

Company Registration No 4279451 (England and Wales)

**THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND – WARWICKSHIRE**

Company Limited by Guarantee  
and not having a share capital

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### COMPANY INFORMATION

COMPANY NUMBER	4279451
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1092486
PRESIDENT	Sir Andrew Watson
DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES	Judith Cobham-Lowe - Chairman Michael A Bird Nicholas A M Butler Barry Elkington Janet Gee Nick Hargrave (appointed 11 December 2024) David Roache (appointed 6 March 2024) Dr Mark Robbins Justin M Whitehorn Charles Melville Wright(resigned 10 June 2024)
SECRETARY	Myles Thornton
REGISTERED OFFICE	41A Smith Street Warwick Warwickshire CV34 4JA
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill Kent ME19 4JK
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Alice Helps The Old Barn Wasperton Warwick CV35 8EB

## **THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND - WARWICKSHIRE**

### **DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**31 December 2024**

The directors and trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Governing Document**

The organization is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2001 in the old name of The Council for the Protection of Rural England and again on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2003 by reason of name change to The Campaign to Protect Rural England. The Company is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### **Management and Direction**

The Executive Committee comprises a maximum number of 12 members. These members are Trustees and Directors and are elected annually. The Executive Committee has a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Minute Secretary and Company Secretary. A number of similar organisations are invited to attend the meetings which are held each quarter. Up to five organisations can be involved.

The Executive Committee oversees and monitors the activities of the Company, sets policy, establishes employment criteria and investment activity.

The Management Group comprises up to five members who manage, in conjunction with the Technical Secretary and the Branch Administrator, the day to day affairs of the Company.

Recruitment to these bodies is by selection resulting from advertising and recommendation from members.

There is no formal training provided by the Company, but external bodies are used when necessary to provide additional development.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Company's objects and principal activities are to:-

- 1) Promote and encourage, for the benefit of the public, the improvement, protection and conservation of the English countryside and in particular that of the County of Warwickshire as constituted from time to time plus the City of Birmingham (including Sutton Coldfield), the City of Coventry and the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (hereinafter called the "area of benefit"), its countryside, towns and villages, and the better development of the rural environment; and
- 2) Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

This is achieved by:-

- Expert and technical input into the formulation of plans for development control
- Careful monitoring of Planning Applications
- Campaigns to address matters of public concern
- Education, training and advice to members of the public and interested parties.

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### **DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**31 December 2024**

#### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

It is the intention to continue to promote the objectives of the Company by continual assessment of the needs of members, reference to the national policies of the CPRE and involvement in key planning and development matters in the countryside. An active policy of recruitment of volunteers to fulfil the primary roles as stated and the secondary functions of fund raising, membership development, effective administration and communication will be pursued.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Directors consider the current level of financial reserves to be adequate to fulfil the objectives of the Company. There is a Reserves Policy in place which sets out the criteria for the management of the capital and income of the Company.

#### **Transactions and Financial Position**

This is shown in detail within this report. There was a net deficit on unrestricted activities of £418 for the year (2023: £2,671 deficit) and the unrestricted reserves are stated at £45,334 (2023: £45,752).

#### **Directors and Trustees**

All Directors of the Company are also Trustees of the Charity.

#### **Auditors**

The Company is not required to appoint auditors.

#### **Independent Examiner**

Alice Helps was appointed Independent Examiner on 23 January 2023.

#### **Approval**

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 5 March 2025, and signed on its behalf by:

Myles Thornton  
Secretary

Date 5 March 2025

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Directors and Trustees

Judith Cobham-Lowe  
Director

Date 5 March 2025

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### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Campaign to Protect Rural England – Warwickshire

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees, who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Company Law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Alice Helps

Date 5 March 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>Restricted Funds</b>		<b>Total Funds</b>	
	Note	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>							
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>							
Donations		3,427	3,566	19,26	-	22,690	3,566
Subscriptions		13,05	12,824	3	-	13,052	12,824
Legacies		2	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising		-	2,647	-	-	977	2,647
Gift aid		977	766	-	-	440	766
200 Club		440	-	-	-	2,700	-
		2,700	-	-	-	-	-
Total income from activities		20,59	19,803	19,26	-	39,859	19,803
		6		3			
Interest received	2	1,690	1,234	-	-	1,690	1,234
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>22,28</b>	<b>21,037</b>	<b>19,26</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,549</b>	<b>21,037</b>
		<b>6</b>		<b>3</b>			
<b>Resources Expended</b>							
Cost of operations	3	21,84	22,862	7,944	3,023	29,785	25,885
Governance costs	4	1	845	-	-	863	845
		863					
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>22,70</b>	<b>23,707</b>	<b>7,944</b>	<b>3,023</b>	<b>39,648</b>	<b>26,730</b>
		<b>4</b>					
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b>		<b>(418)</b>	<b>(2,670)</b>	<b>11,31</b>	<b>(3,023</b>	<b>10,901</b>	<b>(5,693)</b>
				<b>9</b>	<b>)</b>		
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>							
		<b>(418)</b>	<b>(2,670)</b>	<b>11,31</b>	<b>(3,023</b>	<b>10,907</b>	<b>(5,693)</b>
				<b>9</b>	<b>)</b>		
Fund balances brought forward as at 1 January		45,75	48,422	20,64	23,667	66,396	72,089
		2		4			
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 December</b>		<b>45,33</b>	<b>45,752</b>	<b>31,96</b>	<b>20,644</b>	<b>77,297</b>	<b>66,396</b>
		<b>4</b>		<b>3</b>			



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## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	7	750	1,000
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>76,547</u>	<u>65,396</u>
		77,297	66,396
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>77,297</u>	<u>66,396</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>77,297</u>	<u>66,396</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Unrestricted funds		45,334	45,752
Restricted funds		<u>31,963</u>	<u>20,644</u>
<b>Total capital and reserves</b>		<u>77,297</u>	<u>66,396</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2024, the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the presentation of accounts.

These abbreviated accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Justin M Whitehorn  
Director  
Date 5 March 2025

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

#### Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis and is shown gross with the associated costs included in expenditure.

#### Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognized where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

#### Restricted funds

Part of these funds are held on behalf of Keep our Greenbelt Green (KOGG), an organisation campaigning to prevent the greenbelt around Coventry being used for housing. Another part of these funds are to be used to protect the countryside in South Warwickshire. The final part of restricted funds are for Hedgerow Heroes developing hedgerows in Warwickshire.

### 2. Interest receivable

	2024	2023
	£	£
Short term interest	<u>1,690</u>	<u>1,234</u>

### 3. Cost of operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Fees internal consultants	10,260	10,060
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Donation to Barford Stop the Quarry	-	500
Rent and utilities	4,739	3,655
Newsletter cost and postage	2,261	1,601
Fund raising expenses	805	2,164
Telephone and broadband	851	1,906
Insurance	528	255
Office supplies	687	634
Travel	976	567
Other	467	840
	<u>21,841</u>	<u>22,862</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Fees external consultants	-	2,523
Hedgerow expenses	7,944	-
Donation to Barford Stop the Quarry	-	500
	<u>7,944</u>	<u>3,023</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**4. Governance costs**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Annual General Meeting and Annual Report	863	845
	<u>863</u>	<u>845</u>

**5. Taxation**

On 8 May 2002 the Company agreed charitable status with HM Inspector of Taxes

**6. Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	750	750
Gift aid receivable	-	250
	<u>750</u>	<u>1,000</u>