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**Administrative address**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**Administrative information**

The Trustees who served the Charity during the year were:

Stephen Crowther	Chairman
Michael Best	Honorary Treasurer
Dale Hall	
Rebecca Bartleet (resigned 12th October 2023)	
Phillip Bratby (resigned 12th October 2023)	
Ivan Buxton (resigned 12th October 2023)	
Rachel Hall (appointed 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023)	
Thomas Bartleet (appointed 12th October 2023)	
Caroline Crowther (appointed 12th October 2023)	

Penny Mills undertook the day to day management of the Charity, as delegated by the Trustees.

The independent examiner of the accounts of the Charity is Mr Ian Barrett FCA FCIE of Barretts, 22, Union Street, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2JS.

The Charity's main bankers were the TSB.

The Charity has a web site [www.cpredevon.org.uk](http://www.cpredevon.org.uk) which contains considerable information about its activities.

### **CPRE Devon CIO - Structure, governance and management**

The board of Trustees of CPRE Devon CIO is drawn from interested individuals who are able to contribute their knowledge and expertise to carrying out the various activities of the Charity. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

The Charity is managed by an Executive Committee which comprises the following officers; Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Branch Director. The Trustees sit on the Executive Committee as well as the officers.

### **Objects and activities**

The objects of the Charity are “to promote and encourage for the benefit of the nation the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of Devon and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment”.

The Charity fulfils its obligation to enjoy charitable status by delivering the following benefits to the various communities in Devon:

- By considering applications presented to the local planning authorities to ensure that the benefits are enjoyed by the wider community.
- By holding meetings at both District and Branch levels that are open to members, local government councillors or similar, and representatives of other relevant interest groups throughout the County.
- By being available to members as a source of advice on how to respond to proposed developments that might affect them.
- By providing the Charity’s website [www.cpredevon.org.uk](http://www.cpredevon.org.uk) which has become a key enabler for the membership, the media and other visitors to the site to understand some of the key problem areas in Devon.
- The CPRE Devon website has thus become a repository of the work undertaken by the Charity where members can discover what may interest them and the wider implications for Devon as a whole.

- Funds bequeathed to the Charity are being used in accordance with the terms of the bequests; in 2013 for the further education of children of all

ages in Devon on countryside matters of all types, and in 2017 for other projects exclusively in the county of Devon.

### **Financial review**

The Charity receives income from the National Office of CPRE (NCPRE) of approximately 50% of the subscriptions it receives from members resident in Devon. The Charity also receives grants, bequests, donations and gifts from supporters in Devon. In 2023 the Charity's income includes the following:

- |                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| • NCPRE                              | £25,627 |
| • Donations from supporters in Devon | £6,553  |

### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves, at a level sufficient to provide services and equipment in compliance with its objects for a period of at least 12 months. Restricted funds are set aside of such amounts as are appropriate to provide specialised services and equipment in accordance with the restrictions attached to the funds by the respective donors. It was agreed by the Trustees that the Mason bequest be treated as unrestricted funds.

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

### **CPRE Devon Branch**

CPRE Devon Branch will remain on the Charity Commission register as a “shell” charity with nominal assets purely as a precaution to preserve any future legacies that might otherwise fail.

CPRE Devon Branch was set up as a charity in April 1996 but, following the change of its charitable status, ceased functioning as a Charity in April 2018. It now has no members other than the remaining trustees. It will continue to

prepare annual accounts and hold an Annual General Meeting in accordance with its constitution.

The Branch maintains its bank account with Barclays which recorded donations received of £106 during the year ended December 31, 2023. The bank charged the account with commission which left a balance at the year-end of £411.

The report and accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and signed on their behalf by;

Stephen Crowther, Chairman.



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st JANUARY	To	31st DECEMBER
	2023		2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Share of Subscriptions	25,627	-	-	25,627	27,625
Donations and grants	6,553	-	-	6,553	49,131
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	8,888
Investment income and interest	1,126	827	-	1,953	1,105
Mason bequest held at National Office	-	-	-	-	4,872
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33,306</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,133</b>	<b>91,621</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,306</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,133</b>	<b>91,621</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Branch Director fees	24,600	3,000	-	27,600	26,000
Newsletters including Annual Report	4,640	-	-	4,640	4,736
Planning consultancy fees	4,208	-	-	4,208	3,395
Technical documents and videos	600	-	-	600	-
Public relations	5,865	1,650	-	7,515	9,125
Marketing	2,053	-	-	2,053	2,930
Advertising and Promotion	286	-	-	286	286
Shows	337	-	-	337	-
Grant to Devon Wildlife Trust	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
Childrens competition prizes	-	350	-	350	575
Best Churchyard competition prizes	477	-	-	477	364
Travelling expenses	343	-	-	343	510
Website maintenance	723	-	-	723	510
Other sundry expenses	10	-	-	10	12
<b>Governance:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Office expenses inc. postage	3,716	-	-	3,716	4,732
Legal and Professional fees	600	-	-	600	42,222
Communications	1,093	-	-	1,093	1,093
Insurance	362	-	-	362	328
AGM	647	-	-	647	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>53,060</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,060</b>	<b>99,318</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>53,060</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,060</b>	<b>99,318</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 19,754</b>	<b>- 4,173</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 23,927</b>	<b>- 7,697</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>81,185</b>	<b>48,654</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,839</b>	<b>137,536</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>61,431</b>	<b>44,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,912</b>	<b>129,839</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowme nt funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Trustee Savings Bank	59,233	-	-
	Royal Bank of Scotland	2,198		
	Virgin Money	-	-	-
	United Trust Bank	-	44,481	-
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	61,431	44,481	-
		OK	OK	OK
	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowme nt funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	M & G Investments	Unrestricted	16,257	21,077
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Various equipment	Unrestricted	2,550	1,500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Suppliers	Unrestricted	882	paid
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Michael Best	8th March	
			2024	



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Devon Branch Of The  
Campaign To Protect Rural England CIO  
Charity number 1175228**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Devon Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England CIO for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

***Responsibilities and basis of report***

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

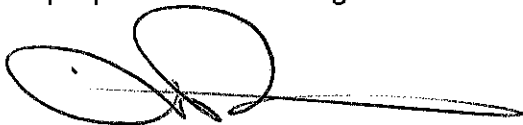
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

***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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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



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Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024