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## BIOLOGY CURATORS GROUP

### Balance Sheet as at 9th January 1979

<u>Members Funds @ 1/1/78</u>	45.33	<u>Cash at Bank</u>	
Add surplus from Income		Current Account	233.26
Expenditure a/c	<u>260.68</u>	Deposit Account	68.38
Balance at 9.1.79	306.01	Cash in Hand	11.00
Amount due to P. Morgan	<u>6.63</u>		
	<u>£312.64</u>		<u>£312.64</u>

K. J. Boot  
Hon. Treasurer  
1.3.79.

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### EDITOR'S REPORT 1978/79

My principal aim as Editor has been to raise the standard of the Newsletter - to make it larger, more entertaining and with as broad a range of articles as possible. I hope that the issues produced this year have succeeded to some degree, although I would be the first to admit that there is still room for improvement. The success achieved has been in large part due to the regional structure of BCG, and my being able to contact members via a regional representative. Unfortunately few submissions for the Newsletter arrive spontaneously, the majority of articles being the result of relentless pressure from myself and the regional contact on unsuspecting biology curators! To those authors who have suffered in this way go my sympathy and thanks for producing the goods (usually) on time. Any member not contacted to date - be forewarned!

What of the future? The regional themes will no doubt be pursued as they give a broad range of interesting articles within the geographical framework. However, it would be useful to occasionally produce an issue on a subject theme - a technical issue, a biological recording issue, or an issue dealing with current research in provincial museums. This requires an effort on behalf of the membership to write an article without unsubtle hints from myself - content of the Newsletter is ultimately dependent on members, and the more scripts I receive the greater the

opportunity to develop different themes, and raise the quality of our publication. So I hope to see more submissions on a variety of topics in the coming year. Advertising in the Newsletter as a source of revenue for BCG should also be actively pursued. I feel that the Newsletter is now of sufficient quality to warrant support from more institutions - the institutional membership of the group is noticeably low. Enrol your authority now! My message then is a simple one - become involved in your Newsletter - write for it, advertise it, encourage others to read it. In this way we might achieve a healthier bank balance and increased membership.

Finally I would like to thank again BCG Committee members in the regions for their support, all the authors and contributors, my assistant Editor, Geoff Hancock, and Tyne and Wear County Council for allowing me the time to perform duties of the Editor, and providing typing and help in design and production.

Peter Davis  
Sunderland Museum

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
BIOLOGY CURATORS GROUP HELD AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM  
(NATURAL HISTORY), 2 MARCH 1979.

Present: P. Lambley, G. Stansfield, S. Flood, P. Morgan,  
A. Ritchie, G. Hancock, M. Brendell, P. Davis,  
K. Boot, E. Greenwood.

B. Logan, R. Hale (Guild of Taxidermists)

Apologies: J. Matthias, D. Erwin, J. Bateman

1. Taxidermy

Following publication of notes of the Manchester Meeting in BCG Newsletter (Vol. 2 No. 1), the Chairman had received a letter from Bari Logan of the Guild of Taxidermists, in which attention was drawn to a) the involvement of BCG in the Carnegie scheme for training in taxidermy b) discussion of Guild affairs without representation and c) formation of a technical group within BCG. The Secretary explained the impromptu nature of the discussion, which had arisen out of his comments about the location of the studentships at the Area Services, divorced from a museum situation,