

THE AVON AND BRISTOL BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1189628

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE AND IN PARTICULAR THAT OF THE UNITARY AUTHORITIES OF BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET, BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET, AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND THEIR TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND THE BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: Furthering objects of charity

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£91,079	£92,830	-	-
2023-12-31	£91,966	£65,999	-	-
2022-12-31	£50,356	£39,599	-	-
2021-12-31	£15,306	£32,173	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,287	£4,733	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sarah Pitt	Chair	2023-01-26
Catherine Withers		2021-11-07
Georgina Bigg		2024-09-08
Kaley Hart		2020-05-22
Sophie Spencer		2023-01-26

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The countryside charity Avon and Bristol

CPRE Avon and Bristol
Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended
31st December 2024

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Dear Member

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Accounts for year to 31st December, 2024. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the Annual Report comply with CPRE Avon and Bristol's governing documentation and applicable law.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES:

CPRE Avon and Bristol's charitable objectives, as set out in its constitution, are to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public, the enhancement and protection of the English countryside. In particular, the rural environment around the towns and villages within the Unitary Authorities of Bath and North East Somerset; Bristol; North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

STRATEGIC AIMS:

CPRE Avon and Bristol is recognised across the West of England as the only charitable organisation that stands up for the countryside across the whole range of issues affecting it. In doing so, we can draw on CPRE's national expertise and experience acquired over nearly one hundred years.

Our objectives, set in 2019, remain steadfast. We recognise the value of open green spaces and Green Belt in providing a range of eco-system services necessary to sustain people and wildlife; we promote the health benefits of access to the countryside for everyone, especially urban dwellers and those from diverse cultural backgrounds who may currently have limited access. We support nature's recovery through our ongoing work on the 'Hedgerow Heroes' project and our District Planning Groups engage with local planning authorities, individuals and organisations to ensure rural communities continue to thrive and have a sustainable future.

Public benefit:

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and they have referred to it when carrying out the Foundation's charitable purposes.

ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE:

We are a small branch of CPRE so it is a great achievement to have attracted so much funding for the 'Hedgerow Heroes' project. Through the practical conservation tasks of traditional hedge-laying and planting, it has enabled CPRE Avon and Bristol to continue to engage with volunteers from local communities as well as landowners, teach them new skills and aid in nature's recovery. Thanks go out to the Director of CPRE and to the Project Manager of Hedgerow Heroes' for securing these funds. This has raised the profile of the charity locally. In addition, funding from the 'Farming In Protected Landscapes' scheme, allowed us to reach communities with whom we had previously had no contact.

Following CPRE's stated objectives of supporting a 'Countryside for All', we partnered with Babassa, a social enterprise in Bristol, that works to open up job and other opportunities for young people from under represented groups.

Thanks to funding, we convened meetings where young people of colour were able to explore their attitudes to nature and the countryside. We then invited the participants to share their views at a Countryside Day in September, held on a regenerative farm on the Mendips.

Maxine Virapin, Mae Ghosh and Laughter Coker, gave moving testimonies on their relationship with the countryside. They also videoed the event and shared the experience on social media networks. We aim to continue to work with Babassa on future funded projects.

During 2024 The Chair continued to represent the branch at national and regional level.

Engagement with Planning Authorities:

CPRE Avon and Bristol has four District Planning Groups (Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire). Each group is run by volunteers experienced in the planning process. They monitor and comment upon Local Plans and selected planning applications. They also work with community groups, giving advice on the planning system and sharing their experience, as time allows.

Late in 2024 and into 2025 the Districts began working on responses to Local Plans in South Gloucestershire, B&NES, Bristol and North Somerset. A professional planner was employed for a short period to comment upon the Bristol Local Plan. North Somerset District group responded fully, at every stage, to the Local Plan being drawn up.

The Districts also responded to planning applications submitted in these areas.

In Bath and North East Somerset, CPRE lent its support to the successful opposition to further intrusive development on the South Stoke Plateau which would have severely threatened the World Heritage status of Bath as well as damaging protected landscapes and ancient monuments.

In the Bristol district a letter was written to Bristol City Council objecting to the expansion of the South Bristol Cemetery and its effect on Yew Tree Farm.

In North Somerset CPRE also objected to a wildflower meadow, a nesting site for skylarks, next to the Avon Gorge (an SSSI) being taken over by a private company, Roots Allotments. The land is being converted for use as Allotments with associated shipping containers on site and access problems ongoing.

A letter was sent to the Secretary of State who had called in a planning application by an American Software Company, EPIC, to build a new HQ on 45 acres of green belt land in Long Ashton.

In South Gloucestershire, the main issue in 2024 was not any individual or multiple planning applications but the publishing of South Gloucestershire's final Regulation 18 consultation on the Local Plan; this was the moment when the Council stopped consulting on possible approaches to meeting the area's housing need and gave the public numbers and locations. This caused consternation with some local residents and community groups when they realised options for response were very limited.

Recruitment/Staff Changes:

We employed a part time Communications Co-ordinator between June and October 2024. The contract was terminated on October 11th as the person in question moved to London.

On October 24th, the Director requested a reduction in her hours from three days a week to one. This was agreed for an interim period of three months from January 2025.

In the meantime, the Trustees consulted on the charity's needs versus its income and a review of finances and roles was undertaken. No further action was taken on this matter in 2024 until evaluation of the Director's reduction of hours could happen in April of 2025.

Hedgerow Heroes – Jan 2024 – December 2024.

This year encompassed the end of our second Hedgerow Heroes project. By the project end in April 2024, we had engaged with over 80 volunteers in planting and restoring over 1km hedgerow across South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset. We held a celebration event for volunteers at The Old Crown in Weston, Bath, joined by guest speaker Megan Gimber from the People's Trust for Endangered Species, who has expert knowledge on hedgerows.

We were successful in gaining funding for our third Hedgerow Heroes project, with an ambitious target of 3km hedgerow to be restored/created over the next season. For this phase, we expanded the project into the third county of North Somerset. The bulk of our funding came from CPRE National. South Gloucestershire Council also generously supported the project again this year. Additional funding from Mendip Hills National Landscape, Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme, allowed us to create a large engagement event, a 'Countryside Day', in September at a regenerative farm in the Mendips. Guest speakers included author and hedgerow expert Rob Wolton, alongside young people from the Bristol-based youth organization Babbasa, who created digital content of the event.

One of the key sites for hedgerow planting in 2024 was Lower Chew Forest, a farmland site South of Bristol owned by Avon Needs Trees. We worked in partnership to lead planting sessions at the site, establishing 1.3km of original hedge lines that were ripped out post-WWII.

National CPRE

One of the greatest strengths of CPRE is its structure. With 41 Local groups, one in almost every County, the national expertise in policy making and campaigning strengthens and supports local efforts. Hedgerow Heroes is a perfect example of this. In 2024 it was funded nationally in ten Counties and allows local branches to add to that funding to achieve more. The local groups also deliver the project by engaging with communities and delivering practical conservation. Local Chairs also input into national groups. CPRE Avon and Bristol Chair is a member of the Diversity and Inclusion group, the Task and Finish Group for the Centenary and Chairs the Centenary Communications Strategy Group.

Volunteers:

The Board of Trustees would like to thank our District Planning Groups for their tireless efforts in protecting the countryside in their local areas and thanks also to the individuals who attend the Executive Committee, ensuring local issues are raised.

The Hedgerow Heroes project could not be delivered without the support of our Hedgerow Heroes volunteers. We would like to thank all those who join the Project team across autumn and winter when the weather can be very challenging. They have taken practical action to ensure hedgerows are rejuvenated or new ones planted for the benefit of future generations of people and wildlife. Thank you so much.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

2024 saw a similar level of income as 2023. Although there was a decrease in our unrestricted income, this was offset by an increase in restricted funding. This is indicative of a continued focus on fundraising, efforts to diversify income streams and the ongoing development of the branch.

Please note that the organisation's accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and no account has been taken of accrued or prepaid income or expenditure.

Our unrestricted income in 2024 was £18,975.82. This included £13,584 of membership fees, £300 of donations and £4,200 in unrestricted grants (D'Oyley Carte Foundation and £100 from Backwell Parish Council).

The majority of our restricted income of £72,103.36 was received from a private donor who, through National CPRE, has supported our Hedgerow Heroes project and funds activities until June 2024. This project also supports the branch's core costs. The remainder of the income included additional support for our Hedgerow Heroes activities from the Bee Bold Award received from the West of England Combined Authority (£6,000), the Bristol Airport Community Fund (£7,000) and from Funding in Protected Landscapes (£8,715). The Trustees have subsequently decided not to apply for further funding from the Bristol Airport Community Fund.

The Trustees are sincerely grateful to all those that have supported CPRE Avon and Bristol's work during this period.

In total during the year, CPRE Avon and Bristol received income of £91,079 and paid out £92,829.53 on charitable activities and fundraising. Net movement in funds on unrestricted funds was -£621 and -£1,750 on restricted funds resulting in total funds balances of £78,409.11 at the end of this financial year.

Reserves policy: CPRE Avon and Bristol has reserves equating to a full years' operational costs. This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow CPRE Avon and Bristol to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2024 was £49,879.17.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which CPRE Avon and Bristol may face and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Going Concern

The Board of Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the branch during the accounting period and the position at 31st December, 2024 and consider that CPRE Avon and Bristol is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year and that the branches assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT:

CPRE Avon and Bristol services are delivered by an operational, part-time team. The team includes the Director (3 days a week), one part-time Communications Co-ordinator, one part-time Project Lead (Hedgerow Heroes) and a Project Assistant (Hedgerow Heroes) on a short term contract.

The staff team report into the Director and the Director reports directly to the Chair and Board of Trustees. Performance reviews of the Director are undertaken by the Chair of Trustees.

The IT resources required to run the branch includes office equipment such as laptops and a phone which has been provided from funds from CPRE Avon and Bristol.

Office meeting space is rented at the Engine Shed, Station Approach, Bristol at a competitive price. This allows the team to meet up regularly face to face to sustain good communication, relationships and staff morale.

Complaints

CPRE Avon and Bristol received no complaints regarding our fundraising practices.

Independent examiners

MJB Accounting were re-appointed as independent examiners to the branch during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Changes to the Trustee Board

Georgie Bigg joined the Trustee Board at the AGM in September 2024.

The Chair would like to thank the Trustees for their loyal and dedicated service to CPRE Avon and Bristol. We are in need of Trustees to expand our Board. We are currently looking for Trustees with a financial and HR background; a Trustee who can lead on Diversity and Inclusion; on Nature's Recovery and a Trustee who has planning expertise.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

In 2023 we declared our intention to apply to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support us in accessing a wider network of individuals from under-represented backgrounds and to drive inclusive policy and practice at CPRE Avon and Bristol. The application was extremely time consuming for both Chair and Director and unfortunately we were unsuccessful. Our strategy now is to focus on smaller Trusts and Funds to enhance our work in this area and expand from Hedgerow Heroes to include funding for nature's recovery.

We will continue to work with communities on planning issues and in line with other CPRE local groups, continually apply for funds to stage events that bring stakeholders and communities together to find best outcomes for a thriving, sustainable countryside. We will continue to work with under-represented groups so support access to the nature and land based sector for further training, careers or recreation.

We sincerely thank our Members for their ongoing support. Without you, we could not contribute so fully to increasing bio-diversity in this area, through 'Hedgerow Heroes' and support our District Planning Groups in the dedicated work they do.

Sarah Pitt



Chair, CPRE Avon and Bristol.

REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

Trustees

The following served as Trustees during the year (unless shown otherwise)

Chair: Sarah Pitt
Charlotte Bennett (Vice Chair)
Kaley Hart (Treasurer)
Catherine Withers
Danica Priest
Sophie Spencer
Georgie Bigg

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CPRE Avon & Bristol
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Registered Community Interest Organisation CE021950
Statement of Financial Activities to 31st December 2024

The following accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Charity Commission to comply with the Executive Committee's obligations as the trustees of the Charity for keeping accounting records

	2024 General £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 General £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £
Income						
Subscriptions & Donations						
Subscriptions	13,584.46			14,360.35		14,360.35
Donations & Legacies	300.00			7,891.20		7,891.20
Charitable Activities		4,638.00				
Restricted Grants		67,465.36			64,606.33	64,606.33
Hedgerow Heroes					3,990.00	3,990.00
Quartet Rooftop Solar						
Unrestricted Grants	4,200.00			100.00		100.00
Other Income						0.00
Training Supplied						0.00
Uncatergorised				268.13	138.24	406.37
Investment Income						0.00
Bank Interest	891.36			611.74		611.74
Total Income	18,975.82	72,103.36	91,079.18	23,231.42	68,734.57	91,965.99
Expenditure						
Direct Charity						
Insurance	179.82	227.32	407.14	142.11	263.91	406.02
Telephone	68.22	139.24	207.46	80.70	100.24	180.94
Fundraising	175.00		175.00	1,266.98		1,266.98
Travel, Accomodation & Room Hire	426.42	3,166.46	3,592.88	660.66	2,117.45	2,778.11
Other						0.00
Office & Administration Expenses	504.93	745.99	1,250.92	810.89	1,743.66	2,554.55
Salaries & Wages	9,778.90	43,776.43	53,555.33	12,131.02	28,083.83	40,214.85
Recruitment						0
Staff Expenses						0
Volunteer Expenses and Welfare						0
Training	1,980.00	100.00	2,080.00			0
Materials		16,187.08	16,187.08		4,615.38	4,615.38
Publicity & Promotion						0
Costs of Education						0
Events						0
Equipment						0
Postage, Copying & Stationery	665.18	220.91	886.09	813.68	9.99	823.67
Professional	5,752.74	8,668.79	14,421.53	3,635.41	8,291.39	11,926.80
Subscriptions	36.00		36.00	187.93	14.95	202.88
Bank Charges	30.10		30.10	28.40		28.40
Total Expenditure	19,597.31	73,232.22	92,829.53	19757.78	45,240.80	64,998.58
Surplus/Deficit	(621)	(1,129)	(1,750)	3,473.64	23,493.77	26,967.41
Retained Funds B/fwd			80,159.46			53,192.05
Total Funds			78,409.11			80,159.46
Funded By:						
Current Accounts (excluding Restricted Funds balances)			11,711.01			13,184.95
Deposit Account			38,068.16			37,315.71
Bristol Pounds			100.00			100.00
Restricted Funds C/Fwd			28,529.94			29,558.80
			78,409.11			80,159.46

Notes to the Accounts

1. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and no account has been taken of accrued/prepaid income or expenditure

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of CPRE Avon & Bristol
Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below,

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



M J Bowles
24th April 2025

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Strategic Aims:

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Objectives for 2019-2023:

1. Protecting our countryside: Focusing on engagement with local authority planners, individuals and organisations to influence better planning that protects the countryside whilst ensuring thriving rural communities have a sustainable future.
2. A Positive Vision for our countryside: To promote and campaign for measures that will increase the prosperity and sustainability of our countryside and the role it can play in enhancing quality of life for urban and rural dwellers alike.
3. Securing the future of CPRE Avon and Bristol: To achieve a level of financial security for CPRE Avon and Bristol that allows us to expand our activities to levels that significantly increase our effectiveness and public recognition of what we do.
4. Building recognition and reputation: To build our communications with the public, key stakeholders and our Members to support our strategic goals and achieve our vision.

The organisation's work will promote a positive vision for the countryside:

- Promoting the wider social and health benefits of access to the countryside for everyone, especially urban dwellers and those from diverse cultural backgrounds who may currently have limited access.
- Promoting innovations and initiatives that encourage sustainable rural and local economies.
- Supporting actions that maintain and increase biodiversity.
- Recognising the value of open green spaces and Green Belt in providing a range of eco-system services necessary to sustain people and wildlife.
- Influencing rural communities towards sustainable energy; transport; housing and environmental initiatives that will encourage resilience in future.
- Prioritising fundraising from charitable sources that promote our activities and extend our influence.
- Ensuring successful delivery of project-based work i.e. Hedgerow Heroes.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the Foundation's charitable purposes.

Achievements and Performance

2023 was a year of change for CPRE Avon and Bristol. The previous Chair, David Worskett, who did so much to extend the influence of CPRE and worked so hard to build a successful CPRE Avon and Bristol, sadly passed away in July 2022.

While recruiting for a new Chair, Vice-Chairs David Ambrose and Charlotte Bennett stepped up to provide stability. The branch commissioned a recruitment agency to appoint the right candidate and Sarah Pitt was elected as Chair at the end of January 2023. Her background is in BBC public service broadcasting, where she specialised in producing programmes on the countryside and wildlife. A highlight was spending a year filming, 'Highgrove, A Prince's Legacy' for BBC 2.

Shortly after Sarah joined CPRE Avon and Bristol, Kate Jordan, the previous Director resigned for personal reasons. These were challenging times and the search for a new Director began immediately.

There was one funded project, 'Hedgerow Heroes' and as soon as possible Sarah joined Sonia Parsons, Project Leader and volunteers on site in South Gloucestershire to see the training in laying hedgerows and planting new ones, in practice. Sarah believes the hedgerow work that CPRE is funding is vital in regenerating these precious assets of our countryside.

Engagement with Planning Control and Development Policy:

District Groups

Within CPRE Avon and Bristol there are three long-established and committed District Groups, mirroring the Local Authority boundaries of North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset Councils. These volunteers lead work to monitor and influence developing Local Plans, respond to planning applications and build relationships with local decision makers. They are also invaluable in providing local insight and expertise to determine our approach to regional issues. Thanks to the recruitment of a new and energetic Trustee living in Bristol, joining with a serving Trustee, a new District Group has been created to cover the area of Bristol. The group is focused on strategic planning responses and influencing Bristol City Council. It also aims to recruit new members from the city area, from which the branch traditionally has not secured much traction. This work will continue to be developed with new partnerships and opportunities explored as they arise.

District Groups were visited, by the Chair, in BANES; North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Sarah saw first hand just how valuable these Groups are in extending the influence of CPRE.

Their experience came to the fore just before Christmas when a professional planner, Alison Hood, was commissioned to work alongside the Planning and Policy Group (made up of the Chair of each District Group), to respond to the consultation on Bristol's Local Plan.

This was a rare opportunity to have a say in how Bristol's housing; development and environmental plans would be shaped until 2040 and beyond. CPRE Avon and Bristol's response was completed by the end of January 2024.

CPRE Avon and Bristol questioned the 'locking in' of housing numbers required leading up to 2040 and beyond, regardless of any future, climate, economic or environmental changes, particularly regarding the worldwide collapse in birth rates.

CPRE has long supported a sequential approach to development such that the least sustainable sites (e.g. Green Belt) are reserved for the later stages of the Plan, which would prevent developers seizing on the most profitable green field sites.

The response was very detailed and wide ranging but we also commented on how the Green Belt and the city's green spaces contribute to the overall character of the city and are highly valued by the population.

Recruitment:

Recruitment to find another Director was successful and Mary-Jane Wilshire was appointed to the post at the end of May. Once the Director was in place a part-time Information and Communications Co-ordinator, Phoebe Barker, was appointed to support the Director.

Hedgerow Heroes: Jan 2023 – End of December 2023

Following the completion of the first Hedgerow Heroes project, CPRE Avon and Bristol were successful in gaining funding for a second phase in 2023. Project Officer, Sonia Parsons continued to lead this project, alongside newly recruited Sarah Sawyer as a Project Coordinator.

We were able to increase the scale of the project to partner with Bath and North East Somerset Council as well as continuing to work closely with South Gloucestershire Council. The project involved working with both local authorities to improve management of local authority hedgerows and locate hedgerows to be restored by volunteers over winter. We also worked with private landowners to promote best-practise management and plant new hedgerows in areas most significant for linking up habitats (within the West of England Nature Recovery Network), extending the range for wildlife such as dormice that utilise these corridors.

Paul Pearce, Head of B&NES Parks team said of the project:

'Working with the 'Hedgerow Heroes' project has been a golden opportunity for us to help improve our hedges in Bath and North East Somerset.

We manage approximately 25,000 m2 of hedges and shrub lines across the district and although we've changed our management where we can to improve biodiversity we've never had the chance to survey and restore any of our hedgerows; nor provide training for our staff to help them understand the value of these habitats.

It's also been great to extend the opportunity to local communities too. Better hedges mean better parks with more biodiversity and it's been great to be able to offer a practical learning experience for our hard-working local volunteers.'

Community Energy and Rooftop Renewables

At CPRE we are very clear, both at national and at local level, that climate change poses one of the most serious threats to the countryside. We also see how important it is to support

communities to develop solutions on the ground. The new Director wasted no time at all in securing a Quartet Grant in June 2023 to fund public awareness and education for the Rooftop Renewable Campaign. With this additional funding we were able to connect to our members as well as community groups with ambitions and interest in community energy and zero carbon futures.

We provided advice, information and training on what actions they could take to support the Rooftop Renewable Campaign and what they could do to get a project going in their area. One of the key outputs of this work was the Powering Community with Renewables Workshop, you can read the report [here](#).

Green Belt

One of our aims is for the Green Belt – which represents 720 km² around Bristol and Bath – to be seen and valued for what it is: a living network for our rural communities, an essential solution to the climate and nature crises and a space for farming and food production. It's also where thousands of people, can enjoy fresh air and the great outdoors.

We would like to see rural communities have access to affordable homes, but we believe that development should be done in the right way, in the right place. The narrative is often reduced and oversimplified to housing versus Greenbelt but the reality is more complex and nuanced. In an effort to understand this debate, our Director contributed to the making of a film called 'Green Belt 2.0'.

Exploring the relationship between the rural and the urban, the project examined the tensions between development and protection using creative technologies to bring the conversation to a wider audience. The result can be viewed here: [Green Belt — R + J \(reubenandjamie.com\)](https://www.reubenandjamie.com/greenbelt)

National CPRE

One of the greatest strengths of CPRE is its structure. The expertise and national capacity of National CPRE continue to strengthen and support our local efforts. The 'Hedgerow Heroes' project is the perfect example of this partnership's strengths, where national policy and priorities attract funding that enables local, grassroots projects, like ours, to thrive.

Volunteers

The Board of Trustees would like to thank our District Groups for their tireless efforts protecting and enhancing the countryside in their local areas. We would also like to extend special thanks to those that attend the Executive Committee, ensuring local issues are raised.

Our 'Hedgerow Heroes' project would not have been possible without the support of our Hedgerow Hero volunteers. These volunteers have committed hours of training to understand the importance of hedgerows in building biodiversity and they learned traditional hedgelaying techniques. They have taken practical action to ensure hedgerows are rejuvenated for the benefit of future generations of people and wildlife.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2023 saw a significant increase in our income from 2022 due to an increase in project funding, some of which was to fund activities in 2024. This is indicative of a renewed focus on fundraising, work to diversify income streams and the ongoing development of the branch.

Please note that the organisation's accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and no account has been taken of accrued or prepaid income or expenditure.

Our unrestricted income in 2023 included £14,360 of membership fees, £7,891 of donations, including one legacy of £3,765 and two individual donations amounting to £4,000. We also receive a £100 grant from Backwell Parish Council.

The majority of our restricted income of £64,606 was received from a private donor who, through National CPRE, has supported our Hedgerow Heroes project and funds activities until June 2024. This project also supports the branch's core costs. The remainder of the income included additional support for our Hedgerow Heroes activities from Local Giving (£500), the Matthew Good Foundation (£2,000) and the first tranche of our Bee Bold Award received from the West of England Combined Authority (£1,500 of a total grant of £7,500). We also received a small grant (£3,990) from the Quartet Community Foundation for work on community energy, the activities for which take place in 2024.

The Trustees are sincerely grateful to all those that have supported CPRE Avon and Bristol's work during this period.

In total during the year, CPRE Avon and Bristol received income of £91,696 and paid out £64,998 on charitable activities and fundraising. Net movement in funds on unrestricted funds was £3,474 and £23,494 on restricted funds resulting in total funds balances of £80,159 at the end of this financial year.

Reserves policy: CPRE Avon and Bristol has reserves equating to a full years' operational costs. This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow CPRE Avon and Bristol to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2023 was £56,666.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which CPRE Avon and Bristol may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Going concern

The Board of Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the branch during the accounting period and the position at 31st December 2023 and consider that the CPRE Avon and Bristol is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the branch's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

MANAGEMENT, STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

CPRE Avon and Bristol services are delivered by an operational, part time team. The team includes the Director (3 days a week); one part-time Information and Communications Co-ordinator; one part-time Project Manager (Hedgerow Heroes), one Project Co-ordinator (Hedgerow Heroes) on a short-term contract.

The reporting structure includes the staff team reporting into the Director with the Director reporting directly to the Chair and Board of Trustees. The performance review of the Director is undertaken by the Chair of Trustees.

The resources required to run a successful branch includes office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment which has been provided from funds from CPRE Avon and Bristol.

In 2023, in order to facilitate good communication between team members CPRE Avon and Bristol took on the rental of office space at the Engine Shed, Station Approach. The rental

fee for the workspace and meeting room is at an incredibly competitive price. This arrangement allows the team to meet up regularly face to face in a working environment which is so important for communication, relationships and staff morale. We have also held several events in the space which is conveniently located next to Bristol Temple Meads Station and all events are warmly supported by the staff at the Engine Shed.

Complaints

CPRE Avon and Bristol received no complaints regarding our fundraising practices.

Independent examiners

MJB Accounting were re-appointed as independent examiners to the branch during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

CHANGES TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD:

Dr Miles Thompson resigned during 2023 as he is now working in Wales. Danica Priest, based in Bristol, has replaced him.

The Chair would like to thank the Trustees for their loyal and dedicated service to CPRE Avon and Bristol. We will be recruiting for new Trustees in 2024/5. If you are interested or would like to propose someone for the role please get in touch with the Chair direct. We are particularly looking for Trustees with a Financial and HR background; a Trustee who can lead on Diversity and Inclusion; a Trustee who can lead on Nature's Recovery and building biodiversity.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

With a new Director and Chair in place we look to 2024 as a period of stability and with a commitment to progressing our priorities.

We have submitted a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund which, if successful, will support us in developing Inclusive practices and process that will enable us to involve diverse communities in our projects, communications and campaigns. It will also increase our capacity to digitally engage with existing and new audiences by increasing our digital assets and social media presence. We will know if we have been successful in securing funding in late September 2024. To increase our resilience, we will also be submitting bids to a variety of smaller local funding organisations.

We sincerely thank our Members for their ongoing support and hope to see them at the AGM and Countryside Day on September 8th, 2024 at 1.45pm.

Sarah Pitt



Chair, CPRE Avon and Bristol

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

The following served as Trustees during the year (unless shown otherwise):

Chair: Sarah Pitt,
Charlotte Bennett (Vice Chair)
Kaley Hart (Treasurer)
Catherine Withers
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Annual Accounts

CPRE Avon and Bristol

Registered Charity 1189628

Registered Community Interest Organisation CE021950

Statement of Financial Activities to 31st December 2023

The following accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Charity Commission to comply with the Executive Committee's obligations as the trustees of the Charity for keeping accounting records.

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
Income						
Subscriptions & Donations						
Subscriptions	14,360.35		14,360.35	13,723.79		13,723.79
Donations & Legacies	7,891.20		7,891.20	9,854.21		9,854.21
Restricted Grants		64,606.33	64,606.33		26,218.66	26,218.66
Hedgerow Heroes						
Quartet Rooftop Solar		3,990.00	3,990.00			
Unrestricted Grants	100.00		100.00	500.00		500.00
Other Income			0.00			
Training Supplied			0.00			
Uncategorised	268.13	138.24	406.37			
Investment Income			0.00			
Bank Interest	611.74		611.74	59.94		59.94
Total Income	23,231.42	68,734.57	91,965.99	24,137.94	26,218.66	50,356.60

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
Expenditure	General	Restricted	Total	General	Restricted	Total
Direct Charity						

CPRE Statement of Financial Activities to 31st December 2023

Insurance	142.11	263.91	406.02	390.68		390.68
Telephone	80.70	100.24	180.94	99.29		99.29
Fundraising	1,266.98		1,266.98	1,200.00		1,200.00
Travel, Accommodation & Room Hire	660.66	2,117.45	32,778.11	301.99		301.99
Other						
Office & Administration Expenses	810.89	1,743.66	2,554.55	116.99		116.99
Salaries & Wages	12,131.02	28,083.83	40,214.85	12,581.46	12,307.48	24,888.94
Recruitment			0.00		574.00	574.00
Staff Expenses			0.00		802.30	802.30
Volunteer Expenses and Welfare			0.00		391.73	391.73
Training			0.00		1,050.00	1,050.00
Materials		4,615.38	4,615.38		241.30	241.30
Publicity & Promotion			0.00		813.44	813.44
Costs of Education			0.00		1,872.60	1,872.60
Events			0.00		69.20	69.20
Equipment			0.00		1,990.97	1,990.97
Postage, Copying & Stationery	813.68	9.99	823.67	525.66		525.66
Professional	3,635.41	8,291.39	11,926.80	4,248.84		4,248.84
Subscriptions	187.93	14.95	202.88			
Bank Charges	28.40		28.40	21.20		21.20
Total Expenditure	19,757.78	45,240.80	64,998.58	19,486.11	20,113.02	39,599.13
Surplus/Deficit	3,473.64	23,493.77	26,967.41	4,651.83	6,105.64	10,757.47
Retained Funds B/fwd			53,192.05			42,434.58

Total Funds	80,159.46	53,192.05
Funded By:		
Current Accounts	42,743.75	16,274.59
Deposit Account	37,315.71	36,817.46
Bristol Pounds	100.00	100.00
	80,159.46	53,192.05

Notes to the Accounts

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of CPRE Avon & Bristol Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below,

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CPRE Statement of Financial Activities to 31st December 2023

Michael Bowles

M J Bowles MJB Accounting
2nd May 2024

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The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for year to 31st December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the annual report comply with CPRE Avon and Bristol's governing documentation and applicable law.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

CPRE Avon and Bristol's charitable objects, as set out in its constitution, are to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of the unitary authorities of Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and their towns villages and the better development of the rural environment.

STRATEGIC AIMS

CPRE Avon and Bristol is recognised across the West of England as the only charitable organisation that stands up for the countryside across the whole range of issues affecting it and in doing so can draw on CPRE's national expertise and experience acquired over many years.

Objectives for 2019-2022:

1. Protecting our countryside: To focus on preventing or improving those major initiatives and proposals that pose the greatest threat to the future and the sustainability of our countryside.
2. A Positive Vision for our countryside: To promote and campaign for measures that will increase the prosperity and sustainability of our countryside and the role it can play in enhancing quality of life for urban and rural dwellers alike.
3. Securing the future of CPRE Avon and Bristol: To achieve a level of financial security for CPRE Avon and Bristol that allows us to expand our activities to levels that significantly increase our effectiveness and public recognition of what we do.
4. Building recognition and reputation: To build our communications with the public, with key stakeholders and with our members so as to support our strategic goals and achieve our vision.

The organisation's work will promote a positive vision for the countryside:

- Promoting the wider social and health benefits of access to the countryside.
- Promoting sustainable transport.
- Promoting measures that help the less well-off to access the countryside.
- Promoting innovations that encourage more diverse and sustainable rural and local economies.
- Supporting measures that maintain or restore tranquillity.
- Promoting measures that reduce the environmental impact of waste.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the Foundation's charitable purposes.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID WORSKETT

David was Chair of CPRE Avon and Bristol from November 2018 until he stepped down in June 2022 due to ill health. He sadly died shortly afterwards in July 2022. We are eternally grateful for David, and his leadership of CPRE, contributing to both national and local developments. He led the charity with passion and aplomb and he is sadly missed. The trustees thoughts and well wishes continue to be with David's family.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2022 brought a period of change for CPRE Avon and Bristol with the long-standing Director, Sophie Spencer, leaving the branch for new opportunities early in the year. Her eight years' of service are greatly appreciated by the trustees and have seen the branch develop and professionalise its support for communities across the region.

While recruitment took place, trustee, Charlotte Bennett, stood down from her role to act as interim Director and was re-elected when the new Director, Kate Jordan was appointed in May 2022. This has resulted in a period of change for the organisation.

Hedgerow Heroes

Across the UK, consistent and aggressive flailing has seen many of the Council maintained hedgerows rapidly decline. In the first quarter of the year, the branch secured a grant of £40,000 for a new Hedgerow Heroes project. Funded through a collaboration with national CPRE, the project aimed to transform 118km of hedgerow under the management of South Gloucestershire Council for biodiversity and nature.

A new Project Officer was recruited to lead the work. Sonia Parsons joined the team in June to work with South Gloucestershire Council's grounds team to upskill and train their workforce to improve the long term their management of hedgerows. During National Hedgerows Week, Sonia ran a series of events and activities to recruit a team of 20 Hedgerow Hero Volunteers, mostly new to hedge-laying, who have been trained and supported to practically manage more than 1km of hedgerow for biodiversity. The project also publicised the importance of more sensitive hedgerow management and explained why hedgerows are being left to grow more naturally.

"This project has ensured this heritage skill is visible and present within the community and valued by the council and partners. We have increased understanding, awareness and won over the hearts and minds within the council grounds team. The tractor drivers feel involved" – Sally Pattison, South Gloucestershire Council Biodiversity Officer. Our South Gloucestershire District Group has reported better relationships with Local Councillors because of this positive project.

The project has also engaged with primary and secondary schools in South Gloucestershire by providing hedgerow toolkits to interested schools to supplement the curriculum. There was significant uptake with 30 toolkits provided and a waiting list established.

Starry Skies

Dark, star-filled skies are magical and awe-inspiring, however light-pollution makes this experience a rarity in the UK. This has a detrimental effect on wildlife, including amphibians, birds, mammals, insects and plants, as well as human health.

2021 saw our most successful Starry Skies and Star Count activities. Due to the change in personnel, the branch focused on promoting and encouraging local participation in the February Star Count and submitted a joint bid with Bristol Natural History Consortium, to run a Night in Nature during their Festival of Nature in June. Based on our experience, we provided the partnership with connections, networks and expertise to ensure it was a success.

Outreach

During the summer months, the Director partnered with CPRE Gloucestershire to attend two events to raise awareness of our work and explore future partnership opportunities with our neighbouring branch.

Bristol Airport Campaign

Despite tireless campaigning by CPRE Avon and Bristol and a strong cohort of local organisations and residents forming the Bristol Airport Action Network, 2022 saw a serious blow to the campaign against the expansion of Bristol Airport. In 2020 North Somerset Council's refused the application to expand the airport's capacity by 20% due to misalignment with their Climate Strategy. However, in early 2022, the Planning Inspectors overruled this and agreed to increase the current limit of 10 million flights a year to 12 million. This was devastating news with which we and Bristol Airport Action Network were bitterly disappointed with serious concerns about the precedent this sets nationally.

Keynsham Anaerobic Digester

Following a robust campaign, in March 2022, we celebrated the unanimous rejection from Bath and North East Somerset Council Planning Committee of proposals for a giant Anaerobic Digester within the Green Belt just outside Keynsham at Queen Charlton.

Council Officers recommended rejection on multiple planning grounds including the complete absence of any "special circumstances" that would have justified over-riding Green Belt protection. Ecological, environmental, and major traffic implications were all also important considerations in the decision.

CPRE Avon and Bristol worked closely with the local campaign group POKE, submitting a submission that received considerable attention and was given significant prominence, being quoted by local Councillors during the debate.

District Groups

In Avon and Bristol, there are three long-established and committed District Groups, mirroring the Local Authority boundaries of North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset Councils. These volunteers lead work to monitor and influence developing Local Plans, respond to planning applications and build relationships with local decision makers. They are also invaluable in providing local insight and expertise to determine our approach to regional issues, like the Bristol Airport campaign and the Bath and North East Somerset District Group were instrumental in the campaign against the Keynsham Anaerobic Digester

Thanks to the recruitment of several new and energetic Trustees living in Bristol, a new District Group has been created to cover the area of Bristol. The group is focused on strategic planning responses and influencing Bristol City Council. It also aims to recruit new members from the city area, from which the branch traditionally has not secured much traction. This work will continue to be developed with new partnerships and opportunities explored as they arise.

National CPRE

One of the greatest strengths of CPRE is its structure. The expertise and national capacity of National CPRE continue to strengthen and support our local efforts. The Hedgerow Heroes project is the perfect example of this partnership's strengths, where national policy and priorities attract funding that enables local, grassroots projects, like ours, to thrive.

Our Chair, David Worskett, was instrumental in leading the development of the new Network Assembly which is a new structure designed to strengthen decision making and relationships between National CPRE and the branch network. CPRE Avon and Bristol welcome this change and look forward to supporting its implementation.

Trustee Kaley Hart and local volunteer Care Le Grice Mack sit on the national Policy Committee, providing advice and local insight to policy matters.

Volunteers

The Board of Trustees would like to thank our District Groups for their tireless efforts protecting and enhance the countryside in their local areas. We would also like to extend special thanks to those that attend the Executive Committee, ensuring local issues are raised.

Our Hedgerow Heroes project would not have been possible without the support of our Hedgerow Hero volunteers who have committed hours to understanding the importance of hedgerows for biodiversity and taking action to enhance them in South Gloucestershire.

Sincere gratitude goes to Kelsey Parker an office volunteer leading our volunteer and social media coordination in 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2022 saw a significant increase in our income from 2021 due to a new project grant and an increase in unrestricted income for core costs. This is indicative of the new focus on fundraising, work to diversify income streams and the ongoing development of the branch.

Please note that the organisation's accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and no account has been taken of accrued or prepaid income or expenditure.

Our unrestricted income in 2022 included £13,723 of membership fees, £9,854 of donations including one legacy of £4000, a generous donation of £3,500 from our former Chair, David Worskett, £150 of donations secured through an appeal to Parish and Town Councils and £2,000 from AXA's Community Fund. Finally, we issued our first mailing appeal to smaller trusts and foundations from which we received a £500 unrestricted grant from Arnold Clark.

Our restricted income of £26,218.66 was received from a private donor who, through national CPRE, has supported our Hedgerow Heroes project which will continue to March 2023. This project will also support the branch's core costs.

The trustees are sincerely grateful to all those that have supported CPRE Avon and Bristol's work during this period.

In total during the year, CPRE Avon and Bristol received income of £50,357 and paid out £39,599 on charitable activities and fundraising. Net movement in funds on unrestricted funds was £4,652 and £6,106 on restricted funds resulting in total funds balances of £53,192 at the end of this financial year.

Reserves policy

CPRE Avon and Bristol has reserves equating to a full years' operational costs. This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow CPRE Avon and Bristol to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2022 was £47,086.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which CPRE Avon and Bristol may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Going concern

The Board of Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the branch during the accounting period and the position at 31st December 2022 and consider that the CPRE Avon and Bristol is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the branch's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CPRE Avon and Bristol is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

CPRE Avon and Bristol is governed by a board of trustees who have overall responsibility for the governance, regulatory obligations and management of the foundation. The board of trustees seeks to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all management decisions. There are several key people, including District Group members who are invited to join the Executive Committee, providing expertise and guidance to the trustees but without voting rights.

In June, our Chair, David Worskett stood down due to ill health and tragically died in July 2022. David was our driving force during his period in office. He pushed forward many new initiatives to develop the branch and led development projects at National CPRE. He was instrumental in the campaign against the expansion of Bristol Airport, in establishing the new Bristol District Group and the charity's new approach in delivering practical and positive projects.

In the interim while recruiting for a new Chair, Vice-Chairs David Ambrose and Charlotte Bennett stepped up to provide stability. The branch commissioned a recruitment agency to appoint the right candidate at Sarah Pitt was elected as Chair in early 2023.

The board of trustees work to a framework structure to cover regulatory, financial and stakeholder obligations. Board meetings primary took place on Zoom and in-person in 2022.

Management

CPRE Avon and Bristol services are delivered by an operational, part time team. The team includes the Director and one project team member on a short-term contract. The team work from home.

The reporting structure includes the staff team reporting into the Director with the Director reporting directly to the Chair and Board of Trustees. The performance review of the Director is undertaken by the Chair of Trustees.

The resources required to run a successful branch includes office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment which has been provided from funds from CPRE Avon and Bristol.

Complaints

CPRE Avon and Bristol received no complaints regarding our fundraising practices.

Independent examiners

MJB Accounting were re-appointed as independent examiners to the branch during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

2022 was a turbulent year for the branch and we look to 2023 with optimism for stability and quick progression on our priorities.

CPRE Avon & Bristol objectives for 2023:

1. Protect our countryside - with a focus on planning, protecting greenbelt and greenfield in urban areas;
2. Positive vision for our countryside - offering opportunities for people to experience the natural world through projects like Star Count and Hedgerow Heroes;
3. Secure the future of CPRE Avon & Bristol - attract more volunteers, refine and strengthen our volunteering offer, grow membership, fundraise;
4. Build recognition and reputation – run events, strengthen social media, fundraise.

We hope to continue to build on our projects. Phase 1 of the Hedgerow Heroes project draws to a close in March 2023, however plans for phase 2 have been submitted for funding. In 2023, we aim to continue supporting the Hedgerow Heroes volunteers in South Gloucestershire to enhance further hedgerows and to expand the project into Bath and North East Somerset Council, focusing on both

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Local Authority and privately owned hedgerows and we will seek funding for a campaign on rooftop renewables.

We sincerely thank our members for their ongoing support and hope to see them at the 2023 AGM.



Charlee Bennett
Vice Chair

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The following served as Trustees during the year (unless shown otherwise):

Chair: David Worskett (to June 2022)
Christopher Ambrose (Vice Chair)
Charlotte Bennett (Vice Chair)
Dr Miles Thompson
Prof Chris Wilmore
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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

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				2022	2022	2022	2021
					Restricted	Total	
Income							
Subscriptions & Donations							
	Subscriptions			13,723.79		13,723.79	13,371.97
	Donations & Legacies			9,854.21		9,854.21	1,803.14
	Restricted Grants	Hedgerow Heroes			26,218.66	26,218.66	
	Unrestricted Grants			500.00		500.00	
Other Income							
	Training Supplied						100.00
Investment Income							
	Bank Interest			59.94		59.94	30.46
Total Income				24,137.94	26,218.66	50,356.60	15,305.57

Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2021

				2022	2022	2022	2021
Expenditure					Restricted	Total	
Direct Charity							
	Insurance			390.68		390.68	533.70
	Telephone			99.29		99.29	116.59
	Fundraising			1,200.00		1,200.00	
	Travel, Accomodation & Room Hire			301.99		301.99	
Other							
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	Professional			4,248.84		4,248.84	1,342.00
	Subscriptions						180.00
	Restricted Fund Expenditure 2021						18,453.48
	Bank Charges			21.20		21.20	21.30
Total Expenditure				19,486.11	20,113.02	39,599.13	32,172.67
Surplus/Deficit				4,651.83	6,105.64	10,757.47	(16,867.10)
Retained Funds B/fwd						42,434.58	59,301.68
Total Funds						53,192.05	42,434.58
Funded By:							
	Current Accounts					16,274.59	5,567.77
	Deposit Account					36,817.46	36,766.81
	Bristol Pounds					100.00	100.00
						53,192.05	42,434.58

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Vice Chair's Report to Members

As readers will already know, the unprecedented times in which we are living continued throughout 2021 and into 2022, with Covid still very much with us, and a world that feels volatile on all fronts. Your Avon & Bristol branch of CPRE has, despite everything, continued to make good progress. This formal report to the AGM can only summarise the key points.

Governance

Although our late Chair, David Worskett, died in July 2022, we could not begin any Governance report, for 2021 or otherwise, without mentioning him. David's contribution to CPRE Avon & Bristol was immense and our Annual General Meeting on 20th October 2022 will be dedicated to him.

Mention must also be made of the departure in early 2022 of our Director, Sophie Spencer. Sophie, as well providing invaluable and loyal support over the past eight years, has always been a pleasure to work with. and we wish her every success in her future career. We are very grateful to one of our Trustees, Charlee Bennett, for skilfully holding the fort pending the recruitment of a new Director . Our search has been successful, and Kate Jordan, who has wide experience in the charity sector and enthusiasm for countryside issues, is now in post.

Under David's leadership we have welcomed four new **Trustees** to the Board in 2021:

- Catherine Withers: farmer at Yew Tree Farm, the last working farm remaining in a Bristol postcode and passionate campaigner for protecting our green space and making it accessible for everyone
- Charlee Bennett: Chief Executive Officer of the charity Your Park Bristol & Bath
- Professor Christine Wilmore: Emeritus Professor of Sustainability and Law at the University of Bristol, alongside several other eminent positions
- Dr Miles Thompson: Associate Professor in Psychology at the University of the West of England and registered clinical psychologist.

Starry Skies

Starry Skies is CPRE Avon & Bristol's iteration of CPRE's national project to map light pollution, Star Count, which usually takes place over two weeks in February and March. Star-filled skies are one of the most magical sights that nature has to offer, but our research shows that light pollution is leaving fewer stars than ever visible to the naked eye. Asking people to count stars is a fantastic way for a wide range of people to engage with CPRE's work: no telescopes required, can be done by children and adults, and it can be done safely from a garden, balcony or even bedroom window.



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In 2021 we put our learning from the significant Covid restrictions in 2020 to good use for Starry Skies by delivering a significant element of the campaign online. We ran a series of very successful events with much greater reach and exposure for CPRE than we could have achieved with just in-person events.

- 800 people signed up to our free public online events/workshops, and their email addresses were added to our mailing list (adhering to GDPR), increasing it by 86%.
- 12 young people from the Mendips Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Young Rangers Programme took part in an exclusive Starry Skies workshop.
- Social Media: 228K impressions on Twitter; 951 accounts reached in Instagram; 1,115 people reached on Facebook
- Our Director at the time, Sophie Spencer, was interviewed for BBC Breakfast, as part of the wider CPRE Star Count, with an average daily reach of 6.84 million.

Through Starry Skies, we have developed and strengthened partnerships with several important stakeholders, such as the Bristol Natural History Consortium, Bath Astronomers, the Cotswold's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Bath and Surrounds Starlit Skies Alliance and the Royal Astronomical Society, to name but a few. In the summer of 2021 we followed up our extensive online work with some in-person workshops with these partners, including one at the Royal Astronomical Society's National Astronomy Meeting in Bath in July.

Planning

We continue to split CPRE's work into two strands, closely related but different. Proactively building understanding and appreciation of the countryside is one strand and is obviously the key to the future, to address the decline in broader political support for the countryside. This decline is, of course, not new on our list of worries - but one of the very few good things to come out of the pandemic is, as all conservation charities will attest – increasing public recognition of the importance of the countryside and green space in urban areas – and of the fact that many people cannot access it easily.

The second, equally challenging strand, for which CPRE is best known, is planning. Here in Avon and Bristol we have the huge benefit of three incredibly active and knowledgeable CPRE District Groups, covering three of Avon's Unitary Authority areas: South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset, who undertake the bulk of our planning work. They are constantly vigilant for inappropriate development proposals and attempts by others to subvert our complex planning system. Of course, where major planning proposals cut across the District and Unitary Authority boundaries, they are picked up and we give support at the Avon and Bristol level, but there is nothing like local knowledge on many of the issues that come our way.

In 2021, aided by our new Bristol-based Trustees, we started corralling a fourth District Group, to cover the Bristol City Council area. Our District Groups put in many more hours than they should, and we are always keen to hear from people interested in contributing to them.

In a short report it is impossible to do justice to our work on planning, but a few highlights are:

- Ongoing work to challenge the Bristol Airport expansion plans, including the commissioning of a significant economic report, cited as an important source for the overall campaign against expansion
- Extensive stakeholder engagement with, and navigation of the sometimes delicate relationships between, the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and the four Unitary Authorities that comprise the West of England (S. Glos, BANES, N. Somerset and Bristol)
- Contribution to the successful campaign against the building of an anaerobic digester facility in open countryside in Keynsham, BANES



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- The upholding by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) of our complaint, about WECA's refusal to provide us with information we requested on six strategic transport schemes in the region.

This is just a snapshot, intended to illustrate the strength CPRE gains from the two work strands: one proactive, the other protective - nationally and locally.

Political lobbying

Throughout the period we have been active as active as ever in lobbying our local Councillors and MPs, some of whom are of course more receptive than others. Our regional political landscape has continued to be uncertain and shifting. We have done well at joining forces with other like-minded organisations to put important cases across, which has enabled us to continue building strong links and becoming more effective as a result.

National CPRE

Being part of the National CPRE Network is one of our greatest assets. During the period it has again allowed us access to unrivalled expertise and significant project funding, not only for Starry Skies but for marketing communications support in various forms as well. Cooperation with neighbouring local CPRE Charities through the SW Regional Forum has also been a significant benefit. National CPRE is itself still going through a period of major transformation and, therefore, anxieties remain present and patience is still needed while those responsible work through the various stages.

Finances and fundraising

Our financial position is shown on the attached annual accounts. In essence it remains stable (as does membership, though there is a very small decline) but the pandemic, and its continuation in 2021, has made it impossible to achieve the step-change we really need, to allow us to deliver more now and secure the future. Doing this is the top priority as we launch new initiatives over the coming year. We have undoubtedly raised awareness of who we are and what we do, but as with very many organisations, converting awareness, often achieved through social media activity, into revenue, is a big challenge. All the financial support members currently give is hugely appreciated. However, we know that we need to raise more money, be it from new members, project funding from Trusts or revenue-raising events and activities and we will be energetically doing so.

Finally, I cannot close this report without formally thanking all those who work so hard to make CPRE Avon and Bristol the successful small charity that it is. I am hugely grateful to all my fellow Trustees for their guidance and support, and our District Groups - and especially their indefatigable chairs.

I hope very much to see you at our AGM on 20th October 2022.

Chris Ambrose
Vice Chair

CPRE Avon & Bristol
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Statement of Financial Activities to 31s December 2021

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	2021	2021	2020	2020
Income				
Subscriptions & Donations				
Subscriptions	13,371.97		3,404.94	
Donations & Legacies	1,803.14		4,665.35	
Restricted Grants			15,000.00	
Restricted Funding Introduced from CPRE Avonside			4,211.98	
Other Income				
Training Supplied	100.00			
		<u>15,275.11</u>		<u>27,282.27</u>
Investment Income				
Bank Interest	30.46		4.66	
Total Income		<u>15,305.57</u>		<u>27,286.93</u>
Expenditure				
Direct Charity				
Insurance	533.70		533.69	
Telephone	116.59		31.62	
		<u>650.29</u>		<u>565.31</u>
Other				
Office & Administration Expenses	107.51			
Directors Employment	10,547.16		2,721.72	
Postage, Copying & Stationery	870.93		324.56	
Professional	1,342.00		71.00	
Subscriptions	180.00		65.00	
Restricted Fund Expenditure	18,453.48		978.50	
Bank Charges	21.30	31,522.38	7.10	4,167.88
Total Expenditure		<u>32,172.67</u>		<u>4,733.19</u>
Surplus/Deficit		<u>(16,867.10)</u>		<u>22,553.74</u>
Retained Funds B/fwd		<u>59,301.68</u>		<u>36,747.94</u>
Total Funds		<u>42,434.58</u>		<u>59,301.68</u>
Funded By:				
Current Accounts		5,567.77		22,459.01
Deposit Account		36,766.81		36,742.67
Bristol Pounds		100.00		100.00
		<u>42,434.58</u>		<u>59,301.68</u>

Notes to the Accounts

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of CPRE Avon & Bristol

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

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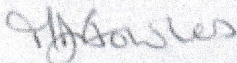
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ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Chairman's Report to Members

To say that the last 18 months have been both unusual and difficult would be stating the obvious. However, your local CPRE charity has despite everything continued to make good progress. This formal report to the AGM can only summarise the key points.

Governance

In May 2020 we completed the process of converting into a Community Interest Organisation (CIO) which is the recommended model for charities such as ours. I am pleased to say that by sticking firmly to the Charity Commission and CPRE models and guidelines we did not need to use lawyers and as a result did not incur any fees or charges. At the same time we changed our banking arrangements so that they are now more 'charity friendly' and allow us to do sensible things such as electronic transfers. Our Hon. Treasurer and Trustee, Kaley Hart, has been tireless in sorting out new arrangements and streamlining our banking and payments systems.

One of the CIO's initial trustees, Gill Rawlings, felt obliged to resign because of other commitments, leaving us one trustee short. In practice we need to strengthen the Trustee Board by two or three people with the right experience so, as I have said in my covering letter, it would be good to hear from anyone interested.

Starry skies

Our biggest initiative over the period has been our 'Starry Skies' project, initially launched with significant financial help from national CPRE. Despite the project being blown off course by the pandemic, we have succeeded in running some very successful on-line events, with considerable engagement from CPRE members and non-members and very successful collaborations with other organisations including the Royal Astronomical Society and the University of Bath. This has been our lead project in terms of our work to try to build better understanding and appreciation of the countryside, especially among people who have relatively little awareness of the issues – or the benefits and sheer joy that the countryside can bring. Although we will move onto another main project for this key strand of our work next year, we have set up 'Starry Skies' so that the work - and investment - is not wasted but can continue to be accessed, not least as part of national CPRE's annual 'Star Count' week.

Planning

The work of the charity really splits into two strands, closely related but different in kind. Building understanding and appreciation of the countryside is one strand and is obviously the key to the future, as without that the broader political and public support for the countryside will continue to decline. The second strand, however, is immediate, and equally challenging. It is of course what CPRE does, day in day out, across the country, on planning. Here in Avon and Bristol we have the huge benefit of three incredibly active and knowledgeable CPRE District Groups. They undertake the bulk of the work we do on planning. They are, in 'Game of Thrones' terms, our 'Watchers on the Wall', constantly vigilant for inappropriate development proposals and attempts by others to 'game' our complex planning system. Of course, where major planning proposals cut across the District and Unitary Authority boundaries, they are picked up and we give support at the Avon and Bristol level, but there is nothing like local knowledge on many of the issues that come our way.



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In a short report it is impossible to do justice to all the work done on planning issues but those that stand out are perhaps our very important contributions to the rejection of plans to expand Bristol Airport, now subject to appeal with the Planning Inspectors; successful efforts to persuade the new WECA Mayor to abandon plans for the ring road through Whitchurch; the opening salvos of what will be a major battle to stop large scale and unnecessary housebuilding in North Somerset; and a crash course in Anaerobic Digesters to try to stop a huge, industrial scale Anaerobic Digester plant well within the Green Belt near Keynsham.

There is so much more one could say, but I come back to the point that the two strands of work complement each other and it is the fact that we do both - one far-sighted and proactive, the other defensive and protective - that gives CPRE great strength nationally and locally.

Political lobbying

Throughout the period we have been active in lobbying our local Councillors and MPs, some of whom are of course more receptive than others. It would I think be true to say that after the last local elections we have found ourselves often much more in agreement with the councils in North Somerset and B&NES, perhaps less so with S. Gloucestershire and uncertain about where Bristol stands on some of our key 'asks'. We have certainly done well at joining forces with other like-minded organisations to put important cases across, and, lead by our Director, Sophie Spencer, we are now building strong links and becoming more effective as a result.

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All the financial support members currently give is hugely appreciated but I hope you will not mind if at various stages we ask for more. However, we are absolutely conscious that we need to go after 'new money' be it from new member project funding from Trusts or revenue raising events and activities and we will be energetically doing so. We have recruited a number of new volunteers, including a volunteer Co-ordinator, to help us take this forward.

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David Worskett
Chair, CPRE Avon and Bristol
September 2021

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		<u>27,282.27</u>
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Bank Interest	4.66	
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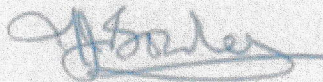
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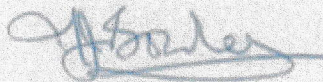
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