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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Administrative information

The Trustees who served the Charity during the year were:

Stephen Crowther	Chairman
Michael Best	Honorary Treasurer
Dale Hall	
Rebecca Bartleet	(appointed 16 th October 2024)
Phillip Bratby	(appointed 16 th October 2024)
Ivan Buxton	(appointed 16 th October 2024)
Rachel Hall	
Thomas Bartleet	
Caroline Crowther	(resigned 16 th October 2024)

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 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 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 2024 the Charity's income includes the following:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| • NCPRE | £25,174 |
| • Donations from supporters in Devon | £19,001 |

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 £51 during the year ended December 31, 2024. The bank charged the account with commission which left a balance at the year-end of £397.

The report and accounts were approved by the Trustees on 14th April 2025 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
	2024		2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Share of Subscriptions	25,174	-	-	25,174	25,627
Donations and grants	19,001	-	-	19,001	6,553
Investment income and interest	2,372	1,900	-	4,272	1,953
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,547	1,900	-	48,447	34,133
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,547	1,900	-	48,447	34,133
A3 Payments					
Branch Director fees	19,200	5,000	-	24,200	27,600
Newsletters including Annual Report	2,702	-	-	2,702	4,640
Planning consultancy fees inc workshops	3,381			3,381	4,208
Technical documents and videos	-			-	600
Public relations	2,552	1,000		3,552	7,515
Marketing	2,102	1,000		3,102	2,053
Advertising	65	-		65	286
Shows inc equipment and promotion	2,428	1,500		3,928	337
Grant to Devon Wildlife Trust	-			-	2,500
Childrens competition prizes	-	-		-	350
Best Churchyard competition prizes	-			-	477
Website maintenance	480	-	-	480	723
Other sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	10
Governance:	-	-	-	-	-
Office expenses inc. postage and travelling	1,307	1,000		2,307	4,059
Legal and Professional fees	320	100		420	600
Communications	693	400		1,093	1,093
Insurance	356	-	-	356	362
AGM	66	-	-	66	647
Sub total	35,652	10,000	-	45,652	58,060
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,652	10,000	-	45,652	58,060
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,895	- 8,100	-	2,795	- 23,927
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,431	44,481	-	105,912	129,839
Cash funds this year end	72,326	36,381	-	108,707	105,912

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

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowme nt funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B1 Cash funds

Trustee Savings Bank	22,308	-	-
Royal Bank of Scotland	18		
United Trust Bank	50,000	36,381	-
Total cash funds	72,326	36,381	-

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £

OK

Restricted funds to nearest £

OK

Endowment 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	21,019
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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	500
Pop up shelter	Unrestricted	1,270	500
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Suppliers	Unrestricted	700	paid
Branch Director	Unrestricted	2,200	paid
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Michael Best	14th Apr 2025

**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 31st December 2024.

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.

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants and Chartered Tax Advisers
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Dated: 11th June 2025