

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1093081

Details

Other names	THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND, OXFORDSHIRE CPRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04443278
Registered	2002-07-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE AND IN PARTICULAR THAT OF OXFORDSHIRE AND ITS CITY, TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND THE BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: to work for the improvement protection and preservation of the countryside of Oxfordshire

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OXFORDSHIRE AND ITS CITY, TOWNS AND VILLAGES
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£371,313	£398,400	-	-
2023-12-31	£174,450	£187,558	-	-
2022-12-31	£78,694	£139,879	-	-
2021-12-31	£180,911	£135,154	-	-
2020-12-31	£53,068	£67,852	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Llewellyn Poole		2025-06-07
David Leonard Marsh		2023-09-30
Deborah Peterson Hallett		2024-06-24
Dr Susannah Elizabeth Mather		2022-06-25
Heneage Bourke-Legge		2026-02-11
Olivia Mary Field		2021-06-19
Susan Robin Balerdi Ronald		2025-11-17

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Accounts

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Registered Company No 04443278

Registered Charity No 1093081

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THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Governing Document

The memorandum and articles of association were incorporated as of 21 May 2002 as amended by special registration registered at Companies House on 4 August 2018.

Structure and Management

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is currently supported by four active districts committees i.e. Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, West Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. It is also the intention to establish a fifth district committee covering Oxford City in the near future. Each of the districts meet separately and have their own chair, treasurer and secretary. Trustees comprise branch appointed trustees as well as the district chairs. Each trustee is elected annually. The trustees are also directors of the charitable company. They meet four times a year, in addition to the AGM. In addition, there is a small network of specialist advisors that provide pro bono advice to the Charity in their areas of expertise. The Branch had a membership of 663 as at 31 December 2024.

During 2024, the charity had four salaried members of staff i.e. Director, Communications Manager, Administrator and Planning Coordinator.

The Branch is also supported by a President, and currently six Vice-Presidents.

An Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is open to all members, is held once per annum, normally in the Summer months.

Objectives

To promote and encourage for the benefit of the public, the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of Oxfordshire and its city, towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty in having due regard to the guidance on public benefit, as published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

Activities in 2024

The main event in 2024 was, of course, the General Election on July 4th – or rather, the announcements and policy definition that have followed as the new Labour Government's manifesto pledges began to take shape, including some notable changes to planning, which could have a significant effect on our countryside. We were pleased to host a 'Countryside & Environment Hustings' for local candidates just before the election, chaired by Roger Mortlock, the Chief Executive of CPRE.

CPRE nationally has welcomed some of the Government's proposals, such as the introduction of a land use framework. Collectively we have campaigned hard over the years for a more strategic and joined-up approach to land use that recognises the multiple demands on our precious and finite land. The new framework could prove positive, with community engagement – if it strikes the right balance between all of these demands.

In Oxfordshire, CPRE campaigns to protect the countryside against some significant and tangible threats – including the enormous proposed reservoir, several huge solar farms, and unrealistic housing targets. We acknowledge both the need for sustainable, affordable housing and for renewable energy sources, but believe these can be achieved using brownfield sites for homes and rooftops for solar - without sacrificing nature or land that we can all benefit from (and that we can never get back if lost).

These principles guided several campaign areas over the year, offering support and guidance to those who wish to feed in to consultations as well as providing our own responses:

- **Solar Farms:** we support solar power and other renewables, but believe rooftop solar is the best way to meet Oxfordshire's energy needs whilst protecting the countryside, for food, for nature and for people. The proposed Botley West industrial solar farm is enormous, covering over 1,000 hectares of land largely within the Oxford Green Belt and impacting several public rights of way. We submitted our consultation response in July 2024, continuing to object to this development.
- We also continued to object to other plans for large solar farms that would have a severe impact on the Green Belt or crucial wildlife habitats, including sites at Noke and Stratton Audley, supported by strong public opinion. These objections to Cherwell District Council's Planning Committee were initially successful, but the decisions have now been appealed.
- **Rooftop solar:** Our campaign for 'Rooftop Renewables' continued. We contributed to the Government's consultation on changes to building regulations, including proposals to make rooftop solar mandatory on most new buildings, and we supported the private 'Sunshine Bill' aiming to make solar panels standard in all new homes, which secured a commitment from the Government to ensure that solar energy will form part of amended building regulations to be rolled out later in 2025.
- **Campaign against the Abingdon Reservoir:** CPRE Oxfordshire and GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) continued to campaign against the proposed 'mega-reservoir', which was regrettably brought a step closer by the Government approving Thames Water's 'Water Resource Management Plan' – just one week after the public consultation closed. Citing substantial flaws to Thames Water's proposals including projections of future water demand, concerns around flood risks and significant environmental harm, CPRE and GARD's sister organisation SAFERWaterS launched a claim for a Judicial Review into the Government's decision to approve Thames Water's plan without a public inquiry. CPRE and GARD had called for a full public inquiry into the process and technical aspects of the plan and also launched a petition. If successful the legal challenge will be heard in late June 2025.
- **Protect the Green Belt:** We reprised our 10-year-old research into the Oxford Green Belt with an updated survey. This showed a 10% increase in support for the Green Belt, up from 70% to over 80%, regardless of whether respondents lived in town or country – reflecting a growing awareness of the importance of keeping it open and undeveloped, as CPRE has maintained for many years. Prior to the survey, however, we found that 69% of respondents knew little to nothing about Green Belts, with 21% being unaware of the Oxford Green Belt – despite it being the 'countryside next door' for 165,000 residents of Oxford City.
- In 2025 we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Oxford Green Belt.
- **Sustainable, affordable housing in the right place:** CPRE Oxfordshire engaged in the consultation on the revised version of Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which is intended to guide what gets built where – and hence is

vitaly important. The re-introduction of mandatory housing targets, along with changes to the method for calculating them, would see targets for new homes in Oxfordshire increase by 60%, with numbers for South Oxfordshire doubling. The proposed changes would mean areas that have seen large housing growth (such as Oxfordshire) are further penalised by targets being set according to this existing high baseline. We applaud the Government's ambitions to build more affordable homes, but believe there are better ways to do this, i.e. with a focus on genuinely affordable high-density housing that is well-designed, well-built and energy-efficient, in areas where there is already the infrastructure to support them.

- Another area of concern was the requirement for councils to review their Green Belt boundaries by identifying lower quality so-called 'grey belt' land – with the implication that this could be built on. We will continue to assess the impact of the NPPF and what it means for our countryside.

Our responses to draft Local Plans took shape in a number of ways:

- **Oxford City Local Plan 2040:** In May and June 2024, CPRE Oxfordshire, along with Need not Greed Oxfordshire and the South, West and Vale District Councils, all put forward detailed evidence to challenge the draft Oxford City Local Plan 2040, for its aggressive growth agenda that would offload housing onto surrounding Districts and the Green Belt, while retaining city centre sites for employment. We were pleased that in October the draft plan was rejected by the Planning Inspector, and fully supported the Inspector's findings. In 2025 Oxford City Council is following up with an 'early engagement survey' in advance of a formal consultation (expected in June 2025). We will continue to monitor the development of this plan and expect to contribute positively to its refinement, with points relating to protecting Oxford's green spaces, restoring flood plains, ensuring new homes are built to match new jobs, and that they are at genuinely affordable social rents and are zero carbon in construction and operation.
- **Joint South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Plan** consultation: CPRE Oxfordshire are largely supportive of this Plan and in November we provided detailed feedback. We commended the extensive consultation undertaken to produce it, and were pleased that 'protecting the countryside' came out as the top priority and that the value of dark skies is recognised. Areas of concern related to the lack of a standalone Green Belt policy and of a clearly defined 'rooftop first' approach to Renewable Energy.
- **Cherwell District Council Plan:** published just before the end of 2024, CPRE Oxfordshire responded in detail, and welcomed the fact that in many areas our views were taken onboard.

Of a more celebratory nature, perhaps:

- In January 2024 we promoted our **Green Defenders network** for planning volunteers, to help us make sure new development respects and supports our cherished local countryside – with training provided.
- In May, we marked the completion of the current stage of our **Oxford Green Belt Way** improvement project (which replaced nine stiles with accessible, self-closing gates) with a celebratory walk around Nuneham Courtenay and Marsh Baldon. The project was implemented by Oxfordshire County Council's Countryside Access Team, made possible through a grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) with funding from Grundon.
- Also in May, we worked with Refugee Resource in Oxford to organise a trip to Harcourt Arboretum for local women and children – sharing the **benefit of open green spaces**.

- In July, we announced that our **Hedgerow Heroes** project had entered its fourth year, having secured another round of funding. Working in partnership with Wild Oxfordshire, over the year we surpassed our planting target by over 1km, collectively planting approximately 3.3 km of new hedgerow and rejuvenating over 600m of hedgerow, with the help of almost 400 volunteers – enriching habitat, increasing biodiversity, and mitigating against some of the effects of climate change. Six of the communities involved were new additions to the Hedgerow Heroes project. 130 people were trained in hedge-laying over the course of four popular workshops. Our thanks to our volunteers and landowners who have supported this important initiative.
- In September, CPRE Oxfordshire and Berkshire celebrated **Countryside Day** on the county boundary in Goring and Streatley – the CPRE network’s new annual celebration of rural England, inspiring us to protect and promote it for future generations.

We still face challenges in attracting volunteers for our District Committees, which are integral to our operation and to supporting our campaigning locally. At the time of writing we are actively seeking new District Chairs in South, West and Oxford City, along with two new Trustees and a new Treasurer. We encourage all our supporters to consider whether they or someone they know could become more involved in this way and help all of our good work to protect your countryside – do get in touch if you feel you can help.

Midway through 2024 we bade a fond farewell to our former Director, Helen Marshall, after 13 years... and have been absolutely delighted to welcome Lisa Warne as our new Director. Lisa joined us in September after several years at Defra, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, so she has both a natural affinity for the issues that CPRE cares so deeply about and a wide knowledge of environmental policy – as well as pragmatic energy and fantastic all-round ability. We are indeed lucky to have her.

I would like to offer sincere thanks to Nick Dolden, who in June will be coming to the end of his term as Treasurer and Trustee, for his many years of service. We have benefited deeply from Nick’s sound advice and knowledge over the years, and will be sorry to see him go. Our advertisement for a new Treasurer is currently live, and we hope to be able to make an appointment for this crucial position before long. I would also like to thank Dorian Grier, our outgoing Trustee and Secretary, most warmly for all her hard work, involvement and dedication over the years, which have been highly valued. An equally warm welcome to Debby Hallett, who has now taken up the reins as our new Secretary.

The voice of CPRE, speaking up on behalf of achieving the right balance of countryside, renewable energy, agricultural land and sustainable housing, remains both relevant and important. I would like to thank the hard-working team at CPRE Oxfordshire, our volunteers and all our magnificent donors – all of whose contributions make a real difference to our county.

Financial Review

There was a net excess of expenditure over income before gains/losses on investments on unrestricted funds of £9,953 (net expenditure of £6,227 in 2023) and net expenditure of £17,134 on restricted funds (net expenditure of £6,881 in 2023). After adjustments for transfers between funds and the unrealised increase in value of investments, there was a net loss in unrestricted funds of £3,830 (net gain of £14,975 in 2023) and a net loss of £17,134 in restricted funds (net loss of £5,220 in 2023). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 December were £385,231 (£389,061 in 2023) and restricted funds were £71,858 (£88,992 in 2023). Total funds were represented by investments and bank and building society accounts and other assets totalled £457,089 (£478,053 in 2023).

The Trustees have determined that the level of unrestricted reserves should be set at the equivalent of around six months annualised expenditure (£45,000). The Trustees have set out a future Branch Strategy and designated funds will be set up as appropriate to fund key priorities identified as part of the Strategy. In addition, the trustees are anticipating that current unrestricted reserves will be required to meet costs arising from as yet unidentified challenges and threats to the Oxfordshire Countryside. Trustees have produced a future finance plan and are anticipating that current reserves will be required to fulfil future identified shortfalls in resources to enable it to support its current activities.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf.

Dr Susie Mather - Chair and Director

Date: 07 May 2025

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Gary Howard FCA

Howard Wilson Chartered Accountants
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Date: 08 May 2025

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	Restricted Fund 2024 £	Unrestricted Fund 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Fund 2023 £	Unrestricted Fund 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies							
National subscriptions - branch share	4	-	26,302	26,302	-	25,466	25,466
Donations grants and local support		289,620	36,316	325,936	108,789	22,643	131,432
Other Trading Activities							
Sale of books		-	556	556	-	1,319	1,319
Sundry		-	277	277	-	396	396
Investments							
Dividends COIFCharities Investment Funds - Income Units		-	18,207	18,207	-	15,824	15,824
Bank Deposit interest		-	35	35	-	13	13
Total income		289,620	81,693	371,313	108,789	65,661	174,450
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds							
Direct Costs of Fundraising		-	363	363	-	540	540
Indirect Costs		-	1,005	1,005	-	2,609	2,609
Charitable Activities	5	306,754	90,278	397,032	115,670	68,739	184,409
Total expenditure		306,754	91,646	398,400	115,670	71,888	187,558
Net gains(losses) on investments		-	6,123	6,123	-	22,863	22,863
Net Income/(expenditure)		(17,134)	(3,830)	(20,964)	(6,881)	16,636	9,755
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	1,661	(1,661)	-
Net Movement in Funds		(17,134)	(3,830)	(20,964)	(5,220)	14,975	9,755
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund Balances Previous Year		88,992	389,061	478,053	94,212	374,086	468,298
Fund balances at Year End		71,858	385,231	457,089	88,992	389,061	478,053

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	7	<u>458,254</u>	<u>463,925</u>
		458,254	463,925
Current assets			
Barclays Bank – Branch		14,896	44,397
Banks & Building Societies – Districts		-	-
Debtors		<u>7,066</u>	<u>6,015</u>
		21,962	50,412
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		(1,429)	(1,605)
Deferred Grants		<u>(21,698)</u>	<u>(34,679)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(1,165)	14,128
Total net assets		<u><u>457,089</u></u>	<u><u>478,053</u></u>
Total Funds			
	8		
Unrestricted Fund		271,603	281,556 *
Revaluation Reserve		<u>113,628</u>	<u>107,505</u> *
		385,231	389,061
Restricted Fund		71,858	88,992
		<u><u>457,089</u></u>	<u><u>478,053</u></u>

* Amounts restated. A further explanation on this has been provided in note 8.

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors/Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Directors/Trustees on 07 May 2025 and signed on their behalf.

Dr Susie Mather – Chair and Director

Company Registration No: 04443278

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

(i) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(ii) Fund accounting

The Unrestricted fund is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

(iii) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The Oxfordshire share of subscription income received from the National Office of CPRE is accounted for on an accruals basis. Income from events is treated as income when the events actually occur. Dividends are credited to the revenue account as they are received.

Donations and legacies are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resource and it is probable that the resources will be received.

(iv) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity is not registered for VAT and where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT. Campaign costs have been apportioned between expenditure on charitable activities and costs of raising funds based on an estimated percentage.

(v) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(vi) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

2. The Company

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Oxfordshire) is formed under the Companies Act and has no share capital, being a company limited by guarantee. The maximum liability of each of its members is £1.

3. Directors/trustees information

Directors/trustees received no remuneration for their services (2023: £Nil).

No expenses were reimbursed to directors/trustees (2023: £Nil). There were no other related party transactions.

4. Share of subscription income

Members of CPRE who are resident in Oxfordshire, and those wishing to support CPRE, are automatically members of the Oxfordshire Branch of CPRE, which is funded by a variable percentage of subscriptions and linked donations which National Office pass on quarterly.

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Campaign Costs						
Staff Salaries	17,746	55,861	73,607	24,989	49,653	74,642
Projects	6,994	11,997	18,992	4,189	2,191	6,380
Subscriptions and donations	240,500	737	241,237	50,000	830	50,830
Bank Charges	-	125	125	-	176	176
Travel/Expenses	168	848	1,016	153	1,161	1,314
Telephone/Internet	100	1,690	1,790	119	1,376	1,495
Stationery/Office Expenses	144	1,871	2,015	199	1,811	2,010
Web/Email Expenses	-	1,266	1,266	-	663	663
Rent Insurance	-	8,104	8,104	477	5,126	5,603
Sundry	-	1,378	1,378	-	806	806
Contractors Costs	41,102	-	41,102	35,406	-	35,406
Events/ Meeting Expenses	-	1,469	1,469	-	290	290
	306,754	85,346	392,100	115,532	64,083	179,615
Allocated to expenditure on raising funds	-	(1,005)	(1,005)	-	(2,609)	(2,609)
	306,754	84,341	391,095	115,532	61,474	177,006
Members newsletters	-	4,917	4,917	-	3,014	3,014
Governance						
AGM and Annual Report	-	-	-	138	3,351	3,489
Independent Examination Fees	-	1,020	1,020	-	900	900
	-	1,020	1,020	138	4,251	4,389
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	306,754	90,278	397,032	115,670	68,739	184,409

6. Employee Information

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salary	71,888	73,210
Employer's National Insurance	329	-
Employer's Pension Contributions	<u>1,390</u>	<u>1,432</u>
Total	<u><u>73,607</u></u>	<u><u>74,642</u></u>

The average number of employees in the year was 4 (2023: 4).

All employees have opted in to the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) pension scheme.

7. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
COIF Charities Investment Fund		
As at 1 January	223,108	370,245
Less Transfer to COIF Deposit Account	-	(170,000)
Revaluation for the year	<u>6,123</u>	<u>22,863</u>
As at 31 December	229,231	223,108
COIF Charities Deposit Account		
	<u>229,023</u>	<u>240,816</u>
Total as at 31 December	<u><u>458,254</u></u>	<u><u>463,924</u></u>

The company holds 74,123.3 Income Units (2023:74,123.3 Income Units) in COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund (held in the UK).

One unit was valued at 309.4 pence (2023:301.0 pence) as at 31 December 2023.

The Charities Deposit Account as at 31 December 2023 includes transfer of £170,000 from COIF Charities Investment Fund in March 2023 which equated to 61,165.48 units.

8. Analysis of movements in funds	Funds				Gains/ (losses) on		Funds
2024	1 Jan	Income	Expenditure	Investments	Transfers	2024	31 Dec
	2024						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund							
Need not Greed NNG)	61	-	-	-	-	-	61
Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD)	23,000	225,000	(240,559)	-	-	-	7,441
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins	47,774	-	(5,431)	-	-	-	42,343
Vale District	2,555	-	-	-	-	-	2,555
Cherwell District	2,547	-	-	-	-	-	2,547
South Oxfordshire District	570	-	(53)	-	-	-	517
West Oxfordshire	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
OGBW Stiles Project	3,661	62	(1,612)	-	-	-	2,111
Tanner Trust	-	10,000	(4,167)	-	-	-	5,833
Green Belt Conference	445	5,000	(5,445)	-	-	-	-
Hedgerow Heroes	-	46,377	(46,377)	-	-	-	-
Green Defenders	7,379	3,181	(3,110)	-	-	-	7,450
	<u>88,992</u>	<u>289,620</u>	<u>(306,754)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,858</u>
Unrestricted Fund							
Income Reserve Fund	281,556	81,693	(91,646)	-	-	-	271,603
Revaluation Reserve Fund	107,505	-	-	6,123	-	-	113,628
	<u>389,061</u>	<u>81,693</u>	<u>(91,646)</u>	<u>6,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>385,231</u>
Total Funds	<u>478,053</u>	<u>371,313</u>	<u>(398,400)</u>	<u>6,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>457,089</u>

8. Analysis of movements in funds (continued)

Comparatives 2023	Funds 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (losses) on Investments £	Transfers £	Funds 31 Dec 2023 £
Restricted Fund						
Need not Greed	9,575	125	(9,639)	-	-	61
Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD)	28,000	45,000	(50,000)	-	-	23,000
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins	51,450	6,250	(9,926)	-	-	47,774
Vale District	2,640	31	(116)	-	-	2,555
Cherwell District	2,547	-	-	-	-	2,547
Hedgerow Heroes	-	25,235	(25,235)	-	-	-
South Oxfordshire District	-	-	(83)	-	653	570
West Oxfordshire	-	-	(8)	-	1,008	1,000
OGBW Stiles Project	-	16,769	(13,108)	-	-	3,661
Green Belt Conference	-	8,000	(7,555)	-	-	445
Green Defenders	-	7,379	-	-	-	7,379
	<u>94,212</u>	<u>108,789</u>	<u>(115,670)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,661</u>	<u>88,992</u>
Unrestricted Fund						
Income Reserve Fund *	139,130	65,661	(71,888)	-	148,653	281,556
Revaluation Reserve Fund *	<u>234,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,863</u>	<u>(150,314)</u>	<u>107,505</u>
	<u>374,086</u>	<u>65,661</u>	<u>(71,888)</u>	<u>22,863</u>	<u>(1,661)</u>	<u>389,061</u>
Total Funds	<u>468,298</u>	<u>174,450</u>	<u>(187,558)</u>	<u>22,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>478,053</u>

* The closing balances for the income reserve fund and the revaluation reserve for 2023 and carried forward in to 2024 have been restated. Net Accumulated gains/(losses) of £150,314 that had arisen prior to the transfer of 61,165.48 units and £170,000 from the COIF Ethical Investment Fund to the COIF Deposit Fund in 2023 should have been transferred from the revaluation reserve to the income reserve fund. This is shown in the transfer column.

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1093081

Accounts

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Registered Company No 04443278

Registered Charity No 1093081

Registered Office

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity No. 1093081 Registered Company No. 04443278

President	John Harwood	
Vice-Presidents	David Astor Dr Peter Collins Gordon Garraway Gillian Salway Bruce Tremayne Brian Wood Elizabeth Gillespie	****
Chairman of the Executive Committee	Professor Richard Harding	*****
Vice - Chairmen	Olivia Field Susie Mather	*
Executive Committee	Robin Oliver Dr Lisa Buchan Dr Geoff Botting Olivia Field Heneage Legge-Bourke Philippa Phelan Nicholas Dolden Dorian Grier Susie Mather Simon Warr Claudia Lusardi David Marsh	***** , ***** ***** ***** , ***** ***** ***** , ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ** , ***** *** , *****
Secretary	Dorian Grier	
Treasurer	Nicholas Dolden	
Director	Helen Marshall	
Independent Examiner	Kelvin Barnes of Barnes4Business Limited	
CPRE Oxfordshire Buildings Preservation Trust Ltd	John Alexander	
Honorary Consultants	Angus Dart – Farming Jim Fletcher - Transport Professor Richard Harding - Water George Lambrick – Archaeology and Historic Buildings Nick Moon and Gordon Garraway –	

Rights of Way and Footpaths
Martin Harris – Oxford Green Belt Network
Michael Tyce – Without Portfolio

*appointment from 30 March 2023
**appointment from 1 October 2023
***appointment from 30 September 2023
****appointment from 24 June 2023
*****trustee and director
*****resigned as trustee 2 October 2023
*****resigned as trustee 6 October 2023
*****resigned as trustee 1 June 2023

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Trustees' annual report for the year end 31 December 2023 (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Governing Document

The memorandum and articles of association were incorporated as of 21 May 2002 as amended by special registration registered at Companies House on 4 August 2018.

Structure and Management

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is currently supported by four active districts committees i.e. Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, West Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. It is also the intention to establish a fifth district committee covering Oxford City in the near future. Each of the districts meet separately and have their own chair, treasurer and secretary. Trustees comprise branch appointed trustees as well as the district chairs. Each trustee is elected annually. The trustees are also directors of the charitable company. They meet four times a year, in addition to the AGM. In addition, there is a small network of specialist advisors that provide pro bono advice to the Charity in their areas of expertise. The Branch had a membership of 700 as at 31 December 2023.

During 2023, the charity had four salaried members of staff i.e. Director, Communications Manager, Administrator and Planning Coordinator, who was recruited towards the end of February 2022. The Director reports to the Chair of trustees, with remaining staff reporting to the Director.

The Branch is also supported by a President, and currently five Vice-Presidents.

An Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is open to all members, is held once per annum, normally in the Summer months.

Objectives

To promote and encourage for the benefit of the public, the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of Oxfordshire and its city, towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty in having due regard to the guidance on public benefit, as published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

Activities in 2023

Looking back at last year's annual report on one hand little has changed. We are still seeing overdevelopment in the countryside – including housing developments, warehouses and speculative solar farms. There are, however, some encouraging signs. At a national level the updates to the National Planning Policy Framework have been introduced. The revisions have many positives, including a partial removal of the five year housing land supply rule, a strengthening of the Green Belt and the statement that the 'standard method' used to calculate housing need is only advisory. One can see the voice of CPRE in these welcome changes.

In Oxfordshire, with the demise of the Oxfordshire 2050 plan, the Districts are going their own way. Unfortunately, Oxford City and Cherwell are still set on excessive growth, but South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse have set themselves on a more

moderate path – with a small reduction in their overall housing target and extending the delivery date out to 2041. There are also many other welcome policies in the current draft combined South and Vale Local Plan such as dark skies, tranquil areas and low carbon buildings. We await to see whether these developments survive inspections.

At a local level we've seen some successes. In Cholsey, a 400 house development was thrown out by the Secretary of State on the grounds that the views of local people and their Neighbourhood Plan must be adhered to. In Cherwell, CPRE successfully challenged speculative housing developments at Chesterton and Ambrosden. Over in the Vale there is no sign of any activity concerning proposals for an intrusive caravan park and in Eynsham the courts have ruled that the Inspector was wrong to reject the community led plan for low carbon housing at the Salt Cross development. While CPRE can't claim full credit for all these successes it does show that local people are being listened to and campaigning is worthwhile.

Hedgerow Heroes has had another successful year working with 13 communities to plant and restore hedgerows and our Green Belt Stiles project has improved accessibility of the Green Belt Way around Oxford. Our Green Belt Planning Seminar drew over 50 local campaigners and decision-makers into a discussion on planning, the Green Belt and 'exceptional circumstances'. Many thanks to donors, landowners and local groups who have supported these initiatives.

We continue to support GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) to oppose the Abingdon Reservoir. Unfortunately Thames Water continues with its plans – CPRE and GARD have been calling for a full Public Inquiry to consider the need, consequences and alternatives to this unwanted development. We continue to support the local groups campaigning for improved sewage treatment and the proposals for water bathing status along the Thames and its tributaries. As an aside it was heartening to see the Environment Agency objecting to the proposed housing development at Bayswater Brook, NE of Oxford on the grounds of inadequate capacity for sewage treatment and potential flooding. CPRE has been campaigning for years that, if we are to have more housing, adequate infrastructure must be in place.

Many of the long-term challenges remain. The proposals for the Botley West Solar Farm are inching forward. CPRE remains opposed to large solar farms and believes that solar panels should be accommodated on roofs of houses and warehouses, above car parks and on other brownfield sites. We have been supporting the Stop Botley West campaign and pushing for stronger policies in the Local Plans to make solar panels on roofs mandatory and to discourage speculative solar farm developments on green fields. We are developing a new campaign in the coming year.

This time last year we were planning to dip into our reserves to support our campaigning. Thanks to support in terms of donations and grants (alongside our membership contributions and investment income) we have broken even over 2023. Our staff team do a fantastic job for Oxfordshire, but we do need more volunteers, particularly to help with the District Committees – so please get in touch if you think you can spare some time to help. One excellent initiative we've started off this year is our Student Planning Ambassadors. We have teamed up with Oxford Brookes University to recruit three young planning students to help us assess planning applications in the County. This will give the students real world experience and provide CPRE with a new resource. Thanks to Oxford Brookes for their support.

Sadly Helen Marshall, our Director, is leaving us this year. Helen has been a fantastic ambassador and advocate for CPRE for 13 years, providing excellent support to our

campaigns and volunteers. As I write we are putting together the advert for her replacement – she will be a hard act to follow.

After three enjoyable years in the Chairman's role, I will also be stepping down at the Branch AGM on 29 June, in line with our Constitution. I will continue to support CPRE in an advisory capacity, particularly around water issues. I am delighted that my fellow trustee, Susie Mather, has allowed her name to go forward for election as Chair.

While we've had our challenges in the last year it does seem that local activism is working and Government, at all levels, is listening to local people. Many thanks to our volunteers, staff and donors and I look forward to your support in the coming year.

Financial Review

There was a net excess of expenditure over income before gains/losses on investments on unrestricted funds of £6,227 (net expenditure of £26,123 in 2022) and net expenditure of £6,881 on restricted funds (net expenditure of £35,062 in 2022). After adjustments for transfers between funds and the unrealised increase in value of investments, there was a net gain in unrestricted funds of £14,975 (net loss of £81,162 in 2022) and a net loss of £5,220 in restricted funds (net loss of £32,515 in 2022). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 December were £389,061 (£374,086 in 2022) and restricted funds were £88,992 (£94,212 in 2022). Total funds were represented by investments and bank and building society accounts and other assets totalled £478,053 (£468,298 in 2022).

The Trustees have determined that the level of unrestricted reserves should be set at the equivalent of around six months annualised expenditure (£45,000). The Trustees have set out a future Branch Strategy and designated funds will be set up as appropriate to fund key priorities identified as part of the Strategy. In addition, the trustees are anticipating that current unrestricted reserves will be required to meet costs arising from as yet unidentified challenges and threats to the Oxfordshire Countryside. Trustees have produced a future finance plan and are anticipating that current reserves will be required to fulfil future identified shortfalls in resources to enable it to support its current activities.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf.

Professor Richard Harding

Chairman and Director

Date: 15 April 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the year ended 31 December 2023.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees 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 Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 EXAMINERS STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. 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 section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 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.

Kelvin Barnes FCCA
Barnes4Business Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
12 Murdock Road
Bicester
Oxfordshire
OX26 4PP

Date: 15 April 2024

Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Restricted Fund 2023 £	Unrestricted Fund 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Fund 2022 £	Unrestricted Fund 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies							
National subscriptions - branch share	4		25,466	25,466	-	24,599	24,599
Donations grants and local support		108,789	22,643	131,432	21,846	18,079	39,925
Other Trading Activities							
Sale of books			1,319	1,319	-	1,308	1,308
Sundry			396	396	-	800	800
Investments							
Dividends COIF Charities Investment Funds - Income Units			15,824	15,824	-	11,554	11,554
Bank Deposit interest			13	13	-	508	508
Total income		108,789	65,661	174,450	21,846	56,848	79,694
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds							0
Direct Costs of Fundraising			540	540	-	301	301
Indirect Costs			2,609	2,609	-	826	826
Charitable Activities	5	115,670	68,739	184,409	56,908	81,844	138,752
Total expenditure		115,670	71,888	187,558	56,908	82,971	139,879
Net gains(losses) on investments			22,863	22,863	-	(52,492)	(52,492)
Net Income/(expenditure)		(6,881)	16,636	9,755	(35,062)	(78,615)	(113,677)
Transfers between funds		1,661	(1,661)	0	2,547	(2,547)	0
Net Movement in Funds		(5,220)	14,975	9,755	(32,515)	(81,162)	(113,677)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund Balances Previous Year		94,212	374,086	468,298	126,727	455,248	581,975
Fund balances at Year End		88,992	389,061	478,053	94,212	374,086	468,298

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	7	<u>463,925</u>	<u>425,237</u>
		463,925	425,237
Current assets			
Barclays Bank – Branch		44,397	39,153
Banks & Building Societies - Districts		0	1,698
Debtors		<u>6,015</u>	<u>6,449</u>
		50,412	47,300
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		(1,605)	(4,239)
Deferred Grants		<u>(34,679)</u>	
Net current assets		14,128	43,061
Total net assets		<u><u>478,053</u></u>	<u><u>468,298</u></u>
Total Funds			
	8		
Unrestricted Fund		131,242	139,130
Revaluation Reserve		<u>257,819</u>	<u>234,956</u>
		389,061	374,086
Restricted Fund		88,992	94,212
		<u><u>478,053</u></u>	<u><u>468,298</u></u>

For the year ended 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors/Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Directors/Trustees on 12 April 2023 and signed on their behalf.

Professor Richard Harding - Chair

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies

(i) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(ii) Fund accounting

The Unrestricted fund is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

(iii) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The Oxfordshire share of subscription income received from the National Office of CPRE is accounted for on an accruals basis. Income from events is treated as income when the events actually occur. Dividends are credited to the revenue account as they are received. Donations and legacies are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resource and it is probable that the resources will be received.

Some of the grant income received in 2023 for Hedgerow Heroes has been deferred into 2024 when the work will be undertaken and paid for. In addition grant income has been received in 2023 to continue the post of Planning Coordinator beyond February 2024.

(iv) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity is not registered for VAT and where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT. Campaign costs have been apportioned between expenditure on charitable activities and costs of raising funds based on an estimated percentage.

(v) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(vi) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

2. The Company

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Oxfordshire) is formed under the Companies Act and has no share capital, being a company limited by guarantee. The maximum liability of each of its members is £1.

3. Directors/trustees information

Directors/trustees received no remuneration for their services (2022: £nil).

Expenses of £ nil for mileage, parking, other travel, and subsistence were reimbursed to directors/trustees (2022: nil)

4. Share of subscription income

Members of CPRE who are resident in Oxfordshire, and those wishing to support CPRE, are automatically members of the Oxfordshire Branch of CPRE, which is funded by a variable percentage of subscriptions and linked donations which National Office pass on quarterly.

5. Expenditure on charitable activities/.

	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Campaign Costs						
Staff Salaries	24,989	49,653	74,642	8,483	59,778	68,261
Projects	4,189	2,191	6,380	4,888	3,870	8,758
Subscriptions and donations	50,000	830	50,830	25,000	535	25,535
Bank Charges		176	176	-	218	218
Travel/Expenses	153	1,161	1,314	57	951	1,008
Telephone/Internet	119	1,376	1,495	47	1,378	1,425
Stationary/Office Expenses	199	1,811	2,010	13	1,562	1,575
Web/Email Expenses		663	663	-	55	55
Rent Insurance	477	5,126	5,603	-	5,320	5,320
Sundry		806	806	-	850	850
Contractors Costs	35,406		35,406	18,359	-	18,359
Events/ Meeting Expenses		290	290	-	665	665
	115,532	64,083	179,615	56,847	75,182	132,029
Allocated to expenditure on raising funds		(2,609)	(2,609)	-	(826)	(826)
	115,532	61,474	177,006	56,847	74,356	131,203
Members newsletters		3,014	3,014	-	5,954	5,954
Governance						
AGM and Annual Report	138	3,351	3,489	61	635	696
Independent Examination Fees		900	900	-	900	900
	138	4,251	4,389	61	1,535	1,596
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	115,670	68,739	184,409	56,908	81,844	138,752

6. Employee Information

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salary	73,210	66,745
Employer's National Insurance		230
Employer's Pension Contributions	<u>1,432</u>	<u>1,285</u>
Total	<u><u>74,642</u></u>	<u><u>68,260</u></u>

The average number of employees in the year was 4 (2022: 4).

All employees have opted in to the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) pension scheme.

7. Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
COIF Charities Investment Fund		
As at 1 January	370,245	422,737
Less Transfer to COIF Deposit Account	(170,000)	
Revaluation for the year	<u>22,863</u>	<u>(52,492)</u>
As at 31 December	223,108	370,245
COIF Charities Deposit Account	<u>240,816</u>	<u>54,992</u>
Total as at 31 December	<u><u>463,925</u></u>	<u><u>425,237</u></u>

The company holds 74,123.3 Income Units (2022:135,288.78 Income Units)in COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund (held in the UK). One unit was valued at 3.01pence(2022:273.67 pence) as at December 2023.

The Charities Deposit Account as at 31 December 2023 includes transfer of £170,000 from COIF Charities Investment Fund in March which equated to 61,165.48 units.

8. Analysis of movements in funds

	Funds 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses) on Investments	Transfers	Funds 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund						
Need not Greed Oxfordshire (NNGO)	9,575	125	(9,639)	-	-	61
Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD)	28,000	45,000	(50,000)	-	-	23,000
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Vale District	2,640	31	(116)	-	-	2,555
Cherwell District	2,547	-	-	-	-	2,547
South Oxfordshire District	-	-	(83)	-	653	570
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OGBW Stiles Project	-	16,769	(13,108)	-	-	3,661
Green Belt Conference	-	8,000	(7,555)	-	-	445
Hedgerow Heroes	-	25,235	(25,235)	-	-	-
Green Defenders	-	7,379	-	-	-	7,379
	94,212	108,789	(115,670)	-	1,661	88,992
Unrestricted Fund						
Income Reserve Fund	139,130	65,661	(71,888)	-	(1,661)	131,242
Revaluation Reserve Fund	234,956	-	-	22,863	-	257,819
	374,086	65,661	(71,888)	22,863	(1,661)	389,061
Total Funds	468,298	174,450	(187,558)	22,863	-	478,053
2022						
	Funds 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses) on Investments	Transfers	Funds 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund						
Need not Greed Oxfordshire	8,469	1,255	(149)	-	-	9,575
Group Against Reservoir Development	53,000	-	(25,000)	-	-	28,000
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins	62,500	-	(11,050)	-	-	51,450
Vale District	2,758	-	(118)	-	-	2,640
Cherwell District	-	-	-	-	2,547	2,547
Hedgerow Heroes	-	20,591	(20,591)	-	-	-
	126,727	21,846	(56,908)	-	2,547	94,212
Unrestricted Fund						
Income Reserve Fund	167,800	56,848	(82,971)	-	(2,547)	139,130
Revaluation Reserve Fund	287,448	-	-	(52,492)	-	234,956
	455,248	56,848	(82,971)	(52,492)	(2,547)	374,086
Total Funds	581,975	78,694	(139,879)	(52,492)	-	468,298

9. Related party transactions

The Charity incurred expenditure of £9,600 (2022:nil) on Need Not Greed Oxfordshire (NNGO). Richard Harding and Helen Marshall from CPRE attended NNGO meetings in 2023.

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1093081

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The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

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During 2022, the charity had four salaried members of staff i.e. Director, Communications Manager, Administrator and Planning Coordinator, who was recruited towards the end of February 2022. The Director reports to the Chair of trustees, with remaining staff reporting to the Director.

The Branch is also supported by a President, and currently five Vice-Presidents.

An Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is open to all members, is held once per annum, normally in the Summer months.

Objectives

To promote and encourage for the benefit of the public, the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of Oxfordshire and its city, towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty in having due regard to the guidance on public benefit, as published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

Activities in 2022

Our countryside continues to face many challenges. In Oxfordshire, CPRE has been incredibly busy responding to threats from proposed solar farms, warehouse developments, a holiday park and the Abingdon reservoir to mention just a few. In addition, we have the development of the next round of Local Plans (with Oxford City and Cherwell leading the charge). I would like to acknowledge the incredible work the staff team has been doing and the dedication of the volunteers who respond to these issues. Prioritising our limited resources is a huge challenge.

We have had some successes in the last year, notably the proposed revisions to the NPPF (the National Planning Policy Framework), which include the dropping of the iniquitous 5-year housing land supply rule. Overall we were sad to see the abandoning of the Oxfordshire 2050

Plan but glad to see the back of the excessive housing growth forecasts it contained and are pleased to see a trend towards more realistic house building plans from some of the Districts (although Oxford City and Cherwell's ambitions remain worrying).

The proliferation of speculative solar farm applications continues, including the massive West Botley proposal. In January 2023 we approved our position paper on renewable energy which confirms our support for renewables but opposes the development of large solar arrays on greenfield sites in landscape sensitive areas, such as Green Belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We do support the development of solar on rooftops and believe this could provide the majority of County's solar energy needs. We have seen success in the refusal of permission for a solar farm near Burcot, South Oxfordshire, on the grounds it was in the Green Belt, but, unfortunately, the permission was narrowly granted for a similar development up the road at Nineveh Farm. We continue to campaign against this development, which is clearly in contravention of South Oxfordshire District Council's Local Plan policy.

We are calling for a strategic land use policy which balances the needs of energy production with the need to produce food and improve and protect nature. There are encouraging signs that the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (the old Growth Board) will be taking this on board. We will be pushing for genuine public engagement in the development of such a plan.

In March 2022 we hosted George Eustace (the then Environment Secretary) to a celebration of our hedgerow project in Watlington. National CPRE has been campaigning to extend and protect our hedgerows – which are an important refuge for wildlife and a potent carbon sink – culminating in a launch of a report in the House of Lords in the summer. Since then, the Government has announced a target of creating 30,000 miles of new and restored hedgerows by 2037 and included hedgerows in the new ELMs funding scheme. This just shows the influence we can have.

Our finances always need careful consideration. We are in the lucky position of having some reserves – a result of some past donations and some careful investments. We are currently spending more than our income and eating into our reserves. This is fine provided this resource is well spent but in the longer term we will have to cut our cloth accordingly or find new sources of income. Many charities are struggling at present with the combined pressures of rising costs and falling income. CPRE is not immune; thankfully in Oxfordshire our fall in membership has been limited but this remains a concern. Given the pressures on the countryside we need to increase our support base. I hope we can do this in the coming year with events and campaigns to help us all to continue to protect the countryside.

We will be seeing some changes in the coming year. Two trustees, Peter Emery and Dorian Grier, are leaving us (and many thanks to them) and we are actively recruiting replacements. Also, unfortunately, Judy Crockett is stepping down as event's organiser. Our events are not only really rewarding but a good way of getting to know our supporters and encouraging new members. I hope the Districts will pick up the baton. I must finish by thanking our staff, Helen, Becky, Julia and Lynda, our Trustees, volunteers and many supporters for their unstinting work in the past year. Our countryside is changing and CPRE is having a strong voice in how it should look in the future.

Financial Review

There was a net excess of expenditure over income before gains/losses on investments on unrestricted funds of £26,123 (net income of £4,880 in 2021) and net expenditure of £35,062 on restricted funds (net income of £40,877 in 2021). After adjustments for transfers between funds and the unrealised increase in value of investments, there was a net loss in unrestricted funds of £81,162 (net gain of £56,014 in 2021) and a net loss of £32,515 in restricted funds

(net gain of £40,057 in 2021). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 December were £374,086 (£455,248 in 2021) and restricted funds were £94,212 (£126,727 in 2021). Total funds were represented by investments and bank and building society accounts and other assets totalled £468,298 (£581,975 in 2021).

The Trustees have determined that the level of unrestricted reserves should be set at the equivalent of around six months annualised expenditure (£45,000). The Trustees have set out a future Branch Strategy and designated funds will be set up as appropriate to fund key priorities identified as part of the Strategy. In addition, the trustees are anticipating that current unrestricted reserves will be required to meet costs arising from as yet unidentified challenges and threats to the Oxfordshire Countryside. Trustees have produced a future finance plan and are anticipating that current reserves will be required to fulfil future identified shortfalls in resources to enable it to support its current activities.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf.

Professor Richard Harding

Chairman and Director

Date: 11 April 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the year ended 31 December 2022.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 EXAMINERS STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. 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 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 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.

Kelvin Barnes FCCA
Barnes4Business Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
12 Murdock Road
Bicester
Oxfordshire
OX26 4PP

Date: 11 April 2023

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Restricted Fund 2022 £	Unrestricted Fund 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Restricted Fund 2021 £	Unrestricted Fund 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies							
National subscriptions - branch share	4		24,599	24,599	-	25,934	25,934
Donations grants and local support		21,846	18,079	39,925	89,818	49,405	139,223
Other Trading Activities							
Sale of books			1,308	1,308	-	2,376	2,376
Sundry			800	800		1,749	1,749
Investments							
Dividends COIF Charities Investment Funds - Income Units			11,554	11,554	-	11,391	11,391
Bank Deposit interest			509	509	-	238	238
Total income		21,846	56,848	78,694	89,818	91,093	180,911
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds					-	0	0
Direct Costs of Fundraising			301	301		612	612
Indirect Costs			826	826		1,572	1,572
Charitable Activities	5	56,908	81,844	138,752	48,941	84,029	132,970
Total expenditure		56,908	82,971	139,879	48,941	86,213	135,154
Net gains(losses) on investments			(52,492)	(52,492)	-	50,314	50,314
Net Income/(expenditure)		(35,062)	(78,615)	(113,677)	40,877	55,194	96,071
Transfers between funds		2,547	(2,547)	0	(820)	820	0
Net Movement in Funds		(32,515)	(81,162)	(113,677)	40,057	56,014	96,071
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 2021		126,727	455,248	581,975	86,670	399,234	485,904
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		94,212	374,086	468,298	126,727	455,248	581,975

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	7	<u>425,237</u>	<u>465,691</u>
		425,237	465,691
Current assets			
Barclays Bank - Branch		39,153	106,324
Banks & Building Societies - Districts		1,698	4,420
Debtors		<u>6,449</u>	<u>7,295</u>
		47,300	118,039
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		<u>(4,239)</u>	<u>(1,755)</u>
Net current assets		43,061	116,284
Total net assets		<u><u>468,298</u></u>	<u><u>581,975</u></u>
Total Funds			
	8		
Unrestricted Fund		139,130	167,800
Revaluation Reserve		<u>234,956</u>	<u>287,448</u>
		374,086	455,248
Restricted Fund		94,212	126,727
		<u><u>468,298</u></u>	<u><u>581,975</u></u>

For the year ended 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors/Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Directors/Trustees on 11 April 2023 and signed on their behalf.

Professor Richard Harding - Chair

The notes on pages 10-13 form part of these financial statements

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

(i) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(ii) Fund accounting

The Unrestricted fund is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

(iii) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The Oxfordshire share of subscription income received from the National Office of CPRE is accounted for on an accruals basis. Income from events is treated as income when the events actually occur. Dividends are credited to the revenue account as they are received. Donations and legacies are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resource and it is probable that the resources will be received.

(iv) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity is not registered for VAT and where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT. Campaign costs have been apportioned between expenditure on charitable activities and costs of raising funds based on an estimated percentage.

(v) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(vi) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

2. The Company

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Oxfordshire) is formed under the Companies Act and has no share capital, being a company limited by guarantee. The maximum liability of each of its members is £1.

3. Directors/trustees information

Directors/trustees received no remuneration for their services (2021: £nil).

Expenses of £ nil for mileage, parking, other travel, and subsistence were reimbursed to directors/trustees (2021: directors/trustees reimbursed £nil. There were no other related party transactions.

4. Share of subscription income

Members of CPRE who are resident in Oxfordshire, and those wishing to support CPRE, are automatically members of the Oxfordshire Branch of CPRE, which is funded by a variable percentage of subscriptions and linked donations which National Office pass on quarterly.

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted 2022 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Campaign Costs						
Staff Salaries	8,483	59,778	68,260		57,277	57,277
Projects	4,888	3,870	8,758	-	5,434	5,434
Subscriptions and donations	25,000	535	25,535	18,761	1,490	20,251
Bank Charges		218	218	-	260	260
Travel/Expenses	57	951	1,008	-	274	274
Telephone/Internet	47	1,378	1,425	-	1,109	1,109
Stationary/Office Expenses	13	1,562	1,576	-	1,147	1,147
Web/Email Expenses		55	55	-	3,667	3,667
Rent Insurance		5,320	5,320	-	5,295	5,295
Sundry		850	850	-	1,290	1,290
Contractors Costs	18,359		18,359	30,180		30,180
Events/ Meeting Expenses*		665	665		60	60
	56,847	75,181	132,028	48,941	77,303	126,244
Allocated to expenditure on raising funds		(826)	(826)		(1,572)	(1,572)
	56,847	74,355	131,202	48,941	75,731	124,672
Members newsletters*		5,954	5,954	-	7,323	7,323
Governance						
AGM and Annual Report*	61	635	696	-	75	75
Independent Examination Fees		900	900		900	900
	61	1,535	1,596	-	975	975
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	56,908	81,844	138,752	48,941	84,029	132,970

* 2021 figures comparatives have been re-presented for areas of expenditure shown.

6. Employee Information

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salary	66,745	56,073
Employer's National Insurance	230	
Employer's Pension Contributions	<u>1,285</u>	<u>1,204</u>
Total	<u><u>68,260</u></u>	<u><u>57,277</u></u>

The average number of employees in the year was 4 (2021: 3).

All employees have opted in to the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) pension scheme.

7. Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
COIF Charities Investment Fund		
As at 1 January 2022	422,737	372,423
Revaluation for the year	<u>(52,492)</u>	<u>50,314</u>
As at 31 December 2022	370,245	422,737
COIF Charities Deposit Account	54,992	42,954
Total as at 31 December 2022	<u><u>425,237</u></u>	<u><u>465,691</u></u>

The company holds 135,288.78 Income Units in COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund (held in the UK). One unit was valued at 273.67 pence (2021:312.47 pence) as at December 2022.

8. Analysis of movements in funds	Funds 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses) on Investments	Transfers	Funds 31 Dec 2022
2022	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund						
Need not Greed NNG)	8,469	1,255	(149)			9,575
Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD)	53,000	-	(25,000)			28,000
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins	62,500		(11,050)		-	51,450
Cherwell Development Watch Alliance (CDWA)	-	-	-			-
Vale District	2,758		(118)			2,640
Cherwell District					2,547	2,547
Hedgerow Heroes		20,591	(20,591)			-
	<u>126,727</u>	<u>21,846</u>	<u>(56,908)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,547</u>	<u>94,212</u>
Unrestricted Fund						
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2021	Funds 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (losses) on Investments	Transfers	Funds 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund						
Need not Greed	7,001	1,568	(100)			8,469
Group Against Reservoir Development	11,750	56,250	(15,000)			53,000
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins	62,500					62,500
Cherwell Development Watch Alliance	2,661	1,000	(3,661)			-
Vale District	2,758					2,758
Hedgerow Heroes		31,000	(30,180)		(820)	-
	<u>86,670</u>	<u>89,818</u>	<u>(48,941)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(820)</u>	<u>126,727</u>
Unrestricted Fund						
Income Reserve Fund	162,100	91,093	(86,213)		820	167,800
Revaluation Reserve Fund	237,134			50,314		287,448
	<u>399,234</u>	<u>91,093</u>	<u>(86,213)</u>	<u>50,314</u>	<u>820</u>	<u>455,248</u>
Total Funds	<u>485,904</u>	<u>180,911</u>	<u>(135,155)</u>	<u>50,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>581,975</u>

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

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An Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is open to all members, is held once per annum, normally in the Summer months.

Objectives

To promote and encourage for the benefit of the public, the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of Oxfordshire and its city, towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty in having due regard to the guidance on public benefit, as published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

Activities in 2021

2021 saw our 90th birthday celebrations. Despite the Covid restrictions we celebrated with style, with a garden party (socially distanced), in the garden of one of our founders, and a fascinating four part webinar series on the future of the English Countryside. Our 90th birthday appeal exceeded our expectations (raising over £16,000) and will secure our finances in the coming years. Thank you for everyone who contributed to our appeal and our activities throughout the year.

It's been a busy year, with many successes and setbacks. Of our many successes our Hedgerow Project stands out. Hedgerows are important for carbon storage, flood prevention and to provide wildlife refuges and corridors, but, perhaps most importantly, they are a

quintessential part of our modern landscape and add considerably to the beauty of our countryside. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and Wild Oxfordshire have been working with the community groups and parish councils of Kidlington, Watlington and Eynsham to plant new hedgerows and rejuvenate ancient ones. This is a real community effort to protect and enhance our environment.

I don't know whether it is a 'success' but our report on flooding and sewerage pollution (<https://www.cpreoxon.org.uk/care/water-matters/>) invoked a lot of interest. The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England sent a survey to the 235 Parish Councils, 15 Town Councils and 68 Parish Meetings in Oxfordshire. The report showed that at least 17% of towns & parishes in Oxfordshire experience flooding problems and at least 20% of towns & parishes experience issues with sewage/sewerage infrastructure. This is a shocking conclusion and there is a growing demand that our rivers need cleaning up. In many ways the River Thames and tributaries define the Oxfordshire countryside. Throughout Covid times many people discovered our rivers, for swimming, boating, walking and nature, and there is an increasing demand that they be made 'fit for purpose' and, practically, sewerage discharges should be stopped and our rivers have designated bathing water status.

Through 2021 the Oxfordshire 2050 Plan has been developed and consulted on. We welcome strategic planning, but it is vital it is got right! We have made robust representations, covering, for example, the growth forecasts and the need to protect our existing designated landscapes (the Green Belt and AONBs) and expand this protection to the Nature Recovery Networks. We have serious reservations about the methodologies used to project future populations and the decision making processes. Who decides what growth Oxfordshire will aim for in the future? Is it the communities or developers? We will be following the plan very closely in 2022.

A major concern across the county is the rash of applications to build solar farms in our open countryside. These are big developments, typically exceeding 100ha. Most worrying is a recent application, which was approved at a site near the Baldons, South Oxfordshire, within the Oxford Green Belt.

The 2021 Pathways to Zero Carbon Oxfordshire report (<https://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/publications/downloads/PazCo-final.pdf>) suggests we might need 60 such farms across Oxfordshire. The same report suggests we might have to reduce the amount of food we grow as land is diverted to other purposes. I should emphasis we are not against renewable energy but there are other ways (one is to put solar panels on all the industrial warehouses popping up over the county). What we do need is a detailed land use plan and a public debate on how to use and nurture our countryside.

Many of us have developed a new appreciation of our green spaces and countryside in last two years. Despite the gathering storms (both real and metaphorical) I would encourage everyone to step back and marvel at our woods, hedgerows, rivers and vistas. They are worth protecting.

As part of longer term planning, the Branch will be organising a Strategy Day to take place in early 2022 to enable trustees and District committee members to consider the priorities for campaigning and resources.

Impact of COVID

In March 2020, the country entered a period of social distancing and self isolation in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. During 2021 the Branch office was closed for some

of the time. Furlough payments were received for a period to cover payment for the Branch's employed Communications Manager who was not able to work from home for that period. Most trustee meetings in 2021 were held virtually, including the AGM.

The Branch's share of membership income from the National Charity has remained broadly at previous year levels. There was a downturn in income received from donations in 2019 but this revived last year due in part to money received for the Branch's 90th anniversary.

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England has adapted to the continued challenges presented by COVID and its activities have been largely unaffected from the impact of COVID.

Financial Review

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England has continued to manage its investments to provide funds in the pursuit of its objectives.

The 2021 accounts have been reformatted in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). This has meant a restatement of the prior year accounts (2020) to enable a meaningful comparison to be made between the 2020 and 2021 accounts.

There was a net excess of income over expenditure before gains/losses on investments on unrestricted funds of £4,880 (net expenditure of £14,922 in 2020) and net income of £40,876 on restricted funds (net income of £67,854 in 2020). After adjustments for transfers between funds and the unrealised increase in value of investments, there was a net gain in unrestricted funds of £56,014 (net gain of £3,669 in 2020) and a net gain of £40,056 in restricted funds (net gain of £70,612 in 2020). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 December were £455,249 (£399,234 in 2020) and restricted funds were £126,726 (£86,670 in 2020). Total funds were represented by investments and bank and building society accounts and other assets totalled £581,975 (£485,905 in 2020).

The trustees have determined that a reserves policy is not required at the present time. The Charity is in receipt of a regular income and holds an accumulated fund which is sufficient to meet all identified present and future commitments.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf.

Professor Richard Harding

Chairman and Director

Date: 29 March 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the year ended 31 December 2021.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 EXAMINERS STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. 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 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 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.

Kelvin Barnes FCCA
Barnes4Business Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
12 Murdock Road
Bicester
Oxfordshire
OX26 4PP

Date: 31 March 2022

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Restricted Fund 2021 £	Unrestricted Fund 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Restricted Fund 2020 £	Unrestricted Fund 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies							
National subscriptions - branch share	4		25,934	25,934	-	24,934	24,934
Donations grants and local support		89,818	49,405	139,223	107,575	15,306	122,882
Other Trading Activities							
Sale of books			2,376	2,376	-	1,638	1,638
Sundry			1,749	1,749			
Investments							
Dividends COIF Charities Investment Funds - Income Units			11,391	11,391	-	11,107	11,107
Bank Deposit interest			238	238	-	93	93
Total income		89,818	91,093	180,911	107,575	53,079	160,654
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds					-	0	0
Direct Costs of Fundraising			612	612			0
Indirect Costs			1,572	1,572			
Charitable Activities	5	48,941	84,029	132,970	39,721	68,001	107,722
Total expenditure		48,941	86,213	135,154	39,721	68,001	107,722
Net gains(losses) on investments			50,314	50,314	-	21,349	21,349
Net Income/(expenditure)		40,876	55,194	96,071	67,854	6,427	74,281
Transfers between funds		(820)	820	0	2,758	(2,758)	0
Net Movement in Funds		40,056	56,014	96,071	70,612	3,669	74,281
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 2020		86,670	399,234	485,904	16,058	395,565	411,623
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		126,726	455,249	581,975	86,670	399,234	485,904

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	7	<u>465,691</u>	<u>403,982</u>
		465,691	403,982
Current assets			
Barclays Bank – Branch		106,325	69,402
Banks & Building Societies – Districts		4,420	5,375
Debtors		<u>7,295</u>	<u>7,146</u>
		118,040	81,923
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		<u>(1,755)</u>	<u>(0)</u>
Net current assets		116,285	81,923
Total net assets		<u><u>581,976</u></u>	<u><u>485,905</u></u>
Total Funds			
	8		
Unrestricted Fund		167,800	162,100
Revaluation Reserve		<u>287,448</u>	<u>237,134</u>
		455,248	399,234
Restricted Fund		126,727	86,670
		<u><u>581,975</u></u>	<u><u>485,904</u></u>

For the year ended 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors/Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Directors/Trustees on 29 March 2022 and signed on their behalf.

Professor Richard Harding – Chair

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

(i) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(ii) Fund accounting

The Unrestricted fund is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

(iii) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The Oxfordshire share of subscription income received from the National Office of CPRE is accounted for on an accruals basis. Income from events is treated as income when the events actually occur. Dividends are credited to the revenue account as they are received. Donations and legacies are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resource and it is probable that the resources will be received.

(iv) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity is not registered for VAT and where applicable, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT. Campaign costs have been apportioned between expenditure on charitable activities and costs of raising funds based on an estimated percentage.

(v) Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(vi) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

2. The Company

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is formed under the Companies Act and has no share capital, being a company limited by guarantee. The maximum liability of each of its members is £1.

3. Directors/trustees information

Directors/trustees received no remuneration for their services (2020: £nil).

Expenses of £ nil for mileage, parking, other travel, and subsistence were reimbursed to directors/trustees (2020: directors/trustees reimbursed £nil. There were no other related party.

4. Share of subscription income

Members of CPRE, who are resident in Oxfordshire, and those wishing to support Oxfordshire are automatically members of the Oxfordshire Branch of CPRE which is funded by a variable percentage of subscriptions and linked donations which National Office pass on quarterly.

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Restricted 2020 £	Unrestricted 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Campaign Costs						
Staff Salaries		57,277	57,277	9,600	45,149	54,749
Projects		5,434	5,434	-	10,105	10,105
Subscriptions and donations	18,761	1,490	20,251	30,121	429	30,550
Bank Charges		260	260	-	177	177
Travel/Expenses		274	274	-	479	479
Telephone/Internet		1,109	1,109	-	1,207	1,207
Stationary/Office Expenses		1,147	1,147	-	901	901
Web/Email Expenses		3,667	3,667	-	57	57
Rent Insurance		5,295	5,295	-	5,250	5,250
Sundry		1,290	1,290	-	80	80
Contractors Costs	30,180		30,180			-
	48,941	77,242	126,184	39,721	63,833	103,554
Allocated to expenditure on raising funds		(1,572)	(1,572)			
	48,941	75,671	124,612	39,721	63,833	103,554
Members newsletters		98	98	-	573	573
Governance						
AGM and Annual Report		7,361	7,361	-	3,594	3,594
Independent Examination Fees		900	900			-
	0	8,261	8,261	-	3,594	3,594
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	48,941	84,029	132,970	39,721	68,001	107,722

6. Employee Information

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salary	56,073	52,946
Employer's National Insurance	-	857
Employer's Pension Contributions	<u>1,204</u>	<u>946</u>
Total	<u><u>57,277</u></u>	<u><u>54,749</u></u>

The average number of employees in the year was 3 (2020: 3).

All employees have opted in to the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) pension scheme.

7. Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
COIF Charities Investment Fund		
As at 1 January 2021	372,423	351,074
Revaluation for the year	<u>50,314</u>	<u>21,349</u>
As at 31 December 2021	422,737	372,423
COIF Charities Deposit Account		
	<u>42,954</u>	<u>31,559</u>
Total as at 31 December 2021	<u><u>465,691</u></u>	<u><u>403,982</u></u>

The company holds 135,288.78 Income Units in COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund (held in the UK). One unit was valued at pence 312.47 (2020:275.28 pence) as at December 2021.

8. Analysis of movements in funds	Funds 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (losses) on Investments £	Transfers £	Funds 31 Dec 2021 £
Restricted Fund						
Need not Greed NNG)	7,001	1,568	(101)			8,469
Group Against Reservoir Development (GARD)	11,750	56,250	(15,000)			53,000
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins Cherwell Development Watch Alliance (CDWA)	62,500					62,500
	2,661	1,000	(3,661)			0
Vale District	2,758					2,758
Hedgerow Heroes		31,000	(30,180)		(820)	-
	86,670	89,818	(48,941)	-	(820)	126,727
Unrestricted Fund						
Income Reserve Fund	162,100	91,093	(86,213)		820	167,800
Revaluation Reserve Fund	237,134			50,314		287,448
	399,234	91,093	(86,213)	50,314	820	455,248
Total Funds	485,904	180,911	(135,154)	50,314	-	581,975

£820 is contribution from Hedgerow Fund contract towards CPRE Costs

2020	Funds 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (losses) on Investments £	Transfers £	Funds 31 Dec 2020 £
Restricted Fund						
Need not Greed	8,058	8,665	(9,721)			7,001
Group Against Reservoir Development	8,000	33,750	(30,000)			11,750
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins	-	62,500				62,500
Cherwell Development Watch Alliance	-	2,661				2,661
Vale District	-				2,758	2,758
	16,058	107,576	(39,721)	-	2,758	86,670
Unrestricted Fund						
Income Reserve Fund	179,780	53,079	(68,001)		(2,758)	162,100
Revaluation Reserve Fund	215,785			21,349		237,134
	395,565	53,079	(68,001)	21,349	(2,758)	399,234
Total Funds	411,623	160,655	(107,722)	21,349	-	485,904

THE OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1093081

Accounts

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

Registered Company No 04443278

Registered Charity No 1093081

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

**Registered Charity No. 1093081
04443278**

Registered Company No.

President	Mr John Harwood	
Vice-President	Mr David Astor	
Chairman of the Executive Committee	Dr Peter Collins	*
Vice - Chairmen	Mrs Gillian Salway	*
	Mr Bruce Tremayne	*
Executive Committee	Dr Mark Barnett	*
	to 17 September 2020	
	Mr Gordon Garraway	*
	Sir David Gilmour	*
	Professor Richard Harding	*
	Mr John Histon	*
	Mr Colin Thomas	*
	Mr Michael Tyce	*
to 17 September 2020		
Mr Brian Wood	*	
Secretary	Miss Dorian Grier	*
Treasurer	Mr Brian Wood	*, **
Director	Mrs Helen Marshall	
Independent Examiner	Mr Richard Broadbent	
CPRE Oxfordshire Building Preservation Trust Ltd	Mr John Alexander	
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	Mr Jim Fletcher - Transport	
	Professor Richard Harding - Water	
	Mr George Lambrick - Archaeology and Historic Buildings	
	Mr Nick Moon and Mr. Garraway - Rights of Way and Footpaths	
	Dr Ian Scargill - Oxford Green Belt	
	Network	Mr Michael Tyce - Without Portfolio from 17 September

*trustee and director

**Mr. Brian Wood was Treasurer until his sudden retirement through ill-health on 17 September 2020. The Chairman agreed to stand in as Treasurer until a new Treasurer was appointed.

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST December 2020

The objective of the Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is to protect and enhance the Oxfordshire countryside and landscape, together with its rural villages and market towns.

CPRE Oxfordshire has continued to manage its investments to provide funds in the pursuit of its objectives.

There was a deficit on general activities of £14,784 (£448 surplus in 2019). After adjustments for the reduction in district balances and the unrealised increase in value of investments, the net surplus for the period was £3,284 (£53,577 surplus in 2019). The Accumulated Fund as at 31 December 2020, represented by investments and bank and building society accounts and other assets totalled £399,233 (£395,949 in 2019).

The trustees have determined that a reserves policy is not required at the present time. The Charity is in receipt of a regular income and holds an accumulated fund which is sufficient to meet all identified present and future commitments.

The trustees have complied with their duty in having due regard to the guidance on public benefit, as published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf.

Dr Peter Collins
April 2021

Chairman and Director

Date: 13th

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Year to 31-Dec-20 £	Year to 31-Dec-19 £
Income		
National subscriptions - branch share	24,934	24,541
Donations grants and local support	15,306	36,854
Investment Income	11,107	10,864
Banks interest	83	130
Sale of books	1,638	1,651
Sundry income	-	-
Total income	<u>53,068</u>	<u>74,040</u>
Charitable Expenses		
Director	35,511	37,245
Communications Manager	2,145	2,090
Voice	3,594	5,537
Projects	10,012	13,996
Subscriptions and donations	429	365
Events	573	-
	<u>52,264</u>	<u>59,233</u>
Other Expenditure		
Administration	15,588	15,295
Total expenditure	<u>67,852</u>	<u>74,528</u>
Surplus/deficit on general activities	(14,784)	(488)
Decrease in district balances	(3,281)	(240)
Unrealised change in the value of investments	21,349	54,305
Total surplus/(deficit) for the period	<u>3,284</u>	<u>53,577</u>

**The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural
England**

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2020

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Investments at valuation		
COIF Charities Investment Fund	372,423	351,074

COIF Charities Deposit Accounts	31,55 9	20,39 4	371,4 68
	403,9 82		
Current assets			
Barclays Bank - Branch	69,40 2	29,73 8	
Banks & Building Societies - Districts	5,375	8,656	
Debtors	7,146	7,129 (4,98 4)	
Less: Creditors	-		
	81,92 3	40,53 9	
Net current assets	485,9 05	412,0 07	
Total net assets			
Represented by			
Accumulated Fund 1 January 2020	395,9 49	342,3 72	
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,284	53,57 7	
Accumulated Fund 31 December 2020		399,2 33	395,9 49
Restricted Funds			
Need not Greed	7,001 11,75	8,058	
GARD	0	8,000	
Donation in Memory of Margot Collins	62,50 0	-	
CDWA	2,661	-	
Vale District	2,760	-	
	86,67 2	16,05 8	
	485,9 05	412,0 07	

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.
Charity No. 1093081

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I have reviewed the accounting records held by the charity, and compared them with these accounts. I am convinced that proper records, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 have been kept, and that these accounts for the year to 31st December 2020

reflect accurately the financial activities of the charity during the year, and its financial position at the year end. The charity is entitled to small company's exemption from the full requirements of the Companies' Act 1985 and these accounts have been prepared in accordance with that exemption.

No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement to keep accounting records, and prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, has not been kept.

I have examined these records and accounts as an Independent Examiner, and not as a qualified accountant.

Richard Broadbent
2021

Date: 14th April