

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

The Somerset Branch of The Campaign to Protect Rural England

Objects and Activities

The Somerset Branch of The Campaign to Protect Rural England (The Charity) is established for the promotion and encouragement for the benefit of the public the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of the Administrative County of Somerset and its towns and villages and for the better development of the rural environment.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Achievement and Performance

The charity has 10 Trustees through the year, one of which is paid as the charities planning consultant and a freelance administrator

Our planner advises the Trustees, reviews planning applications which may affect the Somerset countryside, liaises with members of CPRE South West and members of the public. Our planner submits comments and objections to the local authorities and attends and speaks at local enquiries. There has been some notable success in the past year.

The charity supports sustainable initiatives to reduce global warming including solar but is concerned with the growing number of commercial solar farms which are being introduced and which impair the enjoyment of the countryside and reduces the land available for food production. It however supports the installation of solar on brownfield sites such as the roofs of commercial buildings.

The introduction of biomass digesters has been of particular concern in Somerset causing traffic problems due to material being imported from long distances and problems with enforcement.

The charity seeks avenues of funding from public bodies and from donations from members.

In 2021 the charity continued with its successful Litter Pick Project which has now supplied Litter Pick kits to over 100 volunteers and, the Finger Post project carried out in conjunction with the Hinckley Point and the annual photo competition which this year included an Under 18 category.

Financial Review

The approved accounts for 2021 are shown above and have been verified by an independent examiner.

SOMERSET BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

A company limited by guarantee. Registered in England number 04755482 and registered charity number 1100860

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOME	2021 £	2020 £
Share of subscriptions etc	14662	13759
Finger Posts (Restricted funds)	(1286)	(3250)
Branch Appeal	0	2328
Interest received	378	433
Virgin/Redwood Acct	0	392
Giftaid	7706	1967
Donations	180	9254
Litter Pick Project	1260	1332
Lottery	2393	0
Rewilding/Agm	134	0
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LESS COST OF SUPPORT TO SW REGIONAL GROUP CPMR

Donation to SW region	0	0
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TOTAL £26,714 £29,465

OVERHEADS

Administrator	10922	10522
Events	0	50
Finger Posts (Restricted funds)	1964	1300
Insurance	301	301
Miscellaneous	665	510
Planner	5000	5878
Postage	399	735
Printing	344	500
Room hire and premises	0	90
Shows	0	12
Stationary	49	71
Travel	96	35
Lottery	290	280
Litter pick 1 project	2137	4991
Litter pick 2 project	1843	0
Rewilding/AGM	1034	0

OVERHEADS £25,043 £25,273

Finger Posts (Restricted funds) £1,964 £1,300

TOTAL OVERHEADS £23,079 £23,973

NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT £3,635 £5,492

BALANCE AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

CURRENT ASSETS	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets	0	0
Cash in Bank @ 31st December	4067	2775
Less unrepresented cheques	0	0
Cash	0	0
Postage stamps	0	0
Sub Total	4067	2775
Savings Deposit Account (Redwood Bank) Includes £5000 restricted funds Finger Post	50820	50442
Savings Deposit Account (Redwood Bank) Restricted funds Finger Post	-1286	-3250
TOTAL	£53,602	£49,967

LIABILITIES	£0	£0
NET ASSETS	£53,602	£49,967
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£3,635.44	£5,492.28

For the year ending 31/12/2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 407 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

"The directors have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 407.

"The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for the company with the requirements of the Act with respect to the accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

"The accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime."

Approved by the Board of Directors on

and signed on their behalf by

J Roberts
John Roberts, Treasurer and Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Somerset Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

I report on the accounts of the Charity for year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent Examiner.

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement Section 40(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 40(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Results of the independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts kept with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, and

b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Dated

P Michael 20/3/2022.

Waters House, Newtown Lane
West Pennard Somerset BA6
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Income has decreased slightly but due mainly to the completion of the first phase of the Litter Pick project but we have been fortunate to have received some considerable donations from members.

Overheads are in line with 2020 and the reserves have increased marginally.

The finances of the charity are in good order going into 2022 and will enable us to continue supporting our efforts to protect Somersets countryside.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Memorandum of Association and is a company limited by guarantee.

Trustees are selected by invite after having discussions with the chair and having attended a committee meeting(s)

Reference and Administrative Details

The Somerset Branch of The Campaign to Protect Rural England

Charity Registration No: 1100860

Sanctuary Cottage West Pennard Glastonbury BA6 8NL

Trustees

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Hugh Williams	Chair		CPRE Southwest
Janette Ward			CPRE Southwest
John Roberts	Treasurer	24/2/2021	CPRE Southwest
Vernon Phillip Hughes		16/02/2021	CPRE Southwest
David Julian			CPRE Southwest
Fletcher Freeland Robinson			CPRE Southwest
Don Parkinson			CPRE Southwest
Professor Christopher Lewis			CPRE Southwest

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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