

# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1156568

## Details

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**Other names** CPRE SUSSEX, SUSSEX COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-04-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE IMPROVEMENT, PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE OF SUSSEX AND ITS TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND THE ENVIRONMENTALLY BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAME.

**Activities:** The Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EAST SUSSEXWEST SUSSEXBRIGHTON AND HOVE
- Brighton And Hove
- East Sussex
- West Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,372	£125,394	-	-
2023-12-31	£574,352	£152,672	£576,765	2
2022-12-31	£197,217	£196,359	-	-
2021-12-31	£80,455	£91,164	-	-
2020-12-31	£80,175	£84,516	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Corinne Stuart</b>	Chair	2023-07-15
DAVID PAUL LANGLEY JOHNSON		2013-09-27
Dr ROGER FINCH SMITH		2014-07-10
Jill Sutcliffe		2023-07-15
Joshua Lelliott		2023-12-15
Katherine Sykes		2023-07-15
PENNY HUDD		2013-09-27
Professor Clive Jonathon Webb		2025-07-05
Professor Daniel Osborn		2019-07-06
Sally Pavey		2015-07-16

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# Accounts

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**Campaign to Protect Rural England,  
Sussex Branch CIO**

**Registered Charity No: 1156568**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2024**

## **Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2024**

It has been a busy year for CPRE Sussex as we faced new land use issues and continued to shape a greener future for Sussex. Our members, supporters, project partners and dedicated volunteers have once again been instrumental in protecting and promoting our precious countryside and urban green spaces.

### **A new Government**

A change in Government brought new challenges and new opportunities in 2024. We celebrated as the controversial Arundel bypass, which would have caused considerable damage to the environment, was cancelled. However, there is still work to do as both East and West Sussex councils are trying to resurrect the Arundel by-pass and other road schemes. We will continue to work with campaigners to influence transport plans to ensure they invest in public transport and walking and cycling routes, not big road-building projects.

Decidedly less welcome is the Government's obsession with housing targets. The new Government seems only to be listening to developers and rolling back on environmental commitments. Massively increased housing targets are a massive mistake and will fail to address the acute affordable housing crisis. The new National Planning Policy Framework and language from the government pitting development against both nature and local democracy makes it clear we're going to have our work cut out in 2025.

We played a part in a number of planning victories in 2024, such as the defeat of 800 homes between Horsham and Southwater; however, no battle is every truly won, as the developer's appeal on this site shows, and we will continue to support communities under threat. New resources in the office will help here. Our hugely well-attended autumn Introduction to Planning workshop was also well-timed and there will be more opportunities to get involved in the new year.

We are campaigning regularly with ministers, MPs and councillors at all levels to ensure we represent the views of our members and supporters. We also now have a mailing list for all parish councils so we can keep them abreast of our views.

### **Rampion 2 and Gatwick**

All sides of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process for national infrastructure have been evidenced in Sussex this year. We saw communities bearing the greatest impact from Rampion 2 onshore works effectively cut out of the consultation process early on. Unfortunately, our representations about this did not change the approach. The DCO process for Gatwick seemed to be more inclusive and we succeeded in getting a specific hearing on climate change included in the schedule. However, the draft DCO seemed to rely on a weak carbon management plan. We have written to the secretary of state about this, as well as reiterating that the proposal is not in line with policy. There are also many outstanding issues at this late stage, including failure to agree on sewage treatment. We continue to monitor the situation with our friends at CAGNE.

### **Solar mapping**

This year CPRE Sussex and CPRE Hampshire worked together with Southampton University to produce an assessment of the solar energy capacity for all the roof spaces in Sussex and Hampshire. The street level maps are remarkable. While the new Government has disappointed by not insisting on rooftop solar on all new developments, we are working with several stakeholder groups in Sussex to promote the research outputs. Renewable energy is a topic we will be returning to in 2025. If we are to escape the impacts of climate change, we need to decarbonise and fast.

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**Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)**

### **Celebrating the countryside and green spaces**

We held two major celebration events in 2024. In May, the first Tree Festival was held in Brighton. A popular photographic competition and great line up of events made the event a huge success. Many Sussex communities are proud of their trees and the 2025 festival will have broader roots and many branches with events taking place across the Living Coast Biosphere. Look out for more announcements soon.

In September, we held our second well attended Countryside Day at the Knepp Estate. We would like to thank our hosts for their generosity and support. The Countryside Day has now been taken up by the CPRE network and several local branches held events this year.

### **Partnership working**

Thanks in good part to the work of CPRE Sussex staff and trustees, the overall CPRE network is coming together through new mechanisms such as the CPRE Assembly. We now have some progress on a membership system that will produce reliable data and a data sharing agreement that has been worked through between CPRE central and local teams.

CPRE Sussex is also now helping with the admin side of the South Downs Network which provides a way of linking groups in Sussex and Hampshire and helping the Park achieve its objectives. We have also continued discussions with the High Weald AONB and have met with the AONB team from the Chichester Harbour area.

### **Thanks to those who make our work possible**

I would like to thank our fantastic staff, volunteers, trustees, members and supporters for your invaluable support throughout 2024. Without your help, expertise and generosity, our work would not be possible.

I would also like to welcome the new team members who joined us in 2024 – Plant Your Postcode project manager Moira, administrator Debbie and planning campaigner Maria.

We have continued to build organisational infrastructure in 2024. The establishment of four working groups at which our Executive functions can be discussed means the CPRE Sussex Board can focus on Governance, Guidance, Monitoring and Finance. Last year's substantial legacies have allowed us to develop a financial plan for the next five years without endangering our reserves policy. That provides a firm foundation of progress for the new Chair and the Director when I stand aside at the next AGM.

I would like to end this report by saying a massive thank you to Lesley who decided it is time to move out of her role in the CPRE Sussex office team. She will be missed locally and nationally. Lesley has been a key member of the team for years. We wish her well, and I am delighted that she will not be parting company with CPRE Sussex entirely. With all the issues we face in 2025 and beyond there will be a real need to draw on existing expertise, as well as new recruitment.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019) and the Branch's governing document.

#### **Working Names**

CPRE Sussex and CPRE Sussex Countryside Trust

#### **Objectives**

The charitable objects of the Charity are to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of Sussex and its towns and villages and the environmentally better development of the same.

Details of our current aims and strategy are set out under 'Future Plans' below.

Our activities in 2024 to deliver on this strategy are set out in the Chairman's report.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

CPRE Sussex is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and its governing document is "The Constitution of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO" registered with the Charity Commission on 8th April 2014, charity number 1156568. The Branch is restricted by its Constitution from undertaking any substantial permanent trading activities. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Constitution and the Board meets every 3 months with sub-committees formed as required. The Branch employs four part-time members of staff, including the Director who manages the day to day work of the organisation and has trustee approved delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment, campaigning activity, engagement and fundraising.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and at the date of the Report were:

Penny Hudd

David Johnson

John Kay (resigned 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024)

Professor Daniel Osborn

Sally Pavey

Dr Roger Smith

Jill Sutcliffe

Katherine Sykes

Corinne Stuart

Deborah Speirs (resigned 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024)

Elizabeth Alexander (resigned 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Monty Larkin (resigned 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Carol Rue (resigned 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024)

Joshua Lelliott

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024**

#### **Appointment and induction of Trustees**

New trustees are appointed after a review of the skills required and are drawn from individuals who have relevant backgrounds. When appropriate the trustees consult other relevant organisations for nominations to the committee. New trustees are provided with an introduction to the Charity, where they receive copies of relevant documentation as well an operational induction with the Director.

#### **Conflicts of interest**

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Upon appointment to the Board any potential conflict of interest with any individual or organisation must be disclosed. Before each Board Meeting all trustees are requested to declare any conflict of interest with any agenda item.

#### **Networks**

The charity is a member of the network of charities federated to the national charity "CPRE The countryside charity", formerly known as the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The CPRE network comprises over 40 member charities, and the chairs of the network's member charities hold voting rights in the 'Assembly' body that shapes national CPRE decisions. The branding and core purposes are shared across the network. The Branch is also involved at a regional level with the County Branches Forum.

#### **Reward Policy**

The pay of the staff is determined by the Board of Trustees. Salaries are benchmarked with those of charities of similar size in terms of income, staff numbers and complexity. The same benefits, including pensions, and terms and conditions apply to all staff.

#### **Registered address:**

Brownings Farm, Blackboys, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5HG

#### **Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd, PO Box 289, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Mr M Partridge, FCA, Chariot House Ltd, 44 Grand Parade, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 9QA

#### **Investment adviser and nominee company:**

Charles Stanley & Co Ltd, 55 Bishopsgate London EC2N 3AS

#### **Public benefit reporting**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

#### Plans for the Future

Sussex remains predominantly rural, with a patchwork of towns and villages, as well as significant development of much of its coastline. It contains incredibly beautiful landscapes, acknowledged in the designation of the South Downs National Park and the High Weald and Chichester Harbour Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Yet much of Sussex is not in good shape. It is under extreme pressure for new speculative housing, roads and airport-expansion. It experiences water shortages with increasing frequency, and its rivers and seas are polluted. It is already suffering from the effects of a climate breakdown, only expected to get worse: heatwaves, drought, flooding and more. In common with the rest of the UK, Sussex is highly nature-depleted, with 'industrial' farming practices playing a significant role in this decline.

Especially in our towns and cities, people experience air, light and noise pollution and a lack of access to nature. In addition, local people are increasingly priced out of the countryside, and Sussex as a whole. To try to address this, the Trustees approved a three year strategy (2023 to 2026) which incorporated the following objectives:

- **Protect:** resist excessive and poor development in Sussex to protect landscapes, natural systems and green spaces, while supporting genuinely affordable housing and tackling climate change
- **Celebrate:** inspire people with a love of the Sussex countryside, and enable everyone to access its transcendent beauty, and the health and wellbeing it brings
- **Regenerate:** create a greener future for Sussex through practical action and policy change, to restore clean water and air and flourishing nature, and build a thriving, equitable, economy that links rural and urban Sussex
- **Build our capacity:** engage more members, supporters, volunteers, staff and funds, empowering more people to deliver on our mission ('through evidence-gathering, education, influence, convening, collaboration, and campaigning, to be one of Sussex's leading people-powered shapers of a beautiful, thriving and sustainable countryside for everyone').

Our plans to deliver in these areas include:

#### Protect

- Recruiting and training a network of planning volunteers to cover every Local Planning Authority within Sussex, to provide comment on emerging Local Plans and respond to significant planning applications.
- Responding to applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, where we judge that these will have a significant impact on the Sussex countryside, including plans for the expansion of Gatwick Airport.
- Responding to Government consultations on reforms to planning rules.
- Developing new projects to build upon our previous 'Making Places' work, to empower local communities facing significant development in their area to shape what happens.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024**

#### **Plans for the Future (continued)**

##### **Celebrate**

- Running a programme of on-the-ground and virtual walks, talks, visits and events, including our Countryside Day, to help people to experience and understand the Sussex countryside.
- Educating the public and decision-makers on the threats to the countryside, for example by commissioning and promoting research on the impacts of the climate, nature, water and (rural) housing affordability crises on Sussex.

##### **Regenerate**

- Campaigning in favour of solutions to the biggest of the threats, such as, for example, a rapid transition out of fossil fuels and towards well-located renewable energy generation and energy efficiency.
- Developing one or more partnership programmes to deliver a significant and tangible improvement to the Sussex landscape, such as a major restoration of hedgerows across the county.
- Continuing to 'bring the countryside into the city' by expanding our urban tree-planting work, and exploring how this can be expanded to incorporate other green/natural infrastructure such as rain gardens or urban nature corridors

##### **Build capacity**

- Engaging many more people in taking voluntary action with us, including growing our membership
- Becoming more representative of the Sussex population

#### **Financial review and reserves**

The Chairman's report included in these accounts gives a full description of the activities for the year ended 31st December 2024. The total income for the financial year was £99,372 compared with £574,352 in the previous year (which included £405,200 of legacy receipts). Total expenditure for the financial year was £125,394 compared to £152,672 in the previous year. The majority of costs are related to staff and office costs, with direct activity costs (Campaigning and project costs) varying from year to year. The overall net movement in funds for the year, after accounting for investment gains of £3,832 was a deficit of £22,190 (2023: surplus of £426,226). The unrestricted funds were £562,839 at the beginning of the year and £546,110 at the end of the year. Restricted reserves were £13,926 at the beginning of the year and £8,465 at the end of the year.

CPRE Sussex Trustees recognise the need to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level appropriate to the needs of the charity. The level of reserves are reviewed quarterly in line with the monitoring and budgetary reporting process. Where CPRE Sussex records an annual deficit in our unrestricted funds activities, the Trustees policy is to have unrestricted reserves greater than 4 times the annual deficit in the previous financial year. If the unrestricted financial reserves are less than this amount every endeavour should be made to either reduce overheads or increase the level of income. Once there is a regular surplus in the annual unrestricted funds activities the unrestricted reserves should be greater than 6 months operating overheads.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

#### Financial review and reserves (continued)

The high level of unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2024 (£546,110) is well in excess of the reserves policy target with no issues in the medium term identified. Therefore, the Trustees consider that the level of reserves is adequate to support current activities for the next three to four years and are actively reviewing future funding to ensure that CPRE Sussex will continue to be an effective voice for the future (please refer to the reserves policy in the Notes). The Trustees review financial and other risks on a regular basis and in February 2025, agreed to create a number of designated reserves (for capacity building) from the unrestricted funds, and adapt the reserves policy accordingly. The designated reserves are as follows:

- **Salary funding for key growth roles:** £100k to cover two years' salary for the Head of Campaigns & Communications and Head of Members, Supporters and Fundraising, reflecting the anticipated payback period for the roles to become self-sustaining
- **Freelance fundraising support:** £20k (2x £10k per annum in line with above) to supplement bid-writing and fundraising consultancy
- **Advertising and outreach Costs:** £5k to cover social media, print, web advertising, and other promotional efforts to support fundraising and advocacy campaigns

The agreed change in the reserves policy is as follows:

- **Unrestricted reserve levels:** to maintain a minimum of 1 x core operating expenses in free (undesignated) reserves
- **Designated reserves** to be used for specific strategic purposes, rather than a single unrestricted figure

#### Investment policy

The Charity holds a mix of low risk investment funds with Charles Stanley and cash. Surplus funds this year have been invested in high interest bonds of 12 months or less.

#### Principal risks

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities in terms of managing risk and have systems in place to ensure that the risks faced by the Charity are identified, assessed, managed and monitored. The Senior Leadership Team and all staff assess risks as part of all significant project management. The Trustees review current material risks at each Board meeting during the year with the main categories risks identified as follows:

- Failure to diversify and grow income
- Failure to address the decline in membership

Other risks identified include paid personnel leaving; litigation by a developer/landowner; negative publicity nationally about the Charity's work; and poor governance from the Trustees.

As a growing charity, the trustees now intend to create and monitor a formal risk register for 2025 onwards.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

#### Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution, 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 of the charity for that period. 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that the charity will continue business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Professor Daniel Osborn, Chair 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

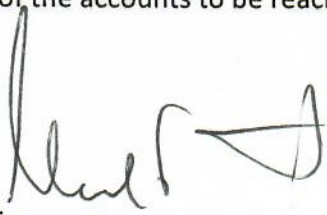
**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr M Partridge, FCA  
Chariot House Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
44 Grand Parade  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN2 9QA



Date: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Membership Subscriptions *		35,511	-	<b>35,511</b>	38,421
Investment Income		19,274	-	<b>19,274</b>	3,651
Legacies		1,773	-	<b>1,773</b>	405,200
Donations		15,827	-	<b>15,827</b>	23,488
Chalk Cliff Trust		5,000	-	<b>5,000</b>	4,950
Forgotten Places Grant		-	9,016	<b>9,016</b>	21,688
Queen's Canopy Grant		-	-	<b>-</b>	60,869
Plant Your Postcode Brighton		-	517	<b>517</b>	1,498
Brighton & Hove Tree Festival		-	4,000	<b>4,000</b>	2,000
CAGNY donation		-	-	<b>-</b>	1,200
Gift Aid on Donations		2,152	-	<b>2,152</b>	1,894
Other Income		6,302	-	<b>6,302</b>	9,493
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>85,839</b>	<b>13,533</b>	<b>99,372</b>	<b>574,352</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds		11,032	-	<b>11,032</b>	9,262
Charitable activities		95,368	18,994	<b>114,362</b>	143,410
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>106,400</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>125,394</b>	<b>152,672</b>
<b>Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources</b>		<b>(20,561)</b>	<b>(5,461)</b>	<b>(26,022)</b>	<b>421,680</b>
Gains on investment assets	7	3,832	-	<b>3,832</b>	4,546
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>		<b>(16,729)</b>	<b>(5,461)</b>	<b>(22,190)</b>	<b>426,226</b>
		<b>(16,729)</b>	<b>(5,461)</b>	<b>(22,190)</b>	<b>426,226</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 1st January</b>		<b>562,839</b>	<b>13,926</b>	<b>576,765</b>	<b>150,539</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December</b>		<b>546,110</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>554,575</b>	<b>576,765</b>

\* Includes Gift Aid claimed by National Office

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Note	31st December 2024 £	31st December 2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	1,438	2,090
Investments	7	123,412	117,855
		<u>124,850</u>	<u>119,945</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	8	215	223
Debtors	9	25,338	134,843
Current asset investments	10	309,402	135,091
Short term deposits	11	115,849	187,478
Cash at bank and in hand		2,612	9,636
		<u>453,416</u>	<u>467,271</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(23,691)	(10,451)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>429,725</u>	<u>456,820</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><u>554,575</u></u>	<u><u>576,765</u></u>
<b>Income Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	13	8,465	13,926
Unrestricted Funds		546,110	562,839
<b>Total Income Funds</b>		<u><u>554,575</u></u>	<u><u>576,765</u></u>

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 25th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Joshua Lelliott  
Honorary Treasurer  
30th June 2025

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the SOFA)		(26,022)	421,680
adjustments for:			
Decrease in stock		8	10
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		109,505	(95,885)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		13,240	(12,453)
Net income on share investments		(1,725)	(801)
Other Investment income		(16,242)	(1,623)
Depreciation		1,251	936
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>80,015</b>	<b>311,864</b>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Other Investment income		16,242	1,623
Funds invested in medium term deposits		(174,311)	(135,091)
Purchase of fixed assets		(599)	(1,795)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<hr/> <b>(158,668)</b>	<hr/> <b>(135,263)</b>
Change in cash and cash equivalents		<hr/> <b>(78,653)</b>	<hr/> <b>176,601</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<hr/> <b>197,114</b>	<hr/> <b>20,513</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<hr/> <b>118,461</b>	<hr/> <b>197,114</b>
		<hr/> <b>2024</b>	<hr/> <b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash in hand		<b>2,612</b>	<b>9,636</b>
Deposits with less than 3 months notice		<b>115,849</b>	<b>187,478</b>
Cash and cash equivalents		<hr/> <b>118,461</b>	<hr/> <b>197,114</b>

1. **Principal Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019) and the Charities Act 2011'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost conventions modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity, and are rounded to the nearest £1.

**Taxation**

The Charity 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. Accordingly the Charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for as follows:-

Donations, grants and legacies - on a basis when they fulfill the criteria of entitlement, measurement and receipt is probable.

Investments - on a receivable basis.

Incoming Resources marked \* - on a net receivable basis.

**Resources Expended**

Resources expended, including irrecoverable VAT, are accounted for on the accruals basis.

Expenditure is directly allocated to activities when possible.

**Fixed assets and Depreciation**

The charity operates a capitalisation policy whereby only assets with a cost in excess of £350 are capitalised. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives of three or four years on a straight-line basis.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at market value and both realised and unrealised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Stocks**

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value

**Reserves**

CPRE Sussex Trustees recognise the need to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level appropriate to the needs of the charity. The level of reserves are reviewed quarterly in line with the monitoring and budgetary reporting process. Where CPRE Sussex records an annual deficit in our unrestricted funds activities, the Trustees policy is to have unrestricted reserves greater than 4 times the annual deficit in the previous financial year. If the unrestricted financial reserves are less than this amount every endeavour should be made to either reduce overheads or increase the level of income. Once there is a regular surplus in the annual unrestricted funds activities the unrestricted reserves should be greater than 6 months operating overheads

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. **Principal Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustments to the financial statements in a future period.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Financial Assets**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

**Financial Liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

2. Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	38,421	-	38,421
Legacies	405,200	-	405,200
General Donations	23,488	-	23,488
Gift Aid	1,894	-	1,894
Chalk Cliff Trust	4,950	-	4,950
Forgotten Places Grant	-	21,688	21,688
Queen's Canopy Grant	-	60,869	60,869
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,498	1,498
Brighton & Hove Tree Festival	-	2,000	2,000
CAGNY donation	-	1,200	1,200
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	9,493	-	9,493
Investment Income	3,651	-	3,651
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>487,097</b>	<b>87,255</b>	<b>574,352</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Raising Funds	9,262	-	9,262
Charitable Activities	54,148	89,262	143,410
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>63,410</b>	<b>89,262</b>	<b>152,672</b>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	423,687	(2,007)	421,680
Gains on Investment Assets	4,546	-	4,546
Net Movement in Funds	428,233	(2,007)	426,226
Fund Balance at 1st January 2023	134,606	15,933	150,539
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December 2023</b>	<b>562,839</b>	<b>13,926</b>	<b>576,765</b>

3. Incoming Resources	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	35,511	-	35,511	38,421
Legacies	1,773	-	1,773	405,200
General Donations	15,827	-	15,827	23,488
Gift Aid	2,152	-	2,152	1,894
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	-	5,000	4,950
Forgotten Places Grant	-	9,016	9,016	21,688
Queen's Canopy Grant	-	-	-	60,869
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	517	517	1,498
Brighton & Hove Tree Festival	-	4,000	4,000	2,000
CAGNY donation	-	-	-	1,200
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	6,302	-	6,302	9,493
Investment Income	19,274	-	19,274	3,651
	<b>85,839</b>	<b>13,533</b>	<b>99,372</b>	<b>574,352</b>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

4. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
Raising Funds	£	£	£	£
Countryside Day event	4,175	-	4,175	2,628
Autumn Appeal Mailing	435	-	435	386
Publicity	5,115	-	5,115	5,020
Investment Management Fee	1,307	-	1,307	1,228
	<u>11,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,032</u>	<u>9,262</u>

Charitable Activities

District expenses	108	-	108	358
Sussex Review and Newsletter	1,654	-	1,654	710
Website	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
SDN Park Subscription	250	-	250	250
Planning Magazine	1,980	-	1,980	1,760
Planning meeting expenses	223	-	223	(509)
Forgotten Places Grant	-	9,016	9,016	21,688
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	5,314	1,565	6,879	907
Southern Water	-	3,010	3,010	-
CAGNY donation	300	200	500	1,000
Tree festival	455	4,000	4,455	60,869
BHCC Community Fund	-	1,203	1,203	4,798
Staff Costs (Note 5)	68,233	-	68,233	49,798
Premises Costs (Including all Insurances)	5,596	-	5,596	(6,609)
Office Costs	3,703	-	3,703	3,258
Depreciation	1,251	-	1,251	936
Trustee and Strategy Meetings	-	-	-	140
Trustees' Expenses	258	-	258	208
AGM*	3,575	-	3,575	1,528
Chariot House Accountants	1,468	-	1,468	1,320
	<u>95,368</u>	<u>18,994</u>	<u>114,362</u>	<u>143,410</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

5. Staff Costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Staff Salaries	67,307	-	67,307	49,181
Staff Salaries Recovered As Part Of The Grants Received	(3,010)	-	(3,010)	(8,470)
Staff Expenses	2,130	-	2,130	843
Employer National Insurance	-	-	-	-
Employer People's Pension	1,061	-	1,061	744
Consultant	-	-	-	7,500
Staff Recruitment	745	-	745	-
	<u>68,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,233</u>	<u>49,798</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more. The average number of part-time employees was 4 (2023 : 3).

Amounts totalling £258 were paid to 2 Trustees in respect of travel and other expenses.

No Trustee received any remuneration in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £38,376 (2023: £30,747) comprising gross pay, employers' national insurance and employers' pension. The Director post for part of 2023 was covered by a consultant acting as temporary Director.

6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

	Office Equipment 2024 £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1st January 2024	11,477
Additions	599
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2024</b>	<u>12,076</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1st January 2024	9,387
Charge for the year	1,251
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2024</b>	<u>10,638</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 1st January 2024	2,090
<b>At 31st December 2024</b>	<u>1,438</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)

<b>7. Investments</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Market Value at 1st January	117,855	112,508
Sale of Investments	-	-
Management Charges	(1,307)	(1,227)
Investment Income	3,032	2,028
Gains/(Losses) on Investment Assets	3,832	4,546
At 31st December	<u>123,412</u>	<u>117,855</u>
All assets are listed on the UK Stock Market		
<b>8. Stocks</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Merchandising	<u>215</u>	<u>223</u>
<b>9. Debtors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Prepayments	424	336
Other Debtors	24,914	134,507
	<u>25,338</u>	<u>134,843</u>
<b>10. Current asset investments</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
United Trust Bank 6 month notice tracker account (5.25% interest)	52,697	50,091
Hampshire Trust Bank 1 year fixed bond (5.15% interest)	85,000	85,000
Hinckley and Rugby Building Society 120 Day Notice Account (4.15% interest)	86,705	-
Cambridge and Counties Bank 1 year fixed rate bond (5.10% interest)	85,000	-
	<u>309,402</u>	<u>135,091</u>
<b>11. Short Term Deposits</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
CAF Gold	30,349	186,978
Dudley Building Society	85,000	-
National Savings and Investments Bank Income Bond	500	500
	<u>115,849</u>	<u>187,478</u>
<b>12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Creditors	5,462	2,795
Accruals	18,229	7,656
	<u>23,691</u>	<u>10,451</u>

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)**

**13. Restricted Funds**

**Cuckmere Valley Fund**

The Cuckmere Valley Fund was established in 2010 following the dissolution of the Cuckmere Valley Society and is subject to restrictions requiring the fund to be used for purposes similar to those of CPRE Sussex within the Cuckmere Valley.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>5,727</u></u>

**New Monks farm Transport Assessment**

A consultant has been hired to do a transport assessment for New Monks Farm. The work is not yet completed.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>200</u></u>

**Awards**

A celebration event planned for 2023 deferred until 2025.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>538</u></u>

**Forgotten Places**

We were awarded a grant in association with Trees for Cities and the Green Recovery Challenge Fund for tree planting in Brighton. The main project completed in 2023, but watering and maintenance continue until March 2026.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2024</b>	-
Tree Planting and maintenance	(9,016)
Cost recovery grant income claimed in arrears	9,016
<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)**

**13. Restricted Funds (continued)**

**Plant Your Postcode Brighton**

We received a mix of grants and donations to support the increase in tree cover across the whole of the Greater Brighton area.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2024</b>	1,049
Donations	517
Other Costs	(1,566)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**Southern Water**

Grant received from Southern Water for research activities

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2024</b>	3,010
staff costs	(3,010)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**Brighton Resilience Fund**

We were awarded a grant from Brighton & Hove City Council for continuing support for tree planting in the city.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2024</b>	1,202
costs	(1,202)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**Brighton & Hove Tree Festival**

We hosted a tree festival event in Brighton in 2024 and will be hosting a further festival in 2025

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2024</b>	2,000
Event sponsorship	4,000
Event costs	(4,000)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>2,000</u></u>

**CAGNE**

We are supporting CAGNY with their legal fees to object to the Gatwick second runway proposal.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2024</b>	200
Donation to CAGNY	(200)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 (continued)**

**14. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds**

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	1,438	123,412	421,260	546,110
Restricted Funds	-	-	8,465	8,465
	<u>1,438</u>	<u>123,412</u>	<u>429,725</u>	<u>554,575</u>

**15. Dissolution**

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

**16. Employee Benefit Obligations**

The CIO operates a defined contribution pension scheme with contributions being made by both employer and employees at variable rates. Total pension costs in the current year amounted to £1,061 (2023: £744). At the year end £531 was due to the provider (2023: £372).

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

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# Accounts

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**Campaign to Protect Rural England,  
Sussex Branch CIO**

**Registered Charity No: 1156568**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2023**

**Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2023**

This year has been busy for all involved in CPRE Sussex as we work to shape a greener future for Sussex. Our members, supporters, project partners and dedicated volunteers have once again helped to ensure we can protect and promote our precious countryside and urban green spaces.

**Opposing inappropriate development**

In 2023, we continued to oppose inappropriate development which threatens our precious landscapes and fails to meet a genuine local need. We opposed plans for a holiday park in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), called for greater use of brownfield sites and challenged local plans across Sussex.

Early in 2023 we celebrated as Center Parcs withdrew its bid for a holiday park in the High Weald AONB. However, just a few months later, we were faced with another wholly inappropriate application for a holiday park in the same AONB. Thankfully, a co-ordinated effort by conservation charities, campaign groups and dedicated volunteers saw the Normanhurst Estate application refused by the local planning committee.

In December, we joined others who were against the 1,450-house "Cuckstye" scheme. The application preempted, and appeared to subvert, the review and update of Mid Sussex's District Plan. We will continue to support the Stop Cuckstye Action Group ahead of a planning examination in summer 2024.

This year we have also opposed national planning policies which could weaken protection for green space and threaten protected landscapes, including proposals to relax rules around converting redundant agricultural buildings into residential properties.

We also called for new development to take place on Brownfield sites after a report by the national CPRE charity revealed there are more than 700 brownfield sites across East and West Sussex, covering almost 1,000 acres. That is enough land to build more than 23,500 homes without destroying precious landscapes.

**Climate**

The climate crisis is a major threat facing the Sussex countryside. In 2023, we continued to represent members' views on a wide range of environmental matters and support common-sense approaches to renewables which protect our beautiful landscapes.

In May, we launched our Rooftop Renewables campaign calling for the installation of solar panels to be a requirement of planning permission for all car parks and new builds in Sussex. This followed research, commissioned by CPRE and carried out by the UCL Energy Institute, which found the majority of required solar capacity could be installed on existing buildings and car parks. By making use of rooftops, we can generate renewable energy while protecting valuable landscapes. Six Sussex MPs have already shown their support for the campaign by signing up to become Parliamentary Rooftop Solar Champions. They are Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne), Caroline Lucas (Brighton Pavilion), Maria Caulfield (Lewes), Sally-Ann Hart (Hastings and Rye), Sir Peter Bottomley (Worthing West) and Tim Loughton (East Worthing and Shoreham).

In November, we were intensely disappointed to have to object to elements of plans for a new offshore wind farm. We back an urgent move to renewable energy sources and, in principle, would be supportive of the sensitive expansion of the Rampion offshore wind farm. However, we had major concerns over how the Rampion 2 public consultation was run and the impact on landscape and nature of onshore cabling and grid connection works.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

**Charity number: 1156568**

### **Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)**

Throughout 2023 we have also kept more than a watching brief on the water quantity and quality issues affecting districts across the county.

This year has also seen us oppose plans which would further threaten the health and wellbeing of Sussex's residents, countryside and wildlife.

Throughout 2023 we have continued to work against the unsustainable and harmful bid for a second runway at Gatwick Airport. Gatwick Airport expansion and that proposed and in hand at other airports would make achieving net zero targets almost impossible because technologies to deliver that in aviation don't yet exist at scale and taxpayers will be left footing the bill for cleaning up the effects of carbon. A second runway would also lead to increased air and noise pollution, risking the health and wellbeing of residents. A planning inquiry into the bid will take place in 2024.

In October, we were dismayed at the Balcombe High Court decision which will see residents face another three years of disruption from oil exploration. Oil exploration in Sussex has no public benefit and can only harm the unique and beautiful landscape of the High Weald. It is clear planning policy needs tightening to reflect the latest climate change advice and we will continue to support Frack Free Balcombe, and all the residents, in their fight against these plans.

#### **Planting urban trees**

In 2023, we continued our work to increase urban tree cover through our Plant Your Postcode scheme and other initiatives.

The Forgotten Places planting project ended in March with a herculean final period of work on the Bristol Estate. As part of the Queen's Green Canopy and the HM Commemorative Fund, we also submitted a successful joint bid with Brighton & Hove City Council's arboriculture team to plant 110 trees across the city.

To help encourage the next generation of tree lovers, in March, we launched a series of free tree resources for children. The activity and factsheets are designed to support learning from Key Stages 1 to 3.

#### **Countryside Day**

In September, we celebrated the culmination of our 50th anniversary with our first Countryside Day, hosted by the Knepp Estate. Hundreds of people flocked to the event to celebrate all that is best about the Sussex countryside. Plans are already underway for the next Countryside Day so watch this space.

#### **Thanks to those who make our work possible**

I would like to thank our fantastic staff, volunteers, trustees, members and supporters for your invaluable support throughout 2023. Without your support, expertise and generosity, our work would not be possible. I thank our loyal and long serving President, Lord Egremont, who stepped down at the AGM after 42 years of service and support to the Charity, he will be much missed. I would also like to thank Julian Hill, our Treasurer, who stepped down in the Autumn after 8 years of service. We also thank Vic Ient for his hard work on behalf of the Charity particularly his work relating to the South Downs National Park.

I would also like to pay tribute to Geoffrey Mantle and Valerie Kippax, both long-term friends of CPRE Sussex who left us generous legacies in 2023.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019) and the Branch's governing document.

#### **Working Names**

CPRE Sussex and CPRE Sussex Countryside Trust

#### **Objectives**

The charitable objects of the Charity are to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of Sussex and its towns and villages and the environmentally better development of the same.

Details of our current aims and strategy are set out under 'Future Plans' below.

Our activities in 2023 to deliver on this strategy are set out in the Chairman's report.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

CPRE Sussex is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and its governing document is "The Constitution of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO" registered with the Charity Commission on 8th April 2014, charity number 1156568. The Branch is restricted by its Constitution from undertaking any substantial permanent trading activities. The business of the Branch is managed by the Board of Trustees according to the powers set out in the Constitution and the Board meets every 3 months with sub-committees formed as required. The Branch employs three part-time members of staff, including the Director who manages the day to day work of the organisation and has trustee approved delegated authority for operational matters including finance, employment, campaigning activity, engagement and fundraising.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and at the date of the Report were:

Julian Hill (resigned 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

Penny Hudd

David Johnson

John Kay

Professor Daniel Osborn

Sally Pavey

Dr Roger Smith

Jill Sutcliffe (appointed 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

Katherine Sykes (appointed 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

Corinne Stuart (appointed 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

Deborah Speirs (appointed 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

Elizabeth Alexander (appointed 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023, resigned 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Monty Larkin (appointed 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023, resigned 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Carol Rue (appointed 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023)

Joshua Lelliott (appointed 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023**

#### **Appointment and induction of Trustees**

New trustees are appointed after a review of the skills required and are drawn from individuals who have relevant backgrounds. When appropriate the trustees consult other relevant organisations for nominations to the committee. New trustees are provided with an introduction to the Charity, where they receive copies of relevant documentation as well an operational induction with the Director.

#### **Conflicts of interest**

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Upon appointment to the Board any potential conflict of interest with any individual or organisation must be disclosed. Before each Board Meeting all trustees are requested to declare any conflict of interest with any agenda item.

#### **Networks**

The charity is a member of the network of charities federated to the national charity "CPRE The countryside charity", formerly known as the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The CPRE network comprises over 40 member charities, and the chairs of the network's member charities hold voting rights in the 'Assembly' body that shapes national CPRE decisions. The branding and core purposes are shared across the network. The Branch is also involved at a regional level with the County Branches Forum.

#### **Reward Policy**

The pay of the staff is determined by the Board of Trustees. Salaries are benchmarked with those of charities of similar size in terms of income, staff numbers and complexity. The same benefits, including pensions, and terms and conditions apply to all staff.

#### **Registered address:**

Brownings Farm, Blackboys, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5HG

#### **Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd, PO Box 289, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Mr M Partridge, FCA, Chariot House Ltd, 44 Grand Parade, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 9QA

#### **Investment adviser and nominee company:**

Charles Stanley & Co Ltd, 55 Bishopsgate London EC2N 3AS

#### **Public benefit reporting**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023

#### Plans for the Future

Sussex remains predominantly rural, with a patchwork of towns and villages, as well as significant development of much of its coastline. It contains incredibly beautiful landscapes, acknowledged in the designation of the South Downs National Park and the High Weald and Chichester Harbour Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Yet much of Sussex is not in good shape. It is under extreme pressure for new speculative housing, roads and airport-expansion. It experiences water shortages with increasing frequency, and its rivers and seas are polluted. It is already suffering from the effects of a climate breakdown, only expected to get worse: heatwaves, drought, flooding and more. In common with the rest of the UK, Sussex is highly nature-depleted, with 'industrial' farming practices playing a significant role in this decline.

Especially in our towns and cities, people experience air, light and noise pollution and a lack of access to nature. In addition, local people are increasingly priced out of the countryside, and Sussex as a whole. To try to address this, the Trustees approved a three year strategy (2023 to 2026) which incorporated the following objectives:

- **Protect:** resist excessive and poor development in Sussex to protect landscapes, natural systems and green spaces, while supporting genuinely affordable housing and tackling climate change.
- **Celebrate:** inspire people with a love of the Sussex countryside, and enable everyone to access its transcendent beauty, and the health and wellbeing it brings.
- **Regenerate:** create a greener future for Sussex through practical action and policy change, to restore clean water and air and flourishing nature, and build a thriving, equitable, economy that links rural and urban Sussex.
- **Build our capacity:** engage more members, supporters, volunteers, staff and funds, empowering more people to deliver on our mission ('through evidence-gathering, education, influence, convening, collaboration, and campaigning, to be one of Sussex's leading people-powered shapers of a beautiful, thriving and sustainable countryside for everyone').

Our plans to deliver in these areas include:

#### Protect

- Recruiting and training a network of planning volunteers to cover *every* Local Planning Authority within Sussex, to provide comment on emerging Local Plans and respond to significant planning applications.
- Responding to applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, where we judge that these will have a significant impact on the Sussex countryside, including plans for the expansion of Gatwick Airport.
- Responding to Government consultations on reforms to planning rules.
- Developing new projects to build upon our previous 'Making Places' work, to empower local communities facing significant development in their area to shape what happens.

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### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023

#### Plans for the Future (continued)

##### Celebrate

- Running a programme of on-the-ground and virtual walks, talks, visits and events, including our Countryside Day, to help people to experience and understand the Sussex countryside.
- Educating the public and decision-makers on the threats to the countryside, for example by commissioning and promoting research on the impacts of the climate, nature, water and (rural) housing affordability crises on Sussex.

##### Regenerate

- Campaigning in favour of solutions to the biggest of the threats, such as, for example, a rapid transition out of fossil fuels and towards well-located renewable energy generation and energy efficiency.
- Developing one or more partnership programmes to deliver a significant and tangible improvement to the Sussex landscape, such as a major restoration of hedgerows across the county.
- Continuing to 'bring the countryside into the city' by expanding our urban tree-planting work, and exploring how this can be expanded to incorporate other green/natural infrastructure such as rain gardens or urban nature corridors,

##### Build capacity

- Engaging many more people in taking voluntary action with us, including growing our membership.
- Becoming more representative of the Sussex population.

#### Financial review and reserves

The Chairman's report included in these accounts gives a full description of the activities for the year ended 31st December 2023. The total income for the financial year was £574,352 compared with £197,217 in the previous year. The income includes £405,200 legacy receipts from the Estates of the late Geoffrey Mantle (£290,000) and Valerie Kippax (£115,200). Total expenditure for the financial year was £152,672 compared to £196,359 in the previous year. The majority of costs are related to staff and office costs, with direct activity costs (Campaigning and project costs) varying from year to year. The overall net movement in funds for the year, after accounting for investment gains of £4,546 was a surplus of £426,226 (2022: deficit of £10,842). The unrestricted funds were £134,606 at the beginning of the year and £562,839 at the end of the year. Restricted reserves were £15,933 at the beginning of the year and £13,926 at the end of the year.

CPRE Sussex Trustees recognise the need to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level appropriate to the needs of the charity. The level of reserves are reviewed quarterly in line with the monitoring and budgetary reporting process. Where CPRE Sussex records an annual deficit in our unrestricted funds activities, the Trustees policy is to have unrestricted reserves greater than 4 times the annual deficit in the previous financial year. If the unrestricted financial reserves are less than this amount every endeavour should be made to either reduce overheads or increase the level of income. Once there is a regular surplus in the annual unrestricted funds activities the unrestricted reserves should be greater than 6 months operating overheads

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023**

#### **Financial review and reserves (continued)**

The high level of unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2023 (£562,839) is well in excess of the reserves policy target with no issues in the medium term identified. Therefore, the Trustees consider that the level of reserves is adequate to support current activities for the next three to four years and are actively reviewing future funding to ensure that CPRE Sussex will continue to be an effective voice for the future (please refer to the reserves policy in the Notes). The Trustees review financial and other risks on a regular basis.

#### **Investment policy**

The Charity holds a mix of low risk investment funds with Charles Stanley and cash. Surplus funds this year have been invested in high interest bonds of 12 months or less.

#### **Principal risks**

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities in terms of managing risk and have systems in place to ensure that the risks faced by the Charity are identified, assessed, managed and monitored. The Senior Leadership Team and all staff assess risks as part of all significant project management. The Trustees review current material risks at each Board meeting during the year with the main categories risks identified as follows:

- Failure to diversify and grow income
- Failure to address the decline in membership

Other risks identified include paid personnel leaving; litigation by a developer/landowner; negative publicity nationally about the Charity's work; and poor governance from the Trustees.

As a growing charity, the trustees now intend to create and monitor a formal risk register for 2024 onwards.

#### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution, 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 of the charity for that period. 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that the charity will continue business.

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**Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023**

**Trustees' Responsibilities (continued)**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Professor Daniel Osborn, Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO for the year ended 31st December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

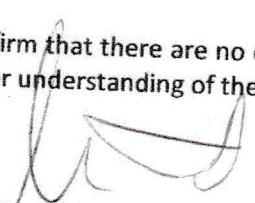
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
Mr M Partridge, FCA  
Chariot House Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
44 Grand Parade  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN2 9QA

Date: .....

27th June 2024

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Membership Subscriptions *		38,421	-	38,421	36,045
Investment Income		3,651	-	3,651	1,533
Legacies		405,200	-	405,200	2
Donations		23,488	-	23,488	13,682
Chalk Cliff Trust		4,950	-	4,950	4,750
Forgotten Places Grant		-	21,688	21,688	124,272
Queen's Canopy Grant		-	60,869	60,869	-
Plant Your Postcode Brighton		-	1,498	1,498	999
Brighton & Hove Tree Festival		-	2,000	2,000	-
CAGNY donation		-	1,200	1,200	-
Southern Water		-	-	-	6,000
Brighton Resilience Fund		-	-	-	6,000
Gift Aid on Donations		1,894	-	1,894	1,140
Other Income		9,493	-	9,493	2,794
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	3	<b>487,097</b>	<b>87,255</b>	<b>574,352</b>	<b>197,217</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds		9,262	-	9,262	9,876
Charitable activities		54,148	89,262	143,410	186,483
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	4 & 5	<b>63,410</b>	<b>89,262</b>	<b>152,672</b>	<b>196,359</b>
<b>Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources</b>		<b>423,687</b>	<b>(2,007)</b>	<b>421,680</b>	<b>858</b>
Gains (Losses) on investment assets	7	4,546	-	4,546	(11,700)
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>		<b>428,233</b>	<b>(2,007)</b>	<b>426,226</b>	<b>(10,842)</b>
		<b>428,233</b>	<b>(2,007)</b>	<b>426,226</b>	<b>(10,842)</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 1st January 2023</b>		<b>134,606</b>	<b>15,933</b>	<b>150,539</b>	<b>161,381</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December 2023</b>		<b>562,839</b>	<b>13,926</b>	<b>576,765</b>	<b>150,539</b>

\* Includes Gift Aid claimed by National Office

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	31st December 2023 £	31st December 2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	2,090	1,231
Investments	7	117,855	112,508
		<u>119,945</u>	<u>113,739</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	8	223	233
Debtors	9	134,843	38,958
Current asset investments	10	135,091	-
Short term deposits	11	187,478	6,995
Cash at bank and in hand		9,636	13,518
		<u>467,271</u>	<u>59,704</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(10,451)	(22,904)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>456,820</u>	<u>36,800</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>576,765</u>	<u>150,539</u>
<b>Income Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	13	13,926	15,933
Unrestricted Funds		562,839	134,606
<b>Total Income Funds</b>		<u>576,765</u>	<u>150,539</u>

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 19th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Joshua Lelliott  
Honorary Treasurer

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the SOFA)		421,680	858
adjustments for:			
Decrease in stock		10	203
Increase in debtors		(95,885)	(17,170)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		(12,453)	14,705
Net income on share investments		(801)	(235)
Other Investment income		(1,623)	(52)
Depreciation		936	769
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>311,864</b>	<b>(922)</b>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Other Investment income		1,623	52
Funds invested in medium term deposits		(135,091)	-
Purchase of fixed assets		(1,795)	(889)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<b>(135,263)</b>	<b>(837)</b>
Change in cash and cash equivalents		<hr/> <b>176,601</b>	<hr/> <b>(1,759)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<hr/> <b>20,513</b>	<hr/> <b>22,272</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<hr/> <b>197,114</b>	<hr/> <b>20,513</b>
		<hr/> <b>2023</b>	<hr/> <b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash in hand		9,636	13,518
Deposits with less than 3 months notice		187,478	6,995
Cash and cash equivalents		<hr/> <b>197,114</b>	<hr/> <b>20,513</b>

**1. Principal Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019) and the Charities Act 2011'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost conventions modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity, and are rounded to the nearest £1.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities under section 505(1) of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for as follows:-

Donations - on a receivable basis

Legacies - on a basis when they fulfill the criteria of entitlement, measurement and receipt is probable.

Grants and Investments - on a receivable basis

Incoming Resources marked \* - on a net receivable basis.

**Resources Expended**

Resources expended, including irrecoverable VAT, are accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure is directly allocated to activities when possible.

**Fixed assets and Depreciation**

The charity operates a capitalisation policy whereby only assets with a cost in excess of £350 are capitalised. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives of three or four years on a straight-line basis.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at market value and both realised and unrealised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Stocks**

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value

**Reserves**

CPRE Sussex Trustees recognise the need to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level appropriate to the needs of the charity. The level of reserves are reviewed quarterly in line with the monitoring and budgetary reporting process. Where CPRE Sussex records an annual deficit in our unrestricted funds activities, the Trustees policy is to have unrestricted reserves greater than 4 times the annual deficit in the previous financial year. If the unrestricted financial reserves are less than this amount every endeavour should be made to either reduce overheads or increase the level of income. Once there is a regular surplus in the annual unrestricted funds activities the unrestricted reserves should be greater than 6 months operating overheads

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

1. **Principal Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustments to the financial statements in a future period.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Financial Assets**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

**Financial Liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)**

**2. Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2022**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	36,045	-	36,045
Legacies	2	-	2
General Donations	13,682	-	13,682
Gift Aid	1,140	-	1,140
Chalk Cliff Trust	4,750	-	4,750
Forgotten Places Grant	-	124,272	124,272
Southern Water	-	6,000	6,000
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	999	999
Brighton Resilience Fund	-	6,000	6,000
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	2,794	-	2,794
Investment Income	1,533	-	1,533
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>59,946</b>	<b>137,271</b>	<b>197,217</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Raising Funds	9,876	-	9,876
Charitable Activities	57,244	129,239	186,483
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>67,120</b>	<b>129,239</b>	<b>196,359</b>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	(7,174)	8,032	858
Gains on Investment Assets	(11,700)	-	(11,700)
Net Movement in Funds	(18,874)	8,032	(10,842)
Fund Balance at 1st January 2022	153,480	7,901	161,381
Fund Balances at 31st December 2022	<b>134,606</b>	<b>15,933</b>	<b>150,539</b>

<b>3. Incoming Resources</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	38,421	-	<b>38,421</b>	36,045
Legacies	405,200	-	<b>405,200</b>	2
General Donations	23,488	-	<b>23,488</b>	13,682
Gift Aid	1,894	-	<b>1,894</b>	1,140
Chalk Cliff Trust	4,950	-	<b>4,950</b>	4,750
Forgotten Places Grant	-	21,688	<b>21,688</b>	124,272
Queen's Canopy Grant	-	60,869	<b>60,869</b>	-
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,498	<b>1,498</b>	999
Brighton & Hove Tree Festival	-	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	6,000
CAGNY donation	-	1,200	<b>1,200</b>	6,000
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	9,493	-	<b>9,493</b>	2,794
Investment Income	3,651	-	<b>3,651</b>	1,533
	<b>487,097</b>	<b>87,255</b>	<b>574,352</b>	<b>197,217</b>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)**

**4. Resources Expended**

<b>Raising Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising Projects	-	-	-	4,084
Countryside Day event	2,628	-	<b>2,628</b>	-
Autumn Appeal Mailing	386	-	<b>386</b>	897
Publicity	5,020	-	<b>5,020</b>	3,649
Investment Management Fee	1,228	-	<b>1,228</b>	1,246
	<u>9,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>9,262</b></u>	<u>9,876</u>

**Charitable Activities**

District expenses	358	-	<b>358</b>	-
Sussex Review and Newsletter	710	-	<b>710</b>	5,460
Website	1,000	-	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
SDN Park Subscription	250	-	<b>250</b>	100
Planning Magazine	1,760	-	<b>1,760</b>	2,100
Planning training	(509)	-	<b>(509)</b>	-
Forgotten Places Grant	-	21,688	<b>21,688</b>	124,272
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	907	<b>907</b>	1,977
Southern Water	-	-	-	2,990
CAGNY donation	-	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	-
Queen's canopy	-	60,869	<b>60,869</b>	-
BHCC Community Fund	-	4,798	<b>4,798</b>	-
Staff Costs (Note 5)	49,798	-	<b>49,798</b>	36,612
Premises Costs (Including all Insurances)	(6,609)	-	<b>(6,609)</b>	5,529
Office Costs	3,258	-	<b>3,258</b>	2,938
Depreciation	936	-	<b>936</b>	769
Trustee and Strategy Meetings	140	-	<b>140</b>	48
Trustees' Expenses	208	-	<b>208</b>	151
AGM*	1,528	-	<b>1,528</b>	1,431
Chariot House Accountants	1,320	-	<b>1,320</b>	1,106
	<u>54,148</u>	<u>89,262</u>	<u><b>143,410</b></u>	<u>186,483</u>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

#### 5. Staff Costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Staff Salaries	49,181	-	<b>49,181</b>	17,498
Staff Salaries Recovered As Part Of The Grants Received	(8,470)	-	<b>(8,470)</b>	(16,090)
Staff Expenses	843	-	<b>843</b>	865
Employer National Insurance	-	-	-	-
Employer People's Pension	744	-	<b>744</b>	-
Consultant	7,500	-	<b>7,500</b>	34,000
Staff Recruitment	-	-	-	339
	<u>49,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>49,798</b></u>	<u>36,612</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more. The average number of part-time employees was 3 (2022 : 2).

Amounts totalling £208 were paid to 2 Trustees in respect of travel and other expenses. No Trustee received any remuneration in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £30,747 (2022: £0) comprising gross pay, employers' national insurance and employers' pension. The Director post in 2022 and part of 2023 was covered by a consultant acting as temporary Director.

#### 6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

	Office Equipment 2023 £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1st January 2023	9,682
Additions	1,795
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2023</b>	<u><b>11,477</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1st January 2023	8,451
Charge for the year	936
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2023</b>	<u><b>9,387</b></u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 1st January 2023	1,231
<b>At 31st December 2023</b>	<u><u><b>2,090</b></u></u>

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)**

<b>7. Investments</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Market Value at 1st January	<b>112,508</b>	123,973
Sale of Investments	-	-
Management Charges	<b>(1,227)</b>	(1,246)
Investment Income	<b>2,028</b>	1,481
Gains/(Losses) on Investment Assets	<b>4,546</b>	(11,700)
At 31st December	<b>117,855</b>	112,508
All assets are listed on the UK Stock Market		
<b>8. Stocks</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Merchandising	<b>223</b>	233
<b>9. Debtors</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Prepayments	<b>336</b>	315
Other Debtors	<b>134,507</b>	38,643
	<b>134,843</b>	38,958
<b>10. Current asset investments</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
United Trust Bank 6 month notice tracker account (5.25% interest)	<b>50,091</b>	-
Hampshire Trust Bank 1 year fixed bond (5.15% interest)	<b>85,000</b>	-
	<b>135,091</b>	-
<b>11. Short Term Deposits</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
CAF Gold	<b>186,978</b>	6,495
National Savings and Investments Bank Income Bond	<b>500</b>	500
	<b>187,478</b>	6,995
<b>12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Creditors	<b>2,795</b>	6,233
Accruals	<b>7,656</b>	16,671
	<b>10,451</b>	22,904

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

#### 13. Restricted Funds

##### Cuckmere Valley Fund

The Cuckmere Valley Fund was established in 2010 following the dissolution of the Cuckmere Valley Society and is subject to restrictions requiring the fund to be used for purposes similar to those of CPRE Sussex within the Cuckmere Valley.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2023</b>	<u><u>5,727</u></u>

##### New Monks farm Transport Assessment

A consultant has been hired to do a transport assessment for New Monks Farm. The work is not yet completed.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2023</b>	<u><u>200</u></u>

##### Awards 2020

A celebration event planned for 2023 deferred until 2024.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2023</b>	<u><u>538</u></u>

##### Forgotten Places

We were awarded a grant in association with Trees for Cities and the Green Recovery Challenge Fund for tree planting in Brighton. The main project completed in 2023, but watering and maintenance continue until March 2026.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2023</b>	-
Tree Planting and maintenance	(11,114)
Project Manager and Other Staff Costs	(6,973)
Opportunity mapping	(2,196)
Other Costs	(1,405)
Cost recovery grant income claimed in arrears	21,688
<b>Balance at 31st December 2023</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

#### 13. Restricted Funds (continued)

##### Plant Your Postcode Brighton

We received a mix of grants and donations to support the increase in tree cover across the whole of the Greater Brighton area.

	£
Balance at 1st January 2023	458
Donations	1,498
Other Costs	(907)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2023</b>	<b><u>1,049</u></b>

##### Southern Water

Grant received from Southern Water for research activities

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2023</b>	<b><u>3,010</u></b>

##### Brighton Resilience Fund

We were awarded a grant from Brighton & Hove City Council for continuing support for tree planting in the city.

	£
Balance at 1st January 2023	6,000
costs	(4,798)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2023</b>	<b><u>1,202</u></b>

##### Brighton & Hove Tree Festival

We will be hosting a tree festival event in Brighton in 2024

	£
Event sponsorship	2,000
<b>Balance at 31st December 2023</b>	<b><u>2,000</u></b>

##### CAGNE

We are supporting CAGNY with their legal fees to object to the Gatwick second runway proposal.

	£
Donations	1,200
Donation to CAGNY	(1,000)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2023</b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

##### The Queen's Canopy Tree Planting Grant

We received a grant in respect of the Queen's Canopy project for tree planting in Brighton

	£
Grant received	60,869
Tree Planting and maintenance	(53,381)
Staff costs	(2,393)
Other costs	(5,095)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2023</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

#### 14. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	2,090	117,855	442,894	562,839
Restricted Funds	-	-	13,926	13,926
	<u>2,090</u>	<u>117,855</u>	<u>456,820</u>	<u>576,765</u>

#### 15. Dissolution

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

#### 16. Employee Benefit Obligations

The CIO operates a defined contribution pension scheme with contributions being made by both employer and employees at variable rates. Total pension costs in the current year amounted to £744 (2022: £nil). At the year end £372 was due to the provider (2022: £nil).

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

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# Accounts

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**Campaign to Protect Rural England,  
Sussex Branch CIO**

**Registered Charity No: 1156568**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022**

## **Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2022**

This has been a very busy year for all involved with CPRE Sussex. Members, supporters, project partners and a band of dedicated volunteers have once again helped us shape a greener future for Sussex and protect our precious countryside and urban green spaces.

### **Fighting development pressures**

Development pressures seem never ending but 2022 saw us continue to fight to protect Sussex from inappropriate and unsustainable development. We opposed the expansion of Gatwick Airport, fought a Center Parcs bid for a large holiday park near Crawley and objected to applications for new homes on greenfield land, including some that would damage Ancient Woodland.

As always, this was a collaborative effort. We worked with partners including the Sussex Wildlife Trust, The Woodland Trust, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Sussex Ornithological Society and Buglife, as well as passionate local campaign groups and our dedicated members, supporters and volunteers.

A co-ordinated response to the Center Parcs proposal attracted national attention. We challenged the company to find an alternative location and plant a new woodland rather than building in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, on Ancient Woodland, right next to a Site of Special Scientific interest. We now know Center Parcs has withdrawn its interest in the site. Thank you to everyone who made this outcome possible.

This year also saw us raise concerns over a Planning Inspectorate demand for a map of ancient woodland in East Sussex from a time in the 1600s when no maps of the kind required existed. CPRE Sussex put together evidence from a variety of sources, including those who originated the Ancient Woodland approach, and, with the Woodland Trust, campaigned to have the existing law respected. Common sense prevailed and the Inspectorate decision was effectively quashed.

Our work to ensure a large Homes England development north of Burgess Hill is as green as possible continues. Thanks to arguments put forward by the Sussex Ornithological Society, the Master Plan for the site has been changed. Two pieces of Ancient Woodland will now only be separated by a cycle and footway instead of a busy road. We are also campaigning for new homes to be fitted with solar panels.

We have challenged District Plans and the Government's method of calculating housing numbers that does nothing other than suck development into the over-heated south-east of the UK. This approach is designed to profit developers rather than providing genuinely affordable housing for local people, supported by appropriate infrastructure.

Several inappropriate developments have been opposed and we were pleased to see the concerns of local groups recognised in decisions to refuse permissions. In West Sussex, Planning Inspectorate permission for 475 homes within a designated Local Green Gap was overturned at the High Court. The collective efforts of the community to oppose this development were strongly supported by CPRE Sussex.

2022 also saw us give our inputs to the development of estate-wide plans to protect valuable resources, including the Brighton Downland Estate Plan.

### **Planting urban trees**

CPRE Sussex began a Plant Your Postcode tree and hedge planting project some years ago. In 2022, the Forgotten Places project continued that theme. Working closely with local communities and the city council, we planted more than 100 trees across Brighton and Hove.

We have also been supporting local groups across the city who want to increase green space in their urban areas. We await the outcome of some exciting new developments in street engineering that may make this more of a possibility.

**Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)**

**Informing environmental matters**

In 2022 we have represented members' views in responses to a wide range of government and private-sector consultations on environmental matters, including water and aviation.

We are keeping more than a watching brief on the water quantity and quality issues affecting parts of Horsham and Chichester districts where the need to protect Sussex's globally important chalk streams means a hold has been put on new planning permissions. Demand for water is also an issue for Mid-Sussex but the cause here may be demand outstripping the capacity to supply in hot weather.

We are campaigning with Sussex MPs, county-level authorities and district councils on several pieces of legislation threatening to remove environmental legislation or weaken protections. These include the Bill aimed at scrapping EU legislation and that on Levelling-Up.

Despite assurances received from MPs we, and many members of the House of Lords, remain very concerned that government commitments to environmental protection are not what they should be. We fear the quality of the environment and our access to it will decline in future without a real change of direction. The dreadful situation on sewage shows what is really happening on the ground in Sussex. We will campaign more on this in the coming year and look forward to successes.

**Shaping a greener future for Sussex**

Guided by Interim Director Brian Kilkelly, we completed a review of our operational strategic direction in the context of our overall charitable purposes. This led us to a forward-looking view that, to protect and promote the countryside and urban green spaces, CPRE Sussex must shape a greener future for Sussex. This thinking will allow us to seek opportunities for Sussex's diverse communities to be more sustainable, as well as acting to protect the countryside and our valued heritage.

We will be increasingly using this thinking to challenge and oppose inappropriate overdevelopment of Sussex and respond to government policy changes that are, sadly, threatening the integrity of our environment on which health, wealth and wellbeing depends.

**Thanks to those who make our work possible**

I would like to thank our staff, volunteers, members, supporters and Trustees for your invaluable contribution to our work. Without your efforts and expertise, the charity could not exist and our victories would not be possible.

I would also like to thank the Trustees and volunteers who, after serving the communities of Sussex for many years, are stepping back from their roles. Stephen Hardy and Bill Freeman have been active and valuable Trustees. Michael Brown, who was the planning lead for Mid-Sussex, led our recent inputs to the emerging District Plan consultation and supported campaigns by local groups against the large number of new developments proposed in the southern part of the district. Vic lent, who has been a main mover in our work with the South Downs National Park, is also stepping back a good deal and I thank him and wish him well for the future.

Finally, we have now recruited a new permanent part-time Director, Paul Steedman. Paul has extensive experience of working with member-based environment organisations so we are much looking forward to working with him. Many thanks to Brian Kilkelly for his inputs to many of the projects undertaken this past year; we wish him well for the future.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019) and the Branch's governing document.

#### **Working Names**

CPRE Sussex and CPRE Sussex Countryside Trust

#### **Constitution, objectives and activities**

CPRE Sussex is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and its governing document is "The Constitution of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO" registered with the Charity Commission on 8th April 2014, charity number 1156568. The Branch is restricted by its Constitution from undertaking any substantial permanent trading activities.

The objects of the CIO are to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of Sussex and its towns and villages and the environmentally better development of the same.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and at the date of the Report were:

William Freeman (resigned 1st October 2022)

Stephen Hardy MBE (resigned 1st October 2022)

Julian Hill

Penny Hudd

David Johnson

John Kay

Professor Daniel Osborn

Sally Pavey

Dr Roger Smith

Jeanette Towey (resigned 1st October 2022)

New trustees are appointed after a review of the skills required and are drawn from individuals who have relevant backgrounds. When appropriate the trustees consult other relevant organisations for nominations to the committee. New trustees are provided with an introduction to the Charity.

#### **Registered address:**

Brownings Farm, Blackboys, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5HG

#### **Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd, PO Box 289, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Mr M Partridge, FCA, Chariot House Ltd, 44 Grand Parade, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 9QA

#### **Investment adviser and nominee company:**

Charles Stanley & Co Ltd, 55 Bishopsgate London EC2N 3AS

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2022

#### Public benefit reporting

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### Financial review and reserves

The Chairman's report included in these accounts gives a full description of the activities and results for the year ended 31st December 2022. The Trustees consider that the level of reserves is adequate to support current activities for the next three to four years and are actively reviewing future funding to ensure that CPRE Sussex will continue to be an effective voice for the future (please refer to the reserves policy in the Notes). The Trustees review financial and other risks on a regular basis.

#### Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution, 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 of the charity for that period. 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that the charity will continue business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 21st April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Professor Daniel Osborn, Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

I report on the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO for the year ended 31st December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

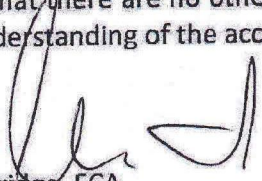
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
Mr M Partridge, FCA  
Chariot House Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
44 Grand Parade  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN2 9QA

Date: ..... 19/6/2023 .....

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Membership Subscriptions *		36,045	-	36,045	37,046
Investment Income		1,533	-	1,533	1,080
Legacies		2	-	2	7,293
Donations		13,682	-	13,682	15,427
Chalk Cliff Trust		4,750	-	4,750	-
Forgotten Places Grant		-	124,272	124,272	6,209
Dark Skies		-	-	-	5,116
Plant Your Postcode Brighton		-	999	999	1,856
Southern Water		-	6,000	6,000	-
Brighton Resilience Fund		-	6,000	6,000	-
Gift Aid on Donations		1,140	-	1,140	1,071
Other Income		2,794	-	2,794	5,357
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	3	<b>59,946</b>	<b>137,271</b>	<b>197,217</b>	<b>80,455</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds		9,876	-	9,876	6,947
Charitable activities		57,244	129,239	186,483	84,217
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	4 & 5	<b>67,120</b>	<b>129,239</b>	<b>196,359</b>	<b>91,164</b>
<b>Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources</b>		<b>(7,174)</b>	<b>8,032</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>(10,709)</b>
Gains (Losses) on investment assets	7	(11,700)	-	(11,700)	2,151
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>		<b>(18,874)</b>	<b>8,032</b>	<b>(10,842)</b>	<b>(8,558)</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 1st January 2022</b>		<b>153,480</b>	<b>7,901</b>	<b>161,381</b>	<b>169,939</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December 2022</b>		<b>134,606</b>	<b>15,933</b>	<b>150,539</b>	<b>161,381</b>

\* Includes Gift Aid claimed by National Office

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	Note	31st December 2022 £	31st December 2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	1,231	1,111
Investments	7	112,508	123,973
		<u>113,739</u>	<u>125,084</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	8	233	436
Debtors	9	38,958	21,788
Short term deposits	10	6,995	10,963
Cash at bank and in hand		13,518	11,309
		<u>59,704</u>	<u>44,496</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(22,904)	(8,199)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>36,800</u>	<u>36,297</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><u>150,539</u></u>	<u><u>161,381</u></u>
<b>Income Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	12	15,933	7,901
Unrestricted Funds		134,606	153,480
<b>Total Income Funds</b>		<u><u>150,539</u></u>	<u><u>161,381</u></u>

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 21st April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Julian Hill  
Honorary Treasurer

**1. Principal Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019) and the Charities Act 2011'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost conventions modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities under section 505(1) of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for as follows:-

Donations - on a receivable basis

Legacies - on a basis when they fulfill the criteria of entitlement, measurement and receipt is probable.

Grants and Investments - on a receivable basis

Incoming Resources marked \* - on a net receivable basis.

**Resources Expended**

Resources expended, including irrecoverable VAT, are accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure is directly allocated to activities when possible.

**Fixed assets and Depreciation**

The charity operates a capitalisation policy whereby only assets with a cost in excess of £350 are capitalised. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives of three or four years on a straight-line basis.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at market value and both realised and unrealised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Stocks**

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value

**Reserves**

CPRE Sussex Trustees recognise the need to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level appropriate to the needs of the charity. The level of reserves are reviewed quarterly in line with the monitoring and budgetary reporting process. Currently CPRE Sussex records an annual deficit in our unrestricted funds activities and the Trustees policy is to have unrestricted reserves greater than 4 times the annual deficit in the previous financial year. If the unrestricted financial reserves are less than this amount every endeavour should be made to either reduce overheads or increase the level of income. Once there is a regular surplus in the annual unrestricted funds activities the unrestricted reserves should be greater than 6 months operating overheads

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

2. Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	37,046	-	37,046
Legacies	7,293	-	7,293
General Donations	15,427	-	15,427
Gift Aid	1,071	-	1,071
Forgotten Places Grant	-	6,209	6,209
Dark Skies	-	5,116	5,116
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,856	1,856
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	5,357	-	5,357
Investment Income	1,080	-	1,080
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<u>67,274</u>	<u>13,181</u>	<u>80,455</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Raising Funds	6,947	-	6,947
Charitable Activities	57,792	26,425	84,217
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u>64,739</u>	<u>26,425</u>	<u>91,164</u>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	2,535	(13,244)	(10,709)
Gains on Investment Assets	2,151	-	2,151
Net Movement in Funds	4,686	(13,244)	(8,558)
Fund Balance at 1st January 2021	148,794	21,145	169,939
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>153,480</u></u>	<u><u>7,901</u></u>	<u><u>161,381</u></u>

3. Incoming Resources	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	36,045	-	36,045	37,046
Legacies	2	-	2	7,293
General Donations	13,682	-	13,682	15,427
Gift Aid	1,140	-	1,140	1,071
Chalk Cliff Trust	4,750	-	4,750	-
Forgotten Places Grant	-	124,272	124,272	6,209
Dark Skies	-	-	-	5,116
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	999	999	1,856
Southern Water	-	6,000	6,000	-
Brighton Resilience Fund	-	6,000	6,000	-
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	2,794	-	2,794	5,357
Investment Income	1,533	-	1,533	1,080
	<u>59,946</u>	<u>137,271</u>	<u>197,217</u>	<u>80,455</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

4. Resources Expended

Raising Funds	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising Projects	4,084	-	4,084	3,604
Autumn Appeal Mailing	897	-	897	997
Publicity	3,649	-	3,649	1,015
Investment Management Fee	1,246	-	1,246	1,331
	<u>9,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,876</u>	<u>6,947</u>

Charitable Activities

Sussex County Planning matters	-	-	-	238
Sussex Review and Newsletter	5,460	-	5,460	3,566
Website	1,000	-	1,000	3,000
SDN Park and GACC Subscriptions	100	-	100	-
Planning Magazine	2,100	-	2,100	2,430
Forgotten Places Grant	-	124,272	124,272	6,209
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,977	1,977	6,642
Southern Water	-	2,990	2,990	-
Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne	-	-	-	8,458
Dark Skies	-	-	-	5,116
Staff Costs (Note 5)	36,612	-	36,612	37,948
Premises Costs (Including all Insurances)	5,529	-	5,529	5,665
Office Costs	2,938	-	2,938	2,725
Depreciation	769	-	769	329
Trustee and Strategy Meetings	48	-	48	-
Trustees' Expenses	151	-	151	57
AGM*	1,431	-	1,431	752
Chariot House Accountants	1,106	-	1,106	1,082
	<u>57,244</u>	<u>129,239</u>	<u>186,483</u>	<u>84,217</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

5. Staff Costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Staff Salaries	17,498	-	17,498	35,621
Staff Salaries Recovered As Part Of The Forgotten Places and Southern Water Grants	(16,090)	-	(16,090)	(2,175)
Staff Expenses	865	-	865	649
Employer National Insurance	-	-	-	-
Employer People's Pension	-	-	-	429
Consultant	34,000	-	34,000	3,000
Staff Recruitment	339	-	339	424
	<u>36,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,612</u>	<u>37,948</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more. The average number of part-time employees was two. Amounts totalling £151 were paid to 2 Trustees in respect of travel and other expenses. No Trustee received any remuneration in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £0 (2021 : £18,892). The Director post in 2022 was covered by a consultant acting as temporary Director.

6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

	Office Equipment 2022 £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1st January 2022	8,793
Additions	889
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2022</b>	<u>9,682</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1st January 2022	7,682
Charge for the year	769
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2022</b>	<u>8,451</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 1st January 2022	1,111
<b>At 31st December 2022</b>	<u>1,231</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

<b>7.</b>	<b>Investments</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	Market Value at 1st January	123,973	122,075
	Sale of Investments	-	-
	Management Charges	(1,246)	(1,331)
	Investment Income	1,481	1,078
	(Losses)/Gains on Investment Assets	(11,700)	2,151
	At 31st December	<u>112,508</u>	<u>123,973</u>
	All assets are listed on the UK Stock Market		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Stocks</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	Merchandising	<u>233</u>	<u>436</u>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	Prepayments	315	-
	Other Debtors	38,643	21,788
		<u>38,958</u>	<u>21,788</u>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Short Term Deposits</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	CAF Gold	6,495	10,463
	National Savings and Investments Bank Income Bond	500	500
		<u>6,995</u>	<u>10,963</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
	Creditors	6,233	2,715
	Accruals	16,671	5,484
		<u>22,904</u>	<u>8,199</u>

12. Restricted Funds

**Cuckmere Valley Fund**

The Cuckmere Valley Fund was established in 2010 following the dissolution of the Cuckmere Valley Society and is subject to restrictions requiring the fund to be used for purposes similar to those of CPRE Sussex within the Cuckmere Valley.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2022</b>	<u><u>5,727</u></u>

**New Monks farm Transport Assessment**

A consultant has been hired to do a transport assessment for New Monks Farm. The work is not yet completed.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2022</b>	<u><u>200</u></u>

**Awards 2020**

A celebration event planned for 2022 deferred until 2023.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2022</b>	<u><u>538</u></u>

**Forgotten Places**

We were awarded a grant in association with Trees for Cities and the Green Recovery Challenge Fund for tree planting in Brighton. The project is timetabled to continue to March 2023

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2022</b>	-
Tree Planting and maintenance	(78,340)
Project Manager and Other Staff Costs	(22,379)
Opportunity mapping	(20,958)
Other Costs	(2,595)
Cost recovery grant income claimed in arrears	124,272
<b>Balance at 31st December 2022</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 (continued)

12. Restricted Funds (continued)

**Plant Your Postcode Brighton**

We received a mix of grants and donations to support the increase in tree cover across the whole of the Greater Brighton area.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2022</b>	1,436
Donations	999
Trees	(672)
Other Costs	(1,305)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2022</b>	<u><u>458</u></u>

**Southern Water**

Grant received from Southern Water for research activities

	£
Grant received 2022	6,000
staff costs	(2,990)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2022</b>	<u><u>3,010</u></u>

**Brighton Resilience Fund**

We were awarded a grant from Brighton & Hove City Council for continuing support for tree planting in the city

	£
Grant received 2022	6,000
costs	-
<b>Balance at 31st December 2022</b>	<u><u>6,000</u></u>

13. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	1,231	112,508	20,867	134,606
Restricted Funds	-	-	15,933	15,933
	<u>1,231</u>	<u>112,508</u>	<u>36,800</u>	<u>150,539</u>

14. Dissolution

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1156568

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# Accounts

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**Campaign to Protect Rural England,  
Sussex Branch CIO**

**Registered Charity No: 1156568**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2021**

## **Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2021**

### **Impact of Covid-19**

I am most grateful to the staff of CPRE Sussex, the Vice-Chair and other Trustees who have done a great deal to make the past year a success. All the staff and Trustees have devoted a lot of additional time in a year when Covid-19 was still a dominant factor in our operations as it was for much of the rest of society.

We decided to hold the AGM online and other work, including all our various committee meetings and other discussions also been conducted via Teams or Zoom. Sadly, once again, we had to postpone the tours and face to face talks due to the coronavirus. However, a series of online talks were a new venture for the charity and increased engagement with members and non-members. They also enabled people from outside Sussex to attend as some of the speakers had international reputations in conservation and living with nature (e.g. as in the session on the Knepp Estate). The talks were so successful that a further series is planned for Spring 2022.

### **Financial matters**

We had planned carefully during 2020 to put more effort into fundraising to make up for lost money through cancellation or postponement of events and projects, and thereby managed to minimise the drain on reserves but the financial outlook for 2022 remains challenging for a small charity. We needed to raise over £40,000 in 2021 to maintain our activities and not drain reserves. We conducted a detailed study of office costs and concluded the current arrangements were cost effective. A change of Director meant some staff costs were saved in the period when a director was not in post. This combined with increased project income (from the government Green Recovery Challenge Fund via Trees for Cities) helped maintain financial stability. The new Director (in post from December 2021) is taking steps on information technology and digital activities as efficient and effective as possible. We learnt during the year more about fundraising and what works and what does not. Our hedgerow hike was much less successful than we hoped but funds were obtained from other sources that helped fund projects that will complete in 2022. We identified some risks and benefits in working with larger bodies. Risks included the charity needing to make some outgoings and only being able to reclaim the funds on completion of project stages and benefits included developing relationships with local government organisations and community groups who welcomed CPRE expertise and enthusiasm for work to green local urban street scenes and empowering communities to take action on climate change.

The Staff member involved in organising the Spring talks were paid a small gratuity in recognition of the effort required to make the events all a success.

We are most grateful to all the people and organisations that contributed to funds that enabled the charity to continue its work.

### **Membership**

This increase slightly during the year but the modern charity world means that some people now prefer to donate rather than join and we are awaiting further guidance from the national CPRE before we make further progress on this important matter.

### **Dark Skies**

The CPRE national Star Count involves thousands of people counting the stars in the constellation Orion in February when skies are clear. The idea is that this gives an impression of the amount of light pollution. CPRE Sussex played a leading role in the event in 2021 and raised funds to help create maps of change in light pollution over several years for Kent, Sussex (East and West and including Brighton and Hove) and Hampshire. Results from this work continue to be rolled out and there have been opportunities for local families to be involved in night-time photography of the stars. Work with local school groups had to be adjusted to account for Covid restrictions. All the activities involved people in citizen science and contributed to various aspects of their wellbeing. Light pollution means many children cannot see the Milky Way and there are places that can be visited in the South Downs National Park where this massive structure can be seen and where the sight imparts feelings of awe and wonder at humanity's place in the Universe.

**Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)**

**Planning**

In response to Government proposals on Planning Reform we continued (and continue) a big local campaign about the impact on Sussex's towns, villages and countryside and worked closely with the National CPRE contributing information and expertise of all the Trustees. We met local MPs, and briefed press and media outlets in ways that led to newspaper articles, and radio and TV coverage. We worked with the Sussex Local Nature Partnership and other partners such as the Sussex Wildlife Trust to highlight key concerns to MPs and decision makers. As ever, CPRE Sussex continued its advocacy for a Planning system that allowed local voices to be heard and for the removal of various aspects for the Planning system that has a tendency to suck very high housing numbers towards Sussex in a way that threatens the natural capital (e.g. water) that is so vital to our health and wealth. There is still much to do in this area, but even Local MPS are now saying the current system really is unsustainable and calling for change. CPRE Sussex will continue to press for constructive change so that development is truly sustainable.

We responded many times during 2021 to planning applications in Sussex, objecting to inappropriate development, and commenting on points to foster the wellbeing of Sussex communities. In several instances applications were refused or withdrawn. The need to emphasise sustainability in development has come to the fore progressively with letters from Natural England about both water quality and quantity putting a hold on development. One particular potentially damaging proposal has been trailed by Center Parcs near Crawley. This proposal for a new leisure complex is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in Ancient Woodland and immediately adjacent to a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Along with other organisations such as the Woodland Trust and the Sussex Wildlife Trust we worked with media outlets to alert local communities to potential impacts and interacted with relevant MPs.

We continue to give planning advice and support to local people wherever we have capacity and monitor Local Plans and attend Planning Inspectorate examinations. This is time consuming activity that I am grateful to those Trustees who find time to influence views on Local Plans. This is valuable work that raises issues such as the need for affordable housing and the use of brownfield land.

We are responding about once a month to requests from local radio and television organisations for live and recorded interviews.

We continue our work with Homes England on the Burgess Hill Northern Arc where a regular meeting of environmental groups (originally suggested to Homes England by CPRE Sussex) has begun to influence the design of this major development over 3,000 homes.

Another feature of our Planning work this year involved responses to government consultations and legislation. We had particular concerns about the new Environment Bill where Ministers took new powers to allow them to rewrite parts of the Regulations that protects special sites. This is a concern because the Regulations have a strong evidential base and should be only strengthened and clarified and not weakened.

**Empowering Communities**

In 2021 Plant your Postcode (tree planting in Brighton) and the Forgotten Places project engaged in a complex project working closely with Brighton and Hove City Council. This has led a number of communities in the city to feel they can take steps to enhance their environment and take first actions on combatting climate change. The main planting phase of this project will complete in 2022 and it is hoped the relationship with the City will develop further. This activity is attracting extensive press coverage.

CPRE Sussex and the Sussex Wildlife Trust organised an event at the Shoreham Wordfest in October 2021 which was the main "live" event of the year held in a large hall with vigorous ventilation. About 140 attended the event. The event identified a list of factors that would help communities "end the war on nature" and combat climate change. This list is being used in academic circles to point to what communities need and, for example, the list was mirrored in some ways by the work of some of the major assessment bodies. The meeting sent a short but punchy message to the COP meeting in Glasgow attended by the Vice Chair. Key factors involved: a request for information (about how to act), a recognition of the importance of working with instead of against nature, recognition of the need to change behaviour and a call for action on laws and regulations.

**Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)**

**Empowering Communities (continued)**

As part of a network of organisations we continue to lobby for the best use of the Downland surrounding Eastbourne and Brighton.

As part of the A27 Clean-up Group, we have tried once again to address the problem of litter on trunk roads and argue that Highways England (no National Highways) should be responsible for clearing this litter, in addition to general road maintenance.

We challenged the need to further expand the capacity of a new roundabout the A27 near Lancing originally designed to accommodate new housing and a major Ikea development that has now been abandoned by the company. We were concerned to minimise the impact of the A27 on the South Downs National Park. We were unable to limit this further expansion and remain concerned this will increase traffic flows down what would otherwise be a "Quiet Lane". We await further proposals on the A27 near Arundel – where we fear National Highways will select the route least popular with local people – and likewise east of Lewes where any modified route might consume greenfield resources and cause loss of trees just when we need them most to combat climate change.

**Transport**

We currently sit on the Forum for TfSE (Transport for the South East) to raise the issue of rural mobility and the need for sustainable transport options which do not compromise the natural environment and our protected landscapes. We maintain links with SCATE.

We have continued to campaign for aviation emissions to remain within our carbon budget. This means no expansion of airports in the South East of England. We were active in support of an environmental voice in the consultation on Gatwick's plan to turn an emergency runway into a fully operational second runway. We partnered with other environmental groups in doing this.

**Wider countryside**

During the pandemic, people came to value their green spaces and open spaces more. We are working on how best this can be developed to benefit the wellbeing and health of Sussex's communities. We will continue to work with other bodies (such as Natural England, the South Downs National Park and the Sussex Community Development Association) on how a Nature Recovery Network for Sussex can be put in place and how to implement the Local Nature Partnership's Natural Capital Investment Strategy for Sussex.

We remain concerned that the provisions in the Agriculture and Environment Acts will take a long time to have any positive impact on Sussex's countryside and fear that good intentions (say, on biodiversity net gain) will not be delivered promptly due to lack of resources in Local Authorities. Post-Brexit, the way farming is done in Sussex will change in ways that will be important for the countryside we all enjoy and the biodiversity we share it with and the continued loss of greenfield sites to development will only make that situation worse. We are concerned at the amount of good land being consumed by development across Sussex some of this in coastal areas that may be increasingly vulnerable to flooding from sea-level rise.

We are seeking, with other Local CPRE groups, a more long-term link to Natural England as we have concerns about how the High Weald AONB and Ashdown Forest are and may be impacted by planning developments. Such sensitive areas of land need careful consideration as do the implications for protection for other areas with which they are connected.

In response to member's concerns about pollution from sewage treatment we are now working with Southern Water (as we have been awarded a community grant) to help gauge community groups concerns and awareness of a range of water issues and to help Southern Water have more insight into community positions. This work is in its early phases and complete in 2022. It is helping broaden the charity's environmental perspective and link across to key issues in planning.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021**

The Trustees present the financial statements which have been drawn up in accordance with current statutory requirements, the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective from January 2015 and the Branch's governing document.

#### **Working Names**

CPRE Sussex and CPRE Sussex Countryside Trust

#### **Constitution, objectives and activities**

CPRE Sussex is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and its governing document is "The Constitution of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO" registered with the Charity Commission on 8th April 2014, charity number 1156568. The Branch is restricted by its Constitution from undertaking any substantial permanent trading activities.

The objects of the CIO are to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of Sussex and its towns and villages and the environmentally better development of the same.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and at the date of the Report were:

Rodney Chambers (resigned 21st June 2021)

William Freeman

Stephen Hardy MBE

Julian Hill

Penny Hudd

David Johnson

John Kay

Professor Daniel Osborn

Sally Pavey

Dr Roger Smith

Jeanette Towey (appointed 19th November 2021)

Grainne Woodvine (resigned 5th February 2021)

New trustees are appointed after a review of the skills required and are drawn from individuals who have relevant backgrounds. When appropriate the trustees consult other relevant organisations for nominations to the committee. New trustees are provided with an introduction to the Charity.

#### **Registered address:**

Brownings Farm, Blackboys, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5HG

#### **Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd, PO Box 289, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Mr M Partridge, FCA, Chariot House Ltd, 44 Grand Parade, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 9QA

#### **Investment adviser and nominee company:**

Charles Stanley & Co Ltd, 25 Luke Street, London EC2A 4AR

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021

#### Public benefit reporting

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### Financial review and reserves

The Chairman's report included in these accounts gives a full description of the activities and results for the year ended 31st December 2021. The Trustees consider that the level of reserves is adequate to support current activities for the next three to four years, and are actively reviewing future funding to ensure that CPRE Sussex will continue to be an effective voice for the future (please refer to the reserves policy in the Notes). The Trustees review financial and other risks on a regular basis.

#### Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution, 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 of the charity for that period. 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that the charity will continue business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 29th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Professor Daniel Osborn, Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

I report on the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO for the year ended 31st December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

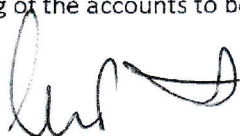
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
Mr M Partridge, FCA  
Chariot House Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
44 Grand Parade  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN2 9QA

Date: .....

15th August 2022

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	2020 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Membership Subscriptions *		37,046	-	<b>37,046</b>	37,208
Investment Income		1,080	-	<b>1,080</b>	2,242
Legacies		7,293	-	<b>7,293</b>	-
Donations		15,427	-	<b>15,427</b>	24,909
Awards 2020		-	-	-	1,500
Forgotten Places Grant		-	6,209	<b>6,209</b>	-
Dark Skies		-	5,116	<b>5,116</b>	-
Plant Your Postcode Brighton		-	1,856	<b>1,856</b>	1,894
Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne		-	-	-	8,458
Gift Aid on Donations		1,071	-	<b>1,071</b>	2,232
Other Income		5,357	-	<b>5,357</b>	1,732
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	3	<b>67,274</b>	<b>13,181</b>	<b>80,455</b>	<b>80,175</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds		6,947	-	<b>6,947</b>	10,301
Charitable activities		57,792	26,425	<b>84,217</b>	74,215
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	4 & 5	<b>64,739</b>	<b>26,425</b>	<b>91,164</b>	<b>84,516</b>
<b>Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources</b>		<b>2,535</b>	<b>(13,244)</b>	<b>(10,709)</b>	<b>(4,341)</b>
Gains (Losses) on investment assets	7	2,151	-	<b>2,151</b>	388
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>		<b>4,686</b>	<b>(13,244)</b>	<b>(8,558)</b>	<b>(3,953)</b>
<b>Transfer of Funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Fund Balances at 1st January 2021</b>		<b>148,794</b>	<b>21,145</b>	<b>169,939</b>	<b>173,892</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December 2021</b>		<b>153,480</b>	<b>7,901</b>	<b>161,381</b>	<b>169,939</b>

\* Includes Gift Aid claimed by National Office

**Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021**

	Note	31st December 2021 £	31st December 2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	1,111	292
Investments	7	123,973	122,075
		<u>125,084</u>	<u>122,367</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	8	436	170
Debtors	9	21,788	15,409
Short term deposits	10	10,963	33,461
Cash at bank and in hand		11,309	6,997
		<u>44,496</u>	<u>56,037</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(8,199)	(8,465)
		<u>36,297</u>	<u>47,572</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>36,297</u>	<u>47,572</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><u>161,381</u></u>	<u><u>169,939</u></u>
<b>Income Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	12	7,901	21,145
Unrestricted Funds		153,480	148,794
		<u>161,381</u>	<u>169,939</u>
<b>Total Income Funds</b>		<u><u>161,381</u></u>	<u><u>169,939</u></u>

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 29th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Julian Hill  
Honorary Treasurer

**1. Principal Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost conventions modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities under section 505(1) of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for as follows:-

Donations - on a receivable basis

Legacies - on a basis when they fulfill the criteria of entitlement, measurement and receipt is probable.

Grants and Investments - on a receivable basis

Incoming Resources marked \* - on a net receivable basis.

**Resources Expended**

Resources expended, including irrecoverable VAT, are accounted for on the accruals basis. Expenditure is directly allocated to activities when possible. In relation to Covid-19, rent payments from April 2020 were 50% deferred but these were fully paid from June 2021.

**Fixed assets and Depreciation**

The charity operates a capitalisation policy whereby only assets with a cost in excess of £350 are capitalised. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives of three or four years on a straight-line basis.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at market value and both realised and unrealised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Stocks**

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value

**Reserves**

CPRE Sussex Trustees recognise the need to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level appropriate to the needs of the charity. The level of reserves are reviewed quarterly in line with the monitoring and budgetary reporting process. Currently CPRE Sussex records an annual deficit in our unrestricted funds activities and the Trustees policy is to have unrestricted reserves greater than 4 times the annual deficit in the previous financial year. If the unrestricted financial reserves are less than this amount every endeavour should be made to either reduce overheads or increase the level of income. Once there is a regular surplus in the annual unrestricted funds activities the unrestricted reserves should be greater than 6 months operating overheads

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)

#### 2. Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	37,208	-	37,208
Legacies and Donations	-	-	-
General Donations	24,909	-	24,909
Gift Aid	2,232	-	2,232
Awards 2020	-	1,500	1,500
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,894	1,894
Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne	-	8,458	8,458
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	1,732	-	1,732
Investment Income	2,242	-	2,242
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>68,323</b>	<b>11,852</b>	<b>80,175</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Raising Funds	10,301	-	10,301
Charitable Activities	65,795	8,420	74,215
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>76,096</b>	<b>8,420</b>	<b>84,516</b>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	(7,773)	3,432	(4,341)
Gains (losses) on Investment Assets	388	-	388
Transfer of funds	2,093	(2,093)	-
Net Movement in Funds	(5,292)	1,339	(3,953)
Fund Balance at 1st January 2020	154,086	19,806	173,892
Fund Balances at 31st December 2020	<b>148,794</b>	<b>21,145</b>	<b>169,939</b>

3. Incoming Resources	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	37,046	-	<b>37,046</b>	37,208
Legacies	7,293	-	<b>7,293</b>	-
General Donations	15,427	-	<b>15,427</b>	24,909
Gift Aid	1,071	-	<b>1,071</b>	2,232
Awards 2020	-	-	-	1,500
Forgotten Places Grant	-	6,209	<b>6,209</b>	-
Dark Skies	-	5,116	<b>5,116</b>	-
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,856	<b>1,856</b>	1,894
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Investment Income	1,080	-	<b>1,080</b>	2,242
	<b>67,274</b>	<b>13,181</b>	<b>80,455</b>	<b>80,175</b>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)

#### 4. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
Raising Funds	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Projects	3,604	-	<b>3,604</b>	3,848
Autumn Appeal Mailing	997	-	<b>997</b>	954
Publicity	1,015	-	<b>1,015</b>	4,085
Investment Management Fee	1,331	-	<b>1,331</b>	1,414
	<u>6,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>6,947</b></u>	<u>10,301</u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Sussex County Planning matters	238	-	<b>238</b>	537
Donations	-	-	-	-
Sussex Review and Newsletter	3,566	-	<b>3,566</b>	2,028
Website	3,000	-	<b>3,000</b>	3,000
PSG, CAT, District & Branch Expenses	-	-	-	111
SDN Park and GACC Subscriptions	-	-	-	100
Planning Magazine	2,430	-	<b>2,430</b>	2,025
Awards Scheme 2020	-	-	-	2,257
Forgotten Places Grant	-	6,209	<b>6,209</b>	-
South East Aviation Grant	-	-	-	4,245
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	6,642	<b>6,642</b>	1,818
Monks Farm	-	-	-	100
Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne	-	8,458	<b>8,458</b>	-
Dark Skies	-	5,116	<b>5,116</b>	-
Staff Costs	37,948	-	<b>37,948</b>	44,665
Premises Costs (Including all Insurances)	5,665	-	<b>5,665</b>	5,522
Office Costs	2,725	-	<b>2,725</b>	3,652
Depreciation	329	-	<b>329</b>	153
Trustee and Strategy Meetings	-	-	-	138
Trustees' Expenses	57	-	<b>57</b>	290
AGM*	752	-	<b>752</b>	2,560
Chariot House Accountants	1,082	-	<b>1,082</b>	1,014
	<u>57,792</u>	<u>26,425</u>	<u><b>84,217</b></u>	<u>74,215</u>

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)**

**5. Staff Costs**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Staff Salaries	35,621	-	<b>35,621</b>	45,887
Staff Salaries Recovered As Part Of The Forgotten Places Grant	(2,175)	-	<b>(2,175)</b>	(2,783)
Staff Expenses	649	-	<b>649</b>	808
Employer National Insurance	-	-	-	54
Employer People's Pension	429	-	<b>429</b>	699
Consultant	3,000	-	<b>3,000</b>	-
Staff Recruitment	424	-	<b>424</b>	-
	<u>37,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>37,948</b></u>	<u>44,665</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more. The average number of part-time employees was three. Amounts totalling £57 were paid to 1 Trustee in respect of travel and other expenses. No Trustee received any remuneration in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £18,892 (2020 : £30,268).

**6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

	<b>Office Equipment</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
At 1st January 2021	7,645
Additions	1,148
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2021</b>	<u><b>8,793</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1st January 2021	7,353
Charge for the year	329
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2021</b>	<u><b>7,682</b></u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 1st January 2021	292
<b>At 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u><b>1,111</b></u></u>

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)**

<b>7. Investments</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Market Value at 1st January	<b>122,075</b>	166,949
Sale of Investments	-	(46,000)
Management Charges	<b>(1,331)</b>	(1,414)
Investment Income	<b>1,078</b>	2,152
Gains on Investment Assets	<b>2,151</b>	388
	<u><b>123,973</b></u>	<u>122,075</u>
At 31st December		
All assets are listed on the UK Stock Market		
<b>8. Stocks</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Merchandising	<u><b>436</b></u>	<u>170</u>
<b>9. Debtors</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Other Debtors	<u><b>21,788</b></u>	<u>15,409</u>
	<u><b>21,788</b></u>	<u>15,409</u>
<b>10. Short Term Deposits</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
CAF Gold	<b>10,463</b>	7,461
National Savings and Investments Bank Income Bond	<b>500</b>	26,000
	<u><b>10,963</b></u>	<u>33,461</u>
<b>11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Creditors	<b>2,715</b>	753
Accruals	<b>5,484</b>	7,712
	<u><b>8,199</b></u>	<u>8,465</u>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)

### 12. Restricted Funds

#### Cuckmere Valley Fund

The Cuckmere Valley Fund was established in 2010 following the dissolution of the Cuckmere Valley Society and is subject to restrictions requiring the fund to be used for purposes similar to those of CPRE Sussex within the Cuckmere Valley.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>5,727</u></u>

#### New Monks farm Transport Assessment

A consultant has been hired to do a transport assessment for New Monks Farm. The work is not yet completed.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>200</u></u>

#### Awards 2020

A celebration event planned for 2021 deferred until 2022.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>538</u></u>

#### Forgotten Places

We were awarded a grant in association with Trees for Cities and the Green Recovery Challenge Fund for tree planting in Brighton. The project is timetabled to continue to March 2023

	£
Project Manager and Other Staff Costs	(6,115)
Other Costs	(94)
Cost recovery grant income claimed in arrears	6,209
<b>Balance at 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 (continued)

#### 12. Restricted Funds (continued)

##### Plant Your Postcode Brighton

We received a mix of grants and donations to support the increase in tree cover across the whole of the Greater Brighton area.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2021</b>	6,223
Donations	1,855
Trees	(5,852)
Other Costs	(790)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>1,436</u></u>

##### Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne

Funds were raised through Crowdfunder to support tree planting in Eastbourne.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2021</b>	8,458
Trees	(8,458)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

##### Dark Skies

We were awarded a grant from the High Weald Group and The South Downs National Park Authority to fund the mapping of night skies

	£
Mapping costs	(5,116)
Grant money and cost recovery from local CPRE branches	5,116
<b>Balance at 31st December 2021</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

#### 13. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	1,111	123,973	28,396	153,480
Restricted Funds	-	-	7,901	7,901
	<u>1,111</u>	<u>123,973</u>	<u>36,297</u>	<u>161,381</u>

#### 14. Dissolution

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

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# Accounts

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**Campaign to Protect Rural England,  
Sussex Branch CIO**

**Registered Charity No: 1156568**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2020**

## **Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2020**

### **Impact of Covid-19**

I am most grateful to the staff of CPRE Sussex, the Vice-Chair and other Trustees who have done a great deal to make the past year a success. All the staff and Trustees have devoted a lot of additional time in a year when Covid-19 was a dominant factor in our operations as it was for the rest of society.

We had to move the AGM online and other work, including all our various committee meetings and other discussions had to be conducted via Teams or Zoom. Sadly, we had to postpone the tours and face to face talks due to the coronavirus. Online talks are planned in 2021, including one on climate change from the Chair.

### **Financial matters**

We did extra fundraising to make up for lost money through events and projects, and thereby managed to minimise the drain on reserves but the financial outlook for 2021 is very challenging for a small charity. We need to raise over £40,000 in 2021 to maintain our activities and not drain reserves. We will need to save costs and will look at options for reducing office costs in areas such as accommodation and equipment. We will balance this against the need to spend more on information technology and making digital activities as efficient and effective as possible. We are also planning a 'hedgerow hike' as a fundraising exercise.

### **Awards**

We had to move the Countryside Awards online this year, which was a challenge but this was a positive event in which many local groups and businesses were recognised for their achievements supporting communities in the Covid-19 period and tackling the climate and ecological crises. We have a lovely film and 'virtual exhibition' in addition to the ceremony on Zoom, which you can find on our website. The awards attracted a good deal of public attention.

### **Planning**

In response to Government proposals on Planning Reform we ran a big local campaign about the impact on Sussex's towns, villages and countryside and worked closely with the National CPRE contributing information and expertise of all the Trustees. We met local MPs, and briefed press and media outlets in ways that led to newspaper articles, and radio and TV coverage. Hundreds of people wrote to their MPs, we worked with the Sussex Local Nature Partnership and other partners such as the Sussex Wildlife Trust to highlight key concerns to MPs and decision makers. This was a successful campaign as the original reform proposals and 'mutant algorithm,' which would have swamped Sussex with housing, have progressively been withdrawn. But, there is still much to do in this area.

We responded over 100 times to planning applications in Sussex, objecting to inappropriate development and commenting on points to foster the wellbeing of Sussex communities. Many applications were refused or withdrawn, including several in the Horsham District and others in Mid Sussex and Rother. We are currently working closely with other organisations in relation to a planning application that may threaten the rewilding work of the Knepp estate. We continue to give planning advice and support to local people wherever we have capacity.

One of the most significant achievements recently, in partnership with local action groups, was a submission on oil exploration at Balcombe where a weighty objection had a hand in a unanimous vote by the West Sussex planning committee to reject the application. We said the application ran contrary to the government's declared position on climate change and that it was no time to extract more fossil fuel.

We continue our work with Homes England on the Burgess Hill Northern Arc where a regular meeting of environmental groups (originally suggested to Homes England by CPRE Sussex) has begun to influence the design of this major development over 3,000 homes.

**Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)**

**Empowering Communities**

In 2020 we ran two successful Crowdfunders for Plant your Postcode (tree planting in Brighton) and Treebourne (Tree planting in Eastbourne). Plant your Postcode helped to fund a lovely hedge at West Hove Junior school and the Treebourne group have planted over 11,000 trees in one winter.

We supported the CPRE national 'Star Count' in February 2020 and encouraged local people to get involved helping to map the skies in Sussex.

As part of a network of organisations we continue to lobby for the best use of the Downland surrounding Eastbourne and Brighton. We supported the request for 'rewilding' of golf courses on the outskirts of Brighton.

As part of the A27 Cleanup Group, we highlighted the problem of litter on trunk roads and that Highways England should be responsible for clearing this litter, in addition to general road maintenance.

As part of the EYE Project (Eco, Young & Engaged) we prepared online talks about hedges for school children from across Sussex.

We supported the Worthing Eco Summit and are tracking the progress all Sussex local authorities are making with respect to climate change.

**Transport**

We currently sit on the Forum for TfSE (Transport for the South East) to raise the issue of rural mobility and the need for sustainable transport options which do not compromise the natural environment and our protected landscapes.

We have continued to campaign for aviation emissions to remain within our carbon budget. This means no expansion in the South East.

**Wider countryside**

During the pandemic, people have come to value their green spaces and open spaces more. We are beginning work on how best this can be developed to benefit the wellbeing and health of Sussex's communities. We will continue to work with other bodies on how a Nature Recovery Network for Sussex can be put in place and how to implement the Local Nature Partnership's Natural Capital Investment Strategy for Sussex.

We responded to a Defra consultation on farming the outcome of which is not yet clear. Post-Brexit the way farming is done in Sussex will change in ways that will be important for the countryside we all enjoy and the biodiversity we share it with.

We are seeking, with other Local CPRE groups, a more long-term link to Natural England as we have concerns about how the High Weald AONB and Ashdown Forest are and may be impacted by planning developments. Such sensitive areas of land need careful consideration as do the implications for protection for other areas with which they are connected.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2020**

The Trustees present the financial statements which have been drawn up in accordance with current statutory requirements, the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective from January 2015 and the Branch's governing document.

#### **Working Names**

CPRE Sussex and CPRE Sussex Countryside Trust

#### **Constitution, objectives and activities**

CPRE Sussex is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and its governing document is "The Constitution of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO" registered with the Charity Commission on 8th April 2014, charity number 1156568. The Branch is restricted by its Constitution from undertaking any substantial permanent trading activities.

The objects of the CIO are to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of Sussex and its towns and villages and the environmentally better development of the same.

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees who have served during the year and at the date of the Report were:

Rodney Chambers

William Freeman

Stephen Hardy MBE

Julian Hill

Penny Hudd

David Johnson

John Kay

Professor Daniel Osborn

Sally Pavey

Dr Roger Smith

Grainne Woodvine (resigned 5th February 2021)

New trustees are appointed after a review of the skills required and are drawn from individuals who have relevant backgrounds. When appropriate the trustees consult other relevant organisations for nominations to the committee. New trustees are provided with an introduction to the Charity.

#### **Registered address:**

Brownings Farm, Blackboys, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5HG

#### **Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd, PO Box 289, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Mr M Partridge, FCA, Chariot House Ltd, 44 Grand Parade, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 9QA

#### **Investment adviser and nominee company:**

Charles Stanley & Co Ltd, 25 Luke Street, London EC2A 4AR

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2020**

#### **Public benefit reporting**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### **Financial review and reserves**

The Chairman's report included in these accounts gives a full description of the activities and results for the year ended 31st December 2020. The Trustees consider that the level of reserves is adequate to support current activities for the next three to four years, and are actively reviewing future funding to ensure that CPRE Sussex will continue to be an effective voice for the future (please refer to the reserves policy in the Notes). The Trustees review financial and other risks on a regular basis.

#### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution, 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 of the charity for that period. 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that the charity will continue business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 16th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND, SUSSEX BRANCH CIO**

I report on the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO for the year ended 31st December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

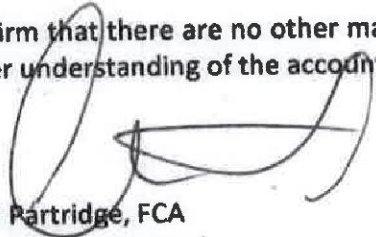
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr M Partridge, FCA  
Chariot House Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
44 Grand Parade  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN2 9QA

Date: 15.7.21

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31st December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	2019 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Membership Subscriptions *		37,208	-	<b>37,208</b>	35,558
Investment Income		2,242	-	<b>2,242</b>	3,718
Legacies		-	-	-	931
Donations		24,909	-	<b>24,909</b>	5,845
Awards 2020		-	1,500	<b>1,500</b>	1,875
South East Aviation Grant		-	-	-	20,000
Plant Your Postcode Brighton		-	1,894	<b>1,894</b>	15,810
Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne		-	8,458	<b>8,458</b>	-
SCATE		-	-	-	1,703
Gift Aid on Donations		2,232	-	<b>2,232</b>	949
Other Income		1,732	-	<b>1,732</b>	1,828
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	3	<b>68,323</b>	<b>11,852</b>	<b>80,175</b>	<b>88,217</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds		10,301	-	<b>10,301</b>	10,168
Charitable activities		65,795	8,420	<b>74,215</b>	103,150
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	4 & 5	<b>76,096</b>	<b>8,420</b>	<b>84,516</b>	<b>113,318</b>
<b>Net (Outgoing) / Incoming Resources</b>		<b>(7,773)</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>(4,341)</b>	<b>(25,101)</b>
Gains (Losses) on investment assets	7	388	-	<b>388</b>	13,298
<b>Net Movements in Funds</b>		<b>(7,385)</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>(3,953)</b>	<b>(11,803)</b>
<b>Transfer of Funds</b>		<b>2,093</b>	<b>(2,093)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 1st January 2020</b>		<b>154,086</b>	<b>19,806</b>	<b>173,892</b>	<b>185,695</b>
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December 2020</b>		<b>148,794</b>	<b>21,145</b>	<b>169,939</b>	<b>173,892</b>

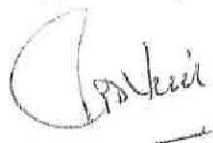
\* Includes Gift Aid claimed by National Office

Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

	Note	31st December 2020 £	31st December 2019 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	292	445
Investments	7	122,075	166,949
		<u>122,367</u>	<u>167,394</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	8	170	-
Debtors	9	15,409	9,925
Short term deposits	10	33,461	4,955
Cash at bank and in hand		6,997	1,393
		<u>56,037</u>	<u>16,273</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(8,465)	(9,775)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>47,572</u>	<u>6,498</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>169,939</u>	<u>173,892</u>
<b>Income Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	12	21,145	19,806
Unrestricted Funds		148,794	154,086
<b>Total Income Funds</b>		<u>169,939</u>	<u>173,892</u>

Approved by the Committee of Trustees on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Julian Hill  
Honorary Treasurer

**1. Principal Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost conventions modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities under section 505(1) of the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for as follows:-

Donations - on a receivable basis

Legacies - on a basis when they fulfill the criteria of entitlement, measurement and receipt is probable.

Grants and Investments - on a receivable basis

Incoming Resources marked \* - on a net receivable basis.

**Resources Expended**

Resources expended, including irrecoverable VAT, are accounted for on the accruals basis.

Expenditure is directly allocated to activities when possible. In relation to Covid-19, rent payments from April 2020 have been 50% deferred and the costs have been accrued in line with this policy.

**Fixed assets and Depreciation**

The charity operates a capitalisation policy whereby only assets with a cost in excess of £350 are capitalised. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives of three or four years on a straight-line basis.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at market value and both realised and unrealised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Stocks**

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value

**Reserves**

CPRE Sussex Trustees recognise the need to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level appropriate to the needs of the charity. The level of reserves are reviewed quarterly in line with the monitoring and budgetary reporting process. Currently CPRE Sussex records an annual deficit in our unrestricted funds activities and the Trustees policy is to have unrestricted reserves greater than 4 times the annual deficit in the previous financial year. If the unrestricted financial reserves are less than this amount every endeavour should be made to either reduce overheads or increase the level of income. Once there is a regular surplus in the annual unrestricted funds activities the unrestricted reserves should be greater than 6 months operating overheads

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**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)**

**2. Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st December 2019**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2019
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	35,558	-	35,558
Legacies and Donations	931	-	931
General Donations	3,710	-	3,710
Autumn Appeal Donations	2,135	-	2,135
Gift Aid	949	-	949
Awards 2020	-	1,875	1,875
South East Aviation Grant	-	20,000	20,000
Plant Your Postcode	-	15,810	15,810
SCATE	-	1,703	1,703
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	1,828	-	1,828
Investment Income	3,718	-	3,718
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>48,829</b>	<b>39,388</b>	<b>88,217</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Raising Funds	10,168	-	10,168
Charitable Activities	76,458	26,692	103,150
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>86,626</b>	<b>26,692</b>	<b>113,318</b>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	(37,797)	12,696	(25,101)
Gains (losses) on Investment Assets	13,298	-	13,298
Net Movement in Funds	(24,499)	12,696	(11,803)
Fund Balance at 1st January 2019	178,585	7,110	185,695
<b>Fund Balances at 31st December 2019</b>	<b>154,086</b>	<b>19,806</b>	<b>173,892</b>

<b>3. Incoming Resources</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	37,208	-	<b>37,208</b>	35,558
Legacies	-	-	-	931
General Donations	24,909	-	<b>24,909</b>	3,710
Autumn Appeal Donations	-	-	-	2,135
Gift Aid	2,232	-	<b>2,232</b>	949
Awards 2020	-	1,500	<b>1,500</b>	1,875
South East Aviation Grant	-	-	-	20,000
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,894	<b>1,894</b>	15,810
SCATE	-	-	-	1,703
Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne	-	8,458	<b>8,458</b>	-
500 Club*, Events* and Merchandise*	1,732	-	<b>1,732</b>	1,828
Investment Income	2,242	-	<b>2,242</b>	3,718
	<b>68,323</b>	<b>11,852</b>	<b>80,175</b>	<b>88,217</b>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England, Sussex Branch CIO

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 (continued)

#### 4. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>Raising Funds</b>				
Fundraising Projects	3,848	-	<b>3,848</b>	4,344
Autumn Appeal Mailing	954	-	<b>954</b>	1,128
Publicity	4,085	-	<b>4,085</b>	2,532
Investment Management Fee	1,414	-	<b>1,414</b>	2,164
	<u>10,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>10,301</b></u>	<u>10,168</u>
	<u><u>10,301</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u><b>10,301</b></u></u>	<u><u>10,168</u></u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Sussex County Planning matters	537	-	<b>537</b>	775
Donations	-	-	-	1,300
Sussex Review and Newsletter	2,028	-	<b>2,028</b>	5,143
Website	3,000	-	<b>3,000</b>	3,135
PSG, CAT, District & Branch Expenses	111	-	<b>111</b>	1,628
SDN Park and GACC Subscriptions	100	-	<b>100</b>	100
Planning Magazine	2,025	-	<b>2,025</b>	1,485
Awards Scheme 2020	-	2,257	<b>2,257</b>	581
SCATE	-	-	-	2,786
South East Aviation Grant	-	4,245	<b>4,245</b>	9,663
Plant Your Postcode Brighton	-	1,818	<b>1,818</b>	13,662
Monks Farm	-	100	<b>100</b>	-
Mayfield (Enplan Consultants)	-	-	-	3,180
Staff Costs	44,665	-	<b>44,665</b>	45,511
Premises Costs (Including all Insurances)	5,522	-	<b>5,522</b>	4,938
Office Costs	3,652	-	<b>3,652</b>	5,956
Depreciation	153	-	<b>153</b>	305
Trustee and Strategy Meetings	138	-	<b>138</b>	337
Trustees' Expenses	290	-	<b>290</b>	1,258
AGM*	2,560	-	<b>2,560</b>	407
Chariot House Accountants	1,014	-	<b>1,014</b>	1,000
	<u>65,795</u>	<u>8,420</u>	<u><b>74,215</b></u>	<u>103,150</u>
	<u><u>65,795</u></u>	<u><u>8,420</u></u>	<u><u><b>74,215</b></u></u>	<u><u>103,150</u></u>

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#### 5. Staff Costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Staff Salaries	45,887	-	<b>45,887</b>	46,135
Staff Salaries Recovered As Part Of The S				
E Aviation Grant	(2,783)	-	<b>(2,783)</b>	(2,781)
Staff Expenses	808	-	<b>808</b>	1,204
Employer National Insurance	54	-	<b>54</b>	110
Employer People's Pension	699	-	<b>699</b>	633
Staff Recruitment	-	-	-	210
	<u>44,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>44,665</b></u>	<u>45,511</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more. The number of part-time employees was three. Amounts totalling £290 were paid to 2 Trustees in respect of travel and other expenses. No Trustee received any remuneration in the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £30,268 (2019 : £29,880).

#### 6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

	Office Equipment
	2020
	£
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1st January 2020	<b>7,645</b>
Additions	-
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2020</b>	<u><b>7,645</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1st January 2020	<b>7,200</b>
Charge for the year	<b>153</b>
Disposals	-
<b>At 31st December 2020</b>	<u><b>7,353</b></u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 1st January 2020	<b>445</b>
<b>At 31st December 2020</b>	<u><b>292</b></u>

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<b>7. Investments</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Market Value at 1st January	<b>166,949</b>	152,122
Sale of Investments	<b>(46,000)</b>	-
Management Charges	<b>(1,414)</b>	(2,164)
Investment Income	<b>2,152</b>	3,693
Gains on Investment Assets	<b>388</b>	13,298
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At 31st December	<b>122,075</b>	166,949
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All assets are listed on the UK Stock Market		
<b>8. Stocks</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Merchandising	<b>170</b>	-
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<b>9. Debtors</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Other Debtors	<b>15,409</b>	9,925
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	<b>15,409</b>	9,925
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<b>10. Short Term Deposits</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
CAF Gold	<b>7,461</b>	4,455
National Savings and Investments Bank Income Bond	<b>26,000</b>	500
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	<b>33,461</b>	4,955
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<b>11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Creditors	<b>753</b>	4,034
Accruals	<b>7,712</b>	5,741
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	<b>8,465</b>	9,775
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#### 12. Restricted Funds

##### Cuckmere Valley Fund

The Cuckmere Valley Fund was established in 2010 following the dissolution of the Cuckmere Valley Society and is subject to restrictions requiring the fund to be used for purposes similar to those of CPRE Sussex within the Cuckmere Valley.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January and 31st December 2020</b>	<u><u>5,727</u></u>

##### New Monks farm Transport Assessment

A consultant has been hired to do a transport assessment for New Monks Farm. The work is not yet completed.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2020</b>	<b>300</b>
Planning consultant costs	(100)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2020</b>	<u><u>200</u></u>

##### Awards 2020

We hosted a virtual countryside awards event in 2020, and plan a celebration event later in 2021.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2020</b>	<b>1,294</b>
Donations	1,500
Costs for arranging/hosting the awards event	(2,257)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2020</b>	<u><u>537</u></u>

##### S E Aviation

We received a grant from CPRE National Office looking into South East Aviation expansion and the impact on the countryside, which was concluded in 2020.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2020</b>	6,338
Campaign Manager and Other Staff Costs	(2,864)
Overheads	(555)
Other Costs	(826)
Transfer to unrestricted reserves	(2,093)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2020</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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#### 12. Restricted Funds (continued)

##### Plant Your Postcode Brighton

We received a mix of grants and donations to support the increase in tree cover across the whole of the Greater Brighton area.

	£
<b>Balance at 1st January 2020</b>	6,147
Donations	1,894
Trees	(1,150)
Other Costs	(668)
<b>Balance at 31st December 2020</b>	<u><u>6,223</u></u>

##### Plant Your Postcode Eastbourne

Funds were raised through Crowdfunder to support tree planting in Eastbourne.

Crowdfunder donations	<b>8,458</b>
<b>Balance at 31st December 2020</b>	<u><u>8,458</u></u>

#### 13. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	292	122,075	26,427	148,794
Restricted Funds	-	-	21,145	21,145
	<u>292</u>	<u>122,075</u>	<u>47,572</u>	<u>169,939</u>

#### 14. Dissolution

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.