at Marsden Bay. Again our services were not required, but the officers would like to take this opportunity of thanking not only those members who responded to these calls, but to all members of the Brigade who so readily and generously gave up their leisure time to train for such emergencies.

For some years, as our readers are aware, there have been fortunately no serious calls upon the services of the Brigade, and perhaps the hardest test of a man's enthusiasm for a cause is to continue training during long periods of inactivity. The recent disasters on the shores of our island have given ample proof that the services of the Volunteer Life Brigade are required no less today than they were 100 years ago.

Last year we reported with pride and pleasure that the 4th South Shields Senior Scout Troop had been attached to the Brigade as cadet members, and the events of the past year have given inspiration to these young people and to our own cadets who, we are pleased to say, have been regular attenders at our training sessions. In this connection, they have taken part in the competition teams, and once more the Brigade is able to record successes as to "Second" in the "Wearside Shield Competition" and "Third" in the "Chronicle Cup". We take the opportunity of congratulating the successful competitors and assure them of a continuing challenge towards greater efficiency.

We are pleased to report an increase in our funds, but due to the age of our premises, we found it difficult to estimate repairs and maintenance costs for the coming year. As an instance of this difficulty, our readers will see from the Statement of Accounts that gale damage alone cost us £39 3s. 1d., a contingency which we have not been able to insure against owing to the exposed position of the Brigade House. We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to all those Brigadesmen who have freely given their time in decorating, and installing electrical heaters in the premises under skilled supervision. Through their efforts, we can with satisfaction, once more record a further strengthening in our finances.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

We would again like to take this opportunity of thanking our honorary members and those friends mentioned in our statement of accounts, who so generously subscribe to our needs. We would particularly like to record our thanks to our kindred life savings friends the Tyne Life Boat Society for their valuable donations which are received year after year.

### EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

The Brigade is deeply indebted to Captain W. J. B. Jeffrey, of Edinburgh, Marine Superintendent for George Gibson & Co. Ltd., Leith, who has very kindly donated a marine telescope which will prove invaluable in our work.

The thanks of the Brigade are due and given to our President, Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase, we are indeed fortunate in having been able to enjoy his experience, interest and guidance in all our affairs throughout the year. We are grateful, too, to Mr. K. J. Peacock, our Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. D. C. Robertson, our Honorary Secretary, for their assistance which they so readily gave in the administration of the Brigade, and we would again express our appreciation to the members of H.M.S. Coastguard for their co-operation and assistance afforded to us throughout the year.

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# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1962

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest Received	...	...	...	...	53	7	5
<b>Donations:—</b>							
Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase	...	10	10	0			
Mayoress' Charities	...	10	0	0			
The Whalton Shipping Co. Ltd.	...	10	0	0			
Smiths Ltd.	...	3	3	0			
8th Home Guard Rifle Club	...	2	2	0			
St. John's Presbyterian Church	...	5	0	0			
					40	15	0
<b>Grants:—</b>							
Ministry of Transport	...	40	0	0			
Tyne Lifeboat Society	...	52	10	0			
					92	10	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		...	...	...	186	12	5
<b>Balances at 30th June, 1961:—</b>							
Cash at Bank	...	397	10	7			
Cash in Hand	...	1	14	2			
					399	4	9
					£585	17	2
PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Cost of Premises:—</b>							
T.I.C.—Rent	...	...	18	11			
Gas and Electric	...	23	19	7			
Cleaning Materials	...	3	15	6			
					28	14	0
<b>General Expenses:—</b>							
Printing and Stationery	...	6	14	10			
Postages	...	1	14	0			
Telephone	...	16	12	9			
Insurance	...	9	4	0			
Cheque Book	...	5	0				
Audit Fee	...	4	4	0			
Sundry Expenses	...	3	11	0			
					42	5	7
<b>Miscellaneous:—</b>							
Roof and Other Repairs	...				39	3	1
TOTAL PAYMENTS		...	...	...	110	2	8
<b>Balances at 30th June, 1962:—</b>							
Cash at Bank	...	475	14	4			
Cash in Hand	...			2			
					475	14	6
					£585	17	2

K. J. PEACOCK, HON. TREASURER

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books.

21 St. Aidan's Road, South Shields.  
23rd November, 1962.

THOS. VASEY,  
Chartered Accountant.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on <sup>MON</sup>Wednesday, 13th November, 1963, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

**A G E N D A**

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of the Minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Election of Trustees.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committee Members.
8. Election of Social Committee.
9. Repairs to Brigade House.
10. Registration under Charities Act, 1960.
11. Any other business.
12. Vote of Thanks.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1963**

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 95th Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

**FROM STAND BY TO ACTION**

After many years of standing by and emergency alerts, without any vital call being made on their services wherein they could use their life saving skill, the Brigade were called out in the early hours of 20th January, 1963.

The Lebanese vessel "Adelfotis II" had sought shelter in the Tyne after being disabled, but the storms were such that she was driven aground near the south shore with waves pounding over her decks. The Brigade Secretary received a call at 04.05 hours and at 04.30 hours a team had assembled and the trailer was on the move. Shortly afterwards the Brigade was joined by Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade and lines were thrown from each Brigade, one across the bow and the other across the stern.

At approximately 08.45 hours the Captain decided to abandon ship and the two Brigades under the directions of Commander C. A. de W. Kitcat, Inspector of North East Division H.M. Coastguards, and Mr. P. Thomas M.B.E., District Officer of Tynemouth,



rescued 23 seamen and a dog by breeches buoy. The rescued personnel and their shipowners have recorded their grateful thanks, and the Brigade, on their part, would like to record its thanks to the many voluntary societies and passers-by who assisted in every way possible, and whilst it would be invidious to single out individuals or Services, we feel that a special tribute should be paid to the South Shields Police who did so much to assist us in the call out and during the operation. The Town's Motto "Always Ready" was well and truly justified.

It is to everybody's satisfaction to be able to record that no lives were lost and this feeling perhaps rests more particularly with those members of the Brigade whose faith has spurred them in continuous training to maintain the Brigade as an operational unit over many years of inactivity.

We are happy to report that such was the publicity given to us on this occasion, backed by His Worship the Mayor, that twelve new members enrolled during the following weeks.

The 4th So. Shields Senior Scout Troop who were voluntarily associated with the Brigade, have now been elected full members and have also been admitted as members of the Coast Life Saving Corps. We offer them our congratulations and welcome them to our cause.

The publicity which the rescue was given on television, on the radio, and in the Press, was followed by a visit from the team of the radio programme "Down Your Way" when Captain D. Tinning, together with the Honorary Secretary and members of the Brigade, took part in the programme.

Training throughout the year has, of course, continued as usual and in recording that the Brigade was placed fourth in the "Chronicle Cup" and third in the "Wearside Shield Competition", we congratulate those who were placed before us and assure them that the challenge will continue in the coming year, which we feel sure acts as a spur to greater practical efficiency in the life saving service.

The highlight of the training was a demonstration given in conjunction with Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade, when the rescue of 20th January was re-enacted, and permission was obtained to use the "Adelfotis II" for the exercise, which was televised. The occasion attracted many hundreds of spectators, the very large majority of whom, no doubt, had never seen the Brigade in action. We are indebted to St. John's Presbyterian Church, who kindly loaned the Brigade crockery etc. to assist with refreshments on this occasion, and also on that of the Wearside Shield Competition.

## FINANCE

The year 1962-63 has also proved to be a memorable occasion in that we have received legacies and additional subscriptions. In October, 1962, we were advised that the late Louis Henry Robinson—who himself and crew, had been rescued by the Brigade

from his ship "Constance Ellen" which was totally wrecked in a great gale in November, 1901—had bequeathed a holding of £3,500 4% Consolidated Stock to the Brigade, in trust, in appreciation of the services rendered by the Brigade. In February, 1963, we were also advised that the late Miss Laura Annie Edwards Jameson had bequeathed a legacy of £250 to the Brigade, together with a one-third share of the residuary estate, the latter to be received during 1963-64, and these legacies will be controlled by the Trustees as donated. These valuable fortuitous legacies have come at a most appropriate time, particularly in view of the age and condition of the Brigade House which may involve the Committee in substantial expenses during the coming year in effecting necessary repairs, renovations and improved facilities. For this reason it is with especial satisfaction that we are able to record this further improvement in the Brigade's finances.

We are deeply indebted to those who have forwarded donations to us and which have been detailed in the financial statement. In particular, we would like to record our thanks to our kindred life saving friends, the Tyne Lifeboat Society, for their valuable donations which are received year after year. We are grateful, too, to the Ministry of Transport, who in special reference to the rescue of the 20th January last, kindly donated an additional £20 to the Brigade funds, making a total of £60 for the year.

## OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the following colleagues:—

**Captain G. O. Nixon**—who gave invaluable service to the Brigade over 26 years and retired recently only on medical advice. During the latter years of his service he served as Senior Captain and was the inspiration of social activities which did much to keep up the morale of the members during the long periods of training without any calls being made to put this training into effect.

**J. W. Burchell**—who likewise served for many years as an active member of the Brigade, keeping up his interest even when he was forced to retire.

They both were awarded the long service medal and were Trustees of the Brigade at the time of their decease.

## EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

The thanks of the Brigade are due and given to our President, Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase, whose experience, interest, and guidance are an inspiration to all our members. We are grateful, too, to Mr. K. J. Peacock, our Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. D. C. Robertson, our Honorary Secretary, for their assistance which they so readily give in the administration of the Brigade. Likewise we would record our thanks to all those who have assisted us in any way throughout the year and especially to the members of H.M.S. Coastguard for their co-operation.



# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1963

Receipts		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest Received	...	140	3	8			
<b>Donations—</b>							
Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase	...	10	10	0			
Mayoress' Charities	...	20	0	0			
South Shields Chamber of Trade	...	10	10	0			
Smiths Ltd.	...	3	3	0			
Mrs. L. D. Bower	...	2	10	0			
W. R. Stephenson, Esq.	...	10	0				
South Shields United Swimming Club	...	10	0				
Toc H—Ladies	...	10	0				
Collections	...	11	15	0			
				59	18	0	
<b>Grants:—</b>							
Ministry of Transport	...	60	0	0			
Tyne Lifeboat Society	...	52	10	0			
				112	10	0	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	...	312	11	8			
<b>Balances at 30th June, 1962:—</b>							
Cash at Bank—							
Current Account	...	475	14	4			
Cash in Hand	...			2			
		475	14	6			
		£788	6	2			
PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Cost of Premises:—</b>							
T.I.C.—Rent	...	18	11				
Gas and Electricity	...	33	10	6			
				34	9	5	
<b>General Expenses:—</b>							
Printing and Stationery	...	7	19	0			
Postages	...	1	9	9			
Telephone	...	18	7	9			
Insurances	...	9	4	0			
Cheque Book	...	5	0				
Audit Fee	...	4	4	0			
Entrance Fee—							
Elizabethan Trophy	...	1	0	0			
Sundry Expenses	...	4	0	0			
				46	9	6	
<b>Miscellaneous:—</b>							
Uniforms	...	29	17	11			
Repairs	...	44	18	10			
Refreshments	...	17	3	5			
Transport	...	3	9	6			
				95	9	8	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	...	176	8	7			
<b>Balances at 30th June 1963:—</b>							
Cash at Bank—							
Current Account	...	611	7	2			
Cash in Hand	...		10	5			
		611	17	7			
		£788	6	2			

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books.

21 St. Aidan's Road, South Shields.  
17th September, 1963.

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- ✓ 9. Any other Business.
- ✓ 10. Vote of Thanks.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965**

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 98th Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

The year was an uneventful one with no calls on the Brigade's services. Training has, of course, continued throughout the year



and was put to use in competition work. We entered the "Chronicle" Cup and the Wearside Shield Competition and we came third in the latter after a very close contest. In fact at one stage we looked like being second.

It is pleasing to see the return to the Brigade of a few of the older members. Their experience and help plus the keen enthusiasm of our younger members should produce a team which will do well in next year's competitions. It would be fitting if, in our Centenary year, we could win a competition.

Repairs and renovations to the Watch House have cost £149 and further work will have to be done to keep the building in good condition. Under the guidance of the Captains, members are helping to redecorate the Brigade House and, as a result, we hope that the social side of the Brigade will be resumed in the very near future.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

Once again we are extremely grateful to the Tyne Lifeboat Society for its valued and continued support, and to all those who have kindly subscribed to our funds during the past year; including the Mayoress's Charities whose cheque was, unfortunately, received too late for inclusion in this year's accounts.

### PREPARATIONS FOR OUR CENTENARY

As you know next year is the Brigade's Centenary. On January 15th, 1865, a meeting was held in the Town Hall. The decision was taken to form the Brigade and 146 men were enrolled. The Board of Trade formally recognised the Brigade on the 30th January, 1866, and so the Committee regards this date in 1966 as our Centenary. The following events are being planned as part of our Centenary Celebrations.

- 31st Jan
1. A Service of Rededication in the Watch House.
  2. A Demonstration of Drill over the Marine Park Lake on April 2nd. The Brigade had its first call out and rescue on April 2nd, 1866, and the Drill will commemorate this historic event.
  3. Centenary Dinner.
  4. Display in the Public Library.
  5. Floral Display in the Marine Park.
  6. Supplement in the "Shields Gazette".

### EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Finally we again record our thanks to our President, Lt-Col. R. S. Chipchase, whose experience, interest and guidance are an inspiration to all our members. Our thanks are also due to Mr. K. J. Peacock, our Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. D. C. Robertson, our Honorary Secretary, for all their efforts on behalf of the Brigade during their long terms of office. We welcome Mr. W. M. Thompson, our Vice-President; Mr. R. D. Dawson, our new Honorary Treasurer; Mr. G. T. Talbot, our new Honorary Secretary; and we are grateful for their assistance in the administration of the Brigade. The Committee wish to thank all those who have helped with the arrangements for our Centenary, particularly Members of the Town Council and senior officials of the South Shields Corporation, the Rev. A. A. Reid and the Editor of the "Shields Gazette". And last but not least, we wish to thank all those who have assisted us throughout the year and especially our many friends in H.M. Coastguard for their co-operation.

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# **SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 30th November, 1966, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the members.

## **A G E N D A**

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
2. Business arising out of the Minutes.
3. Annual Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
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6. Election of Committee Members.
7. Premises.
8. Any other Business.
9. Vote of Thanks.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 99th Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade. Although there were no calls on the Brigade's services, the year has nevertheless been an eventful and historic one. Training has, of course, continued throughout the year and was put to good use in competition work. We entered the "Chronicle" competition and the Wearside Shields



competition and we came second in the latter after a close and exciting contest. The year has been marked by a closer co-operation between the Brigade and kindred organisations. We are extremely grateful to the Civil Defence who have made available to us the use of a landrover for drills and rescue call-outs. A series of informal meetings, initiated by Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase, were held with representatives from other rescue services in the area and it is confidently expected that this will lead to the formation of a coast rescue service in which the various organisations will co-operate very closely. In October, 1965, we were favoured with a visit of inspection from the Chief Inspector Coastguards.

Repairs and renovations to the Watch House have continued and plans are in hand for further very necessary improvements. Much maintenance work has been carried out by the members themselves and the Brigade as a whole is in good heart.

We have to report the retirement of Mr. J. H. Marshall, the Volunteer-in-Charge, on 31st October, 1965, after a long and devoted service. He is succeeded by H. M. Clavery who is now Auxiliary Coastguard in charge of the Station.

It was announced by the Board of Trade that our new title is to be South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade H.M. Auxiliary Coastguards (Rescue Section).

It is with deep regret that we record the death of brigadesman J. Atkinson, as a result of an accident on 27th September, 1965.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Once again we are extremely grateful to the Tyne Lifeboat Society for their valued and continued support and to all who have kindly subscribed to our funds during the past year, including £1 each from Mrs. D. Forrest and the United Swimming Club whose donations were, unfortunately, received too late for inclusion in this year's accounts. We are particularly grateful for the very generous bequest of £326-1s.-9d. under the Will of the late E. S. Brown. Our special thanks to Mr. J. Ferrier for the donation of a billiards table for recreational purposes.

### CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

There have been several memorable events during our Centenary year, in particular the service of rededication which was held at St. Stephen's on 30th January, 1966. This most moving service was conducted by Rev. A. A. Reid and was attended by the Mayor and representatives from many organisations in the town and

district. It happily almost coincided with the Centenary anniversary of the inaugural meeting on 31st January, 1866.

In the days preceding this service the Brigade was featured on Tyne Tees and B.B.C. television.

Our Centenary Dinner was held in the Brigade House on Saturday, 26th March when we were glad to have the opportunity to welcome as our guests civic dignitaries and representatives from various walks of life, not least those of the neighbouring brigades. We had arranged for the Centenary to be celebrated by a demonstration drill on 2nd April, 1966, in the South Marine Park. Unfortunately this coincided with a very severe snow storm and naturally members of the public did not evince the interest which they would have shown had the weather been kinder to us, and in fact the drill was cancelled.

We were given great support and publicity by the South Shields Gazette during the period of our Centenary celebrations and in particular an interesting supplement was issued.

The wives and sweethearts of the Brigade members were not forgotten. To give some measure of recompense for their understanding of the absence from home of the Brigade members at drills and meetings, a dinner dance was held on 4th May, 1966 and proved a most enjoyable and happy evening.

The public have had a constant reminder of the Brigade's Centenary in the form of a beautiful floral display in the North Marine Park kindly arranged by the Corporation Parks Committee.

### EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

Finally we again record our thanks to our President, Lt. Colonel R. S. Chipchase, whose experience and enthusiasm has been of particular assistance and inspiration during the past year. This is also true of our Vice-President, Mr. M. W. Thompson whose interest and guidance have demonstrated how fortunate we are to count him amongst our numbers. We are grateful for the assistance of Mr. R. D. Dawson, our Honorary Treasurer and a special word of appreciation must be given to our Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. T. Talbot, upon whose shoulders has fallen so much of the work connected with our Centenary celebrations. Whilst it is invidious to name the many friends who have been of such assistance to us during the year, it is felt we should particularly mention members of the Town Council, Senior Officials of the South Shields Corporation, the Rev. A. A. Reid, and the Editor of the Shields Gazette. Indeed to all who have shown such kindness and goodwill throughout the year, we express our sincere gratitude.

# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966

RECEIPTS				£	s	d	£	s	d
Interests Received : ...				231	19	3			
Donations :									
Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase ...				10	10	0			
Mayoress's Charities ...				35	0	0			
Mayoress of Jarrow ...				5	0	0			
Trinity House ...				5	5	0			
J. Shiel ...				1	1	0			
				<hr/>			56	16	0
Grants :									
Ministry of Transport ...				40	0	0			
Tyne Lifeboat Society ...				100	0	0			
				<hr/>			140	0	0
Miscellaneous :									
Income Tax Refund ...				35	16	1			
Hire of Projector ...				5	11	0			
Legacy—E. S. Brown, decd.				326	1	9			
Transfer from Deposit A/c.				200	0	0			
				<hr/>			567	8	10
TOTAL RECEIPTS				<hr/>			996	4	1
Balance at 30th June, 1965 :									
Cash at Bank ...				<hr/>			794	8	6
				<hr/>			£1790	12	7

PAYMENTS				£	s	d	£	s	d
Cost of Premises :									
T.I.C.—Rentals ...				18	11				
Rates ...				3	6	0			
Gas and Electricity ...				74	6	11			
Cleaner & Materials ...				52	10	3			
				<hr/>			131	2	1
General Expenses :									
Printing & Stationery ...				25	13	9			
Telephone ...				17	18	2			
Insurances ...				10	3	3			
Cheque Books ...				10	0				
Audit Fee ...				4	4	0			
Wreath ...				1	10	0			
Secretarial Expenses ...				22	0	0			
Sundry Expenses ...				7	0	11			
				<hr/>			89	0	1
Miscellaneous :									
Repairs and Renewals ...				42	0	7			
Uniforms & Ties ...				72	4	9			
Transfer to Deposit Account				850	0	0			
Projector & Equipment ...				133	8	6			
Radiogram, Cooker & Water									
Heater ...				65	14	6			
Centenary Celebrations ...				214	16	4			
Donation ...				1	1	0			
Social Committee Expenses				10	9	4			
				<hr/>			1389	15	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS				<hr/>			1609	17	2
Balance at 30th June, 1966 :									
Cash at Bank ...				<hr/>			180	15	5
				<hr/>			£1790	12	7



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# **SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Watch House on Wednesday, 18th October, 1967, at 20.00 hours, when the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be presented to the Members.

## **A G E N D A**

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting.
  2. Business arising out of the Minutes.
  3. Annual Report.
  4. Treasurer's Report.
  5. Election of Committee Members.
  6. Premises.
  7. Any Other Business.
  8. Vote of thanks.
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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967**

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 100th Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade. The year was an uneventful one with no official calls on the Brigade's services. However, on Monday 15th May, the cabin cruiser George Pickard went aground and members of the Brigade, who were attending a quarterly drill, stood by with their Beach Rescue Equipment, but their services were not required. Training has, of course, continued throughout the year and was put to good use in competition work

and demonstration drills. The Brigade gave a demonstration drill across the South Marine Park lake as their contribution to South Shields Sports Week. This proved so successful, it is anticipated that it will become an annual event.

The most pleasing feature of the year was the Brigade's participation in the South Shields Beach Rescue Service and this meant a complete break with tradition. The Service was inaugurated this year with a two hour display by the Brigade, the Lifeguards, the Canoe Union, the Red Cross, the R.N.L.I. Inshore Rescue and Air-Sea Rescue Helicopter which was watched by many people, including members of the Town Council. The Service was instituted as a result of our President, Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase arranging a series of meetings of all the interested parties with a view to promote appropriate liaison with all kindred bodies for the purpose of achieving maximum all-round Lifesaving efficiency on or around our Beaches. The Brigade Watch Tower is used as a look-out post and the Brigade is responsible for patrolling the North Beach. The Brigadesmen have responded with such enthusiasm that the Committee are hoping to purchase, for next season, an Inshore Rescue boat, if sufficient funds can be raised in time.

The retirement of Cdr. C. A. de W. Kitcat, Inspector of H.M. Coastguards, North East Division, was announced during the year, he will be well remembered by the Brigade and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

We welcome our new Inspector, Lt. Cdr. Russell Brown, R.N. (Rtd.), and look forward to a long and happy association with him.

The Brigade was honoured by a visit from Cdr. Douglas, Deputy Chief Inspector of Coastguards, on 24th September, 1966.

Senior Capt. D. Tinning retired from office this year but is still a very active member of the Brigade.

Capt. H. M. Clavery was presented with his long service medal by the Inspector of Coastguard on the 11th November 1966, and we extend our heartiest congratulations to him.

Repairs and renovations to the Watch House have continued, including the installation of a new toilet. Much of the maintenance work and painting has been carried out by the members themselves. The Watch House was open to visitors this summer and has proved a great attraction, both to the residents of South Shields and visitors to the town. Their many questions were answered by Deputy Captain Robertson and Brigadesmen who were always in attendance.

## OBITUARY.

It was with great sadness and deep regret that we learned of the sudden death of Mr. R. D. Dawson on 5th January, 1967. Mr. Dawson, during his Hon. Treasurership, took an active and lively interest in all the Brigade's affairs.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Once again we are extremely grateful to the Tyne Lifeboat Society for their valued and continued support, and to all who have kindly subscribed to our funds during the past year, including the many visitors to our Brigade House.

We are deeply grateful to our President for the gift of Beach Rescue equipment, i.e. buoyant rockets and lines, and the mast which was erected outside the Brigade House. We also received a "long glass", suitably inscribed to commemorate our one hundred years of service, from Captain J. W. Howgego, O.B.E., to whom we express our sincere thanks.

## SOCIALS.

A Buffet Dance was held at the Nook Ballroom in November and was enjoyed by all. Our thanks are due to Capt. Clavery for organising the dance, to Brigadesman J. Askew for acting as M.C. and to all friends and members who kindly donated the prizes. Social evenings will again be resumed in the Watch House in the coming winter and we look forward to some enjoyable evenings.

## EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

We again record our gratitude to our President, Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase, whose experience and guidance has been an inspiration to our members, particularly this year which has resulted in a new spirit within the Brigade.

We welcome Mr. F. Davison, our new Hon. Treasurer, and thank him most sincerely for all the hard work he has done since taking office. Thanks are also due to our Vice-President, Mr. M. W. Thompson; Mr. Hepple of the Tyne Dock Engineering Company who helped the Brigade in the period when there was no Hon. Treasurer; Mr. Walton of Bowman & Brown, our Hon. Solicitors, for his efforts on our behalf; Mr. G. T. Talbot, our Hon. Secretary, for all the work he has done this year; the Civil Defence for their assistance and use of the Land Rover in Demonstration Drills and, last but not least, all those friends who have assisted us throughout the year and especially our many friends in H.M. Coastguard for their co-operation.



# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Interests Received ... ..			235 15 2				
<b>Donations :</b>				<b>Cost of Premises :</b>			
Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase ...	10	10	0	T.I.C. Rentals ... ..		18	11
Smiths Ltd. ... ..	2	2	0	Rates ... ..		14	10 4
United Swimming Club ...	1	0	0	Gas and Electricity ...		84	15 8
Mrs. D. Forrest ... ..	1	0	0	Cleaner & Materials ...		31	19 0
			14 12 0			132	3 11
<b>Grants :</b>				<b>General Expenses :</b>			
Ministry of Transport ...	40	0	0	Printing and Stationery ...		12	14 0
Tyne Lifeboat Society Ltd.	200	0	0	Telephone ... ..		17	14 0
			240 0 0	Insurances ... ..		9	3 3
<b>Miscellaneous :</b>				Cheque Book ... ..		5	0
Income Tax Refund ...	25	9	3	Audit Fee ... ..		4	4 0
Transfer from Deposit A/c.	250	0	0	Wreaths ... ..		4	10 0
			275 9 3	Secretarial Expenses —			
				Postages, etc. ... ..		7	0 8
						55	10 11
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			765 16 5	<b>Miscellaneous :</b>			
<b>Balance at 30th June, 1966 :</b>				Repairs & Renewals ...		469	3 4
Cash at Bank ... ..			180 15 5	Uniforms ... ..		51	1 3
				Donations ... ..		7	5 0
						527	9 7
			£946 11 10	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		715	4 5
				<b>Balance at 30th June, 1967 :</b>			
				Cash at Bank ... ..		220	18 1
				Cash in Hand ... ..		10	9 4
						231	7 5
							£946 11 10

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books.

21 St. Aidan's Road,  
SOUTH SHIELDS.  
8th September, 1967.

THOS. VASEY,  
Chartered Accountant.

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# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

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AGENDA:

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  2. Business arising out of Minutes.
  3. Annual Report.
  4. Treasurer's Report.
  5. Election of Deputy Captain.
  6. Election of Committee Members.
  7. Election of Social Committee.
  8. Premises.
  9. Any other Business.
  10. Vote of Thanks.
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# ANNUAL REPORT

*For the Year Ended 30th June, 1968.*

The committee has pleasure in presenting the 101st Report of the SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE. Although there were no major calls on the Brigade's services the year has been an eventful one. Training has, of course, continued throughout the year and was put to good use in competition work. The Brigade gave a successful demonstration drill across the South Marine Park Lake as its contribution to South Shields Sports Week.

The Brigade has continued participating in the South Shields Beach Rescue Service and in order to provide a more efficient service an Inshore Rescue Boat was obtained thus fulfilling the Committee's ambition. The Boat was dedicated in a most moving ceremony, on April 18th, 1968, by the Revd. A. A. Reid and was named "ALWAYS READY" by J. W. Adamson on behalf of the donors. The I.R.B. which went into service on April 20th, 1968, has proved very successful, in the first four weeks it was instrumental in the rescue of six people when their sailing dingies overturned, and has towed a number of small craft to safety when they were in danger of being wrecked on the South Pier in a fresh N.W. wind.

Having proved the need for an I.R.B. based on the south side of the harbour, the Brigade have applied for membership of the Inshore Rescue Service and are now awaiting confirmation from the Inspector of Coastguard N.E. Division.

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The boat will in no way impair the Brigades real purpose, i.e. ship to shore rescue but will enable our Brigadesmen to give service all the year round.

A fund has now been raised to purchase a Radio Telephone with which to control the boat.

Repairs and renovations to the Watch House have continued and much of the maintenance work and painting has been carried out by the members themselves. The Watch House was again open to visitors this summer and has proved a great attraction, both to the residents of South Shields and visitors to the town. Their many questions were answered by Brigadesmen who were always in attendance. A Brochure, dealing with the History of the Brigade has been prepared by former Brigadesman Mr. C. Thompson, and edited by Mr. J. Landells, and will be on sale early next year.

## *Subscriptions and Donations.*

Once again we are extremely grateful to the TYNE LIFE-BOAT SOCIETY for their valued support, and to all who have kindly subscribed to our funds during the past year, including the many visitors to our Brigade House.

Our sincere thanks are due to the following who subscribed to the Inshore Rescue Boat : THE TYNE LIFEBOAT SOCIETY, Mr. J. W. ADAMSON, THE ROTARY CLUB, THE MARSDEN FELLOWSHIP, Miss GRIMES, Mrs. FORREST, and Brigade Captain H. M. CLAVERY.

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## *Social.*

A social evening was held in the Brigade House in August 1967, in honour of the Bremen Lifeguards who were visiting the town. The Germans gave the Brigade a House Flag as a memento of a most enjoyable evening. They also presented the Brigade with a Resuscitation Outfit which is now carried in the rescue boat.

A Buffet Dance was held at the Nook Ballroom in September, 1967, and was enjoyed by all. Our thanks are due to Capt. H. M. Clavery for organising the dance and to all friends and members who kindly donated the many prizes.

## *Obituary.*

It is with deepest regret that we record the deaths of two former Brigadesmen, Mr. C. MATHEWS who was Brigade Captain for many years and Mr. J. WERNDLY both of whom held the *Long Service Medal* for coast rescue work.

## *Expression of Thanks.*

We again record our gratitude to our President, Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase, whose experience and guidance has been an inspiration to our members. Our thanks are also due to our Vice-President, Mr. M. W. Thompson; Mr. Walton of Bowman and Brown our Hon. Solicitors; Mr. F. Davison, our Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. G. T. Talbot our Hon. Secretary for all the work they have done in the administration of the Brigade. We are grateful to Commander Hill, R.N.L.I., Capt. D. Atkinson, R.N.L.I., and Capt. Johnson, for their assistance in helping us to select the Inshore Rescue Boat; and the Rev. A. A. Reid for conducting the Dedication Service and the members of the St. Stephen choir who sang so beautifully. And last, but not least, we wish to thank all those who have assisted us throughout the year and especially our many friends in H.M. Coastguard for their co-operation.



# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

RECEIPTS			£	s	d	£	s	d
Interests Received	...	...				226	8	8
Donations:								
Lt. Col. R. S. Chipchase	...	...	10	10	0			
Smiths Ltd.	...	...	2	2	0			
						12	12	0
Donations for Inshore Rescue Boat:								
J. W. Adamson, Esq	...	...	350	0	0			
General Public	...	...	50	0	0			
Rotary Club of So. Shields	...	...	26	5	0			
Captain Clavery	...	...	5	5	0			
Miss A. L. Grimes	...	...	5	0	0			
Boswell Whitaker, Esq.	...	...	1	1	0			
Marsden Baptist Fellowship	...	...	1	0	0			
						438	11	0
Grants:								
Tyne Lifeboat Society	...	...	125	0	0			
Board of Trade	...	...	40	0	0			
						165	0	0
Miscellaneous:								
5% Defence Bonds—Cashed	...	...	400	0	0			
Income Tax Refund	...	...	26	19	8			
Profit from Reception for German Lifeguards	...	...	5	8	1			
						432	7	9
TOTAL RECEIPTS						1274	19	5
Balance at 30th June, 1967:								
Cash at Bank	...	...	220	18	1			
Cash in Hand	...	...	10	9	4			
						231	7	5
						1506	6	10
PAYMENTS			£	s	d	£	s	d
Cost of Premises:								
T.I.C.—Rental	...	...	5	16	11			
Rates	...	...	11	8	10			
Gas & Electricity	...	...	56	4	0			
Cleaning Materials	...	...	5	1	0			
						78	10	9
Inshore Rescue Boat:								
Purchase of Boat & Engine	...	...	402	10	2			
„ „ Equipment	...	...	55	5	3			
						457	15	5
Inshore Rescue Boat Operating Expenses:								
Insurance	...	...	12	17	6			
Petrol & Oil	...	...	11	19	3			
						24	16	9
Inshore Rescue Boat Dedication & Naming Ceremony:								
Refreshments	...	...	7	11	10			
Photographs	...	...	1	10	0			
						9	1	10
General Expenses:								
Telephone	...	...	22	16	0			
Printing and Stationery	...	...	6	13	3			
Insurance	...	...	9	3	3			
Postages	...	...	8	8	9			
Audit Fee	...	...	4	4	0			
Spray of Flowers	...	...	1	5	0			
Cheque Books	...	...	10	0				
						53	0	3
Miscellaneous:								
Repairs and Renewals	...	...	109	14	0			
Loss on Annual Dance	...	...	32	4	7			
						141	18	7
TOTAL PAYMENTS						765	3	7
Balance at 30th June 1968:								
Cash at Bank	...	...	741	2	2			
Cash in Hand	...	...	1	1				
						741	3	3
						1506	6	10

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books. The attached Schedule of Investments has also been verified.

21 St. Aidan's Road,  
SOUTH SHIELDS.  
6th September, 1968.

THOS. VASEY,  
Chartered Accountant.

# **SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS 30th JUNE, 1968**

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>Corporation Building Society :</b>						
Certificate No. 11744 ...	200	0	0			
„ „ 14292 ...	400	0	0			
				600	0	0
<b>Eligible &amp; United Building Soc. :</b>						
Book No. 76 ...				300	0	0
<b>War Stock :</b>						
3½% Certificate No. 26/890742				105	5	3
<b>Consolidated Stock :</b>						
4% Certificate No. 71/336771				3500	0	0
<b>County Borough of So. Shields :</b>						
Loan ...				1000	0	0
<b>Deposit Account :</b>						
Martins Bank Ltd. ...				745	12	6
				£6250	17	9



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# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

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## AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
  2. Business arising out of Minutes.
  3. Annual Report.
  4. Treasurer's Report.
  5. Social Secretary's Report.
  6. Election of Committee Members.
  7. Election of Social Committee.
  8. Any other Business.
  9. Vote of Thanks.
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## ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the 102nd Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade. Once again there were no calls on the Brigade's services. Of course training has continued throughout the year and we have had better results in the Competition Drills. The Brigade came fourth out of sixteen teams in the Chronicle Cup and second in the Elizabethan Shield. The Brigade, once again, gave a successful demonstration across the Marine Park Lake <sup>(at AS)</sup> its contribution to South Shields Sports Week. The Inshore Rescue Boat also participated and so we demonstrated all the equipment and services which the Brigade strives so hard to provide.

The Inshore Rescue Boat is now fully operational with regular patrols being undertaken. There was one call, in July, when a dinghy capsized and had to be towed back to the Yacht Club. The Brigade is now a member of the Inshore Rescue Service which is co-ordinated by H.M. Coastguard. As the boat is now equipped with a V.H.F. Radio Telephone we are in direct communication with the Coast Rescue Headquarters, Tynemouth and this increases the efficiency of the inshore Rescue Boat.

The Brigade House was again open to the Public this year and a special effort was staged in September when an Exhibition Week was held. Brigadesmen were always in attendance particularly Brigadesmen A. Clavery and R. Robson who attended daily as did Mr. C. Thompson who has been appointed caretaker. Postcards and Brochures were on sale; the sale of the Brochure has been going well and we have had requests for copies from various parts of the country.

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Hon. Captain D. E. Tinning and Brigadesman A. Clavery were presented with their Clasp to the Long Service Medal (for an extra 15 years' service) by Capt. P. I. H. Bartlett, Chief Inspector of Coastguard, and we extend our heartiest congratulations to them both.

The question of the Trustees of the Brigade has now been resolved. Capt. H. M. Clavery, Brigadesman A. Clavery and Mr. F. Davison are now Trustees following the deaths in recent years of Mr. A. Nickson, Mr. C. Mathews and Mr. J. Birchell. The fourth Trustee is Hon. Capt. D. E. Tinning.

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Bernard Finlay was elected Deputy Captain to succeed the late Deputy Captain A. Robertson.

Repairs and renovations to the Watch House have continued and much of the maintenance work has, as in past years, been carried out by the members themselves. The roof, however, was badly damaged during severe gales and needs extensive repairs although temporary repairs were carried out.

### *Subscriptions and Donations.*

Once again we are extremely grateful to the Tyne Lifeboat Society for their valued support and to all who have kindly subscribed to our funds during the past year, including the many visitors to our Brigade House. Without these donations the Brigade, as a voluntary organisation, could not survive.

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### *Obituary.*

It is with the deepest regret that we record the deaths of two of our members. Deputy Captain A. Robertson, who died suddenly in May, was an active and energetic member of the Brigade for 17 years. As Scoutmaster of the 4th South Shields St. John's, Sea Scouts he encouraged Scouts to join the Brigade, many of whom are now trained members. Hon. House Captain J. Ferrier attended drills regularly after he had been retired from H. M. Coastguard. He was the holder of the Long Service Medal.

### *Expression of Thanks.*

We, once again, must record our gratitude to our President, Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase, for his continued interest and guidance in the Brigade's affairs. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Walton of Bowman & Brown, our Hon. Solicitors, particularly for his help in arranging for the new Trustees; Mr. F. Davison, our Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. G. T. Talbot, our Hon. Secretary, for all the work they have done in the administration of the Brigade. We are grateful to Mr. C. Thompson and Mr. J. Landells of the Shields Gazette for the compilation and editing of the Brochure of the Brigade's History, and Miss R. Farrell of the South Shields Public Library for her help in the necessary research for material. We thank Capt. D. Atkinson, R.N.L.I., for the loan of his Land Rover for towing the Brigade's equipment and for his assistance in training, to the required standard of efficiency, the crews of the Inshore Rescue Boat. And last, but not least, we wish to thank all those who have assisted us throughout the year and especially our many friends in H.M. Coastguard for their co-operation.

# South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1969

RECEIPTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
Interest Received	....				224	11	5
<b>Donations :</b>							
Lt.-Col. R. S. Chipchase	....	10	10	0			
General Public—Collection Box	....	39	18	3			
Mayoress of South Shields Charity Fund	....	20	0	0			
Mrs. D. Forrest	....	2	0	0			
St. John's Sea Scouts	....	1	10	0			
H. G. Davies—Hon. Member	....	1	1	0			
					74	19	3
<b>Grants :</b>							
Board of Trade	....	40	0	0			
Tyne Lifeboat Society	....	125	0	0			
					165	0	0
<b>Miscellaneous :</b>							
Income Tax Refund	....	24	18	6			
Profit on Sale of Pens	....	1	1	6			
					26	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>					490	10	8
<b>Balances at 30th June, 1968 :</b>							
Cash in Hand	....		1	1			
Cash at Bank	....	741	2	2			
					741	3	3
					£1231	13	11

PAYMENTS		£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>Cost of Premises :</b>							
Port of Tyne Authority—							
Rentals	....		16	11			
Rates	....	21	14	6			
Electricity & Water	....	75	2	7			
Repairs and Renewals	....	146	4	5			
Safety Precautions							
Alterations	....	70	5	9			
Caretaker & National Insurance	....	75	19	3			
General Cleaning							
Materials	....		7	10			
					390	11	3
<b>Inshore Rescue Boat :</b>							
General Equipment	....	57	18	9			
Fuel	....	2	5	11			
Insurance	....	12	4	7			
Repairs	....	18	7	1			
					90	16	4
<b>General Expenses :</b>							
Printing & Stationery	....	8	6	6			
Telephone	....	22	0	8			
Insurances	....	7	17	0			
Cheque Books	....		8	0			
Audit Fee	....	4	4	0			
Wreath	....	2	0	0			
Death Certificates	....	1	4	0			
Postages	....	4	11	6			
					50	11	8
<b>Miscellaneous :</b>							
Uniforms	....	37	13	0			
Overhaul of Trailer	....	68	15	3			
Purchase of Radio							
Telephone	....	139	8	2			
Wearside Shield Comp'tion	....	18	12	7			
Subscriptions for Elizabethan Trophy	....		15	0			
Photographs	....		18	11			
First Aid Box	....		17	10			
					267	0	9
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>					799	0	0
<b>Balances at 30th June, 1969 :</b>							
Cash in Hand	....		5	19	3		
Cash at Bank	....	426	14	8			
					432	13	11
					1231	13	11

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and certify that it is properly drawn up in accordance with the books.

21 St. Aidan's Road,  
SOUTH SHIELDS.  
4th September, 1969.

THOS. VASEY,  
Chartered Accountant.