

# CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND - DORSET BRANCH

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## Details

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Other names	COUNCIL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF RURAL ENGLAND (DORSET BRANCH), THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND (COUNTY OF DORSET BRANCH), DORSET BRANCH CPRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-10-24
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO IMPROVE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE COUNTRY TOWNS AND VILLGES OF THE COUNTY OF DORSET. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 3 OF CONSTITUTION)

**Activities:** The objects of the Branch shall be seek to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the market towns and rural villages of the County of Dorset.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DORSET
- Dorset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£64,238	£70,188	-	-
2024-08-31	£48,078	£71,092	-	-
2023-08-31	£45,649	£55,319	-	-
2022-08-31	£41,087	£49,502	-	-
2021-08-31	£93,181	£59,790	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jeremy Michael Hughes</b>	Chair	2023-11-19
Alexander Theodore Terence Rottenburg		2024-11-16
Andrew Procter		2025-11-15
Dr Alwyn Guy Dickinson		2025-11-15
Gerald Martin Rigler		2025-11-15
Robert John Bowmer		2022-11-19
Rupert Hardy		2025-11-15
SANDRA DOBNEY BROWN		2024-11-16
SIR CHRISTOPHER CHARLES COTTON COVILLE AIR MARSHAL KCB FRAES FCIPD BA		2025-06-15

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# Accounts

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**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 August 2025**



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## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Mr R J Bowmer Mrs S D Brown (appointed 16/11/24) Dr F Hogwood Mr J Hughes Mr N Matthews Mr A T T Rottenburg (appointed 16/11/24)
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	211974
<b>Principal Office</b>	Fairfield House 2 King's Road Sherborne Dorset DT9 4HU
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Marcus Cridland B.A.(Hons) F.C.A. Scott Vevers Ltd. Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 65 East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3LB
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## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

#### Objectives

The objects of the Branch shall be to seek to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the market towns and rural villages of the County of Dorset. To meet this objective the charity seeks charitable donations and subscriptions from the public. The Charity is regulated by a constitution and is constituted as an un-incorporated association. It was founded in 1937.

#### Our Mission

As part of our Strategy 2023-26, Dorset CPRE is working tirelessly with all our members, the communities, councils and other stakeholders, to ensure effective stewardship of our precious natural assets, for work and for leisure, and will strive to make Dorset a better place for its people and its environment. Our website has become a repository of the work undertaken by the Charity where members and communities can discover what may interest them and the wider implications for Dorset as a whole.

#### Branch Trustees

The following officers of the charity held office at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025:

Mr. Neil Matthews	Chair of Trustees
Mr. Jez Hughes	Vice-Chair of Trustees
Mr. Bob Bowmer	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Peter Bowyer	Retired 16 November 2024
Mrs. Sandra Brown	Appointed 16 November 2024
Dr Frances Hogwood	
Mr. David Holmes	Appointed 16 November 2024 and resigned 5 January 2025
Mr. Mike Madgwick	Retired 16 November 2024
Mr. Peter Neil	Retired 16 November 2024
Mr. Alexander Rottenburg	Appointed 16 November 2024

The Trustees are drawn from interested members who can contribute their knowledge and expertise to carrying out the various activities of the Charity. Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in November. The Chair of Trustees is elected at the first Trustees Meeting, held in November or December, following the AGM. The Trustees are the decision-making body for Dorset CPRE.

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### Trustees' Report

#### Organisation

The Charity is an autonomous branch of the CPRE – Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisational structure has up to seven Trustees dealing with the finances, administration, and our responsibilities to the Charity Commission and National CPRE. In the Countryside Forum, countryside specialists and invited experts focus on specific problems and priorities. We host monthly online Planning Group meetings focusing mainly on the Local Plans, consultations and related planning matters. The popularity of virtual meetings has enabled volunteers to join in National CPRE, CPRE South West, CPRE Assembly, external meetings and webinars without the need to travel. Our local District Groups also host in person and online committee meetings using Zoom where possible.

Dorset CPRE President, Kate Adie, chairs our Branch AGMs and is a great ambassador for our Charity. She was guest speaker at both the Sherborne and District Society and North Dorset Group AGMs and took the opportunity to meet our members and guests.

At the November 2024 AGM new Trustees were elected to office. Alex Rottenburg brings significant expertise in managing business investments which means he has been a useful collaborator for our Hon. Treasurer, Bob Bowmer. Sandra Brown has returned to the Board of Trustees bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and experience of volunteering with various environmental charities. Having been elected, David Holmes subsequently discovered that he was not able to devote sufficient time to the role and resigned in January. We wish him well for the future.

The Secretary, Linda Williams, runs the office and is recruited by the Branch Trustees on a self-employed basis. The Planning Advisor, Heidi Poole, works on a self-employed basis, supporting our local Groups by monitoring planning applications and coordinating our submissions on land-use planning issues including consultations on local plans and related strategies.

#### Grants were provided for the following main projects:

##### Dorset CPRE:

Fingerpost Grants	£1,650.00
Barbara Vance Countryside Prize – Wildlife related projects	£ 249.70
Sponsor Dorset Hedgelaying competition	£ 300.00
The Great Big Dorset Hedge (Dorset CAN project)	£6,000.00
Consultancy work ref Blackberry/Wyke Solar Farm	£ 900.00

##### Sherborne and District Society CPRE

Consultancy work ref Blackberry/Wyke Solar Farm	£ 900.00
David Birley's Christmas Appeal	£ 300.00
Sponsoring new lime trees in front of the Abbey	£ 500.00

**Total** **£10,799.70**

Dorset CPRE will consider giving money to causes as well as campaigns that meet our charitable objectives.

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#### Finances

The branch finances remain healthy. The Charity receives from National CPRE a percentage of the subscription income paid by members who are registered as Dorset members. The investment income is performing relatively well in comparison to 2023/24. It is hoped there will continue to be better returns on our investments over the next two years. The current investment strategy is for a balanced outcome with an emphasis on security and income in future years. Currently any income generated by the Canaccord Genuity portfolio along with Flagstone IM is reinvested within the portfolio.

Tom Stevens is our new Investment Manager at Canaccord Wealth UK (rebranded from Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management) and no change is recorded in the underlying strategy. There is some environmental focus on the investments and growth will come as companies transition to green energy. Annual fixed income return is likely to be 5% over the next 3 years. Trustees will keep this under review as part of an action to explore ideas for increasing income, taking into account the fees charged by the fund manager; however, our prime focus is the pursuit of secure and carefully considered investment.

We closed our deposit with Teachers Building Society in January 2025 and found a better return on cash deposits at CCLA in the COIF Deposit Fund.

The Reserves and Investment policies were discussed at the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Trustees Meeting. The Investment Policy was last updated in March 2024. The Treasurer will recommend investments with investment managers or UK regulated financial institutions, with such recommendations agreed and recorded by the Trustees in committee. It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted reserves, sufficient to cover 2.5 years of the average 5-year budgeted deficit. Dorset CPRE's policy is that the Barclays current account will accommodate these reserves, and the remainder will be invested according to the branch investment policy.

Our North Dorset Group received a donation of £13,800 from the Save Our Silton Group after they closed their bank account. The group was established around 2008 to campaign against a proposal for four giant wind turbines at Silton near Gillingham. The campaign was successful, and the Inspector upheld North Dorset Council's refusal of the application taking full account of the landscape damage that would have resulted had the turbines been built. The donation came with a proviso that that the group can ask for up to £10,000 in the next five years if needed to fight a new application – there are four years remaining. As a result, the £10,000 is listed under Creditors in our accounts.

#### Governance

The Trustees of Dorset CPRE are mindful of their responsibility to regularly review the constitution of the Charity and keep it up to date. Dorset CPRE is updating its 2014 Constitution. The changes are administrative in nature to provide clarity and align with Charity Commission advice on best practice. They were approved at the National CPRE Board Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The Trustees will recommend the adoption of the updated Constitution at the next AGM being held on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The proposed updates reflect important clarifications and improvements to our governance, ensuring the Branch's continued effectiveness and compliance with National CPRE requirements.

The Dorset CPRE Policies are recorded in a single file making it easy to share with new Trustees and anyone who would like to receive a copy. The policies are reviewed annually in February, and no new policies have been added during the year.

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We encourage our volunteers to take up free online training organised and promoted by National CPRE to provide helpful skills and knowledge. This included governance webinars, inductions, planning surgery and webinars on planning matters. National CPRE also hosts online networking groups, campaign groups meetings and topic forums.

#### **Review of Activities and Future Development**

The statement of financial activities for the year and the balance sheet are set out on the attached pages.

#### **Our Strategy 2023-26 for Dorset's Towns, Villages and Countryside**

The Trustees and Countryside Forum members review the Strategy annually as part of a health check and desire for it to be a living document. The Trustees are looking to refresh the Mission and Strategy for 2026, National CPRE's Centenary year.

The Strategy guides the Branch as we address issues including planning, landscape, rural economy and farming, campaigns and projects, membership, organisation, influencing Opinion Leaders and Dorset Decision Makers, and climate change and nature emergency.

#### **Planning**

We continue to host monthly online Planning Group Meetings to discuss the Local Plans and consultations. Members have joined in to contribute, ask questions, observe and receive regular planning news updates. This has enabled more volunteers to come forward and make a valuable contribution. This has been another busy year, with Dorset CPRE responding to local and national consultations including:

##### Consultation on Brownfield Passports: Making the Most of Urban Land – December 2024

Ensuring that local housing need is met firstly through the re-development of previously developed sites is a subject close to our heart. We therefore welcome and support the Government's ambition that development must look to Brownfield first and the proposals set out in this working paper. In our opinion the introduction of Brownfield Passports will make a significant contribution to bringing forward development on Previously Developed Land/Brownfield Sites.

To be most successful it is essential that these are "put together" with inputs from local stakeholders including the local community. We do not support a presumption in favour of brownfield land if it results in building in isolated, unsustainable locations in the countryside. We believe that any Brownfield Passports should therefore be kept strictly under the control of the Local Planning Authority in accordance with the Local Plan.

##### Written Statement in response to the Examination of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Local Plan - December 2024

On 17th December, our Poole and Purbeck Group submitted a detailed Written Statement on behalf of Dorset CPRE focusing on Matter 2, Question 26, which asked, "Are there any 'exceptional circumstances' that justify an alternative approach to the standard method in assessing housing need, as per paragraph 61 of the framework? Is a constraints-based approach justified in this case?".

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Gerald Rigler, Chair of Poole and Purbeck CPRE, and Heidi Poole, Dorset CPRE Planning Advisor, represented Dorset CPRE at the BCP Local Plan Examination Hearing on 22nd and 23rd January 2025. BCP Council argued in defence of adopting an alternative approach to the standard method for assessing local housing need and that the December 2023 version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) did not require them to release land from the Green Belt - preferring a strategy of urban containment.

Following the hearing the Inspectors wrote to BCP Council. They concluded that BCP Council had failed to meet the Duty to Co-operate, engage constructively, actively, and on an ongoing basis with Dorset Council and New Forest District Council (NFDC) regarding unmet housing needs. The Inspectors were not persuaded that there are exceptional circumstances that justify an alternative approach to assessing housing need. The Inspectors recommended that BCP withdraw their local plan from examination, and BCP agreed to the withdrawal in June 2025.

#### Land Use Framework for England - April 2025

At the end of January 2025, the Government released a consultation on a Land Use Framework (LUF) for England. CPRE has been calling for a LUF for some time. A Framework is much needed in order to make joined up land use decisions, as we do not have enough land to fulfil all the functions that we require from it for example food production, environmental commitments, energy, natural habitats, housing and more.

If done well, the new framework could help us build new homes and infrastructure in the most suitable and strategic locations, support nature's recovery, and tackle the climate crisis. Land is critical to economic growth, but our finite land should not needlessly be taken for development in the name of growth. We discussed the LUF at our March and April Planning Group Meetings and submitted a response before the 25th April deadline.

#### Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation - July 2025

Dorset CPRE welcomed the opportunity to submit our comments on the draft Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy (DLNRS) and appreciated the hard work that had gone into its preparation. The draft Strategy provides a 10-year framework to enable everyone to work together to achieve a shared vision for nature recovery across Dorset. As mentioned in the introduction to the DLNRS, as a Nation we are committed to protect and conserve a minimum of 30% of land and sea for biodiversity by 2030 (30by30), as agreed at COP 15 and set out in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

To be successful the DLNRS needs to provide a clear roadmap setting out how Nature Recovery on the scale required will be achieved. In our opinion the draft strategy is largely a visioning document and lacks a description of how the 30by30 targets will be achieved. Key elements that we would like to see clearly communicated in the DLNRS include:

- A clearly established baseline of the current state of biodiversity in the county against which improvements can be measured. This could take the form of an updated version of the Dorset Local Nature Partnership's Natural Value Report 2022.
- Clearly defined targets, explaining the changes required for 30by30 to be achieved in Dorset.
- Real plans, policies and funding and a timetable outlining targets and monitoring progress.

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#### Response to Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation on Site Options

In August 2025, Dorset Council launched a consultation on the Local Plan which will underpin future housing and development for 17 years from 2026 to 2043. Dorset Council (DC) and its Ward Councillors called on residents, town and parish councils and local societies to “have your say” by responding to the consultation which closed on the 31st October. We wrote on 10th September to Parish and Town Council on our mailing list inviting them to our Planning Group Meeting and some joined in our weekly discussions to highlight local issues.

Dorset CPRE welcomes the opportunity to respond to this important consultation and looks forward to continuing to work constructively as a key stakeholder concerned with protecting and enhancing the Dorset countryside and helping our communities to thrive.

While Dorset Council’s Vision and Strategic Priorities must sit within the framework of national planning policy, Dorset CPRE believes it is essential that the Local Plan be realistic, deliverable and sound. Dorset needs a Local Plan that identifies appropriate locations for new housing and employment while reflecting the county’s unique environmental, landscape, and infrastructure constraints. Such a plan must meet the genuine, evidenced housing needs of Dorset’s communities - not arbitrary central targets - while protecting the rural character, natural beauty, and biodiversity that define the county.

Dorset CPRE commissioned expert local planning consultant, Jo Witherden, to review some of the Council's proposed development sites. Her report forms part of a suite of inputs to Dorset Council. It is complemented by and should be read alongside the responses, drawing on local knowledge and experience, submitted by Dorset CPRE members and local Groups, as well as those by local councils, communities and individuals.

#### Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

The Joint Dorset Council and BCP Council LTP consultation was also released in August 2025. Since the last Local Transport Plan (LTP3) was produced in 2011 a lot has changed. Dorset CPRE supports the vision of a cleaner, safer, and more inclusive transport system but urges Dorset Council to move from aspiration to delivery and accountability. The LTP must commit to firm requirements, measurable targets, and real investment in public, community and active transport options.

We notified all those on our e-newsletter list about these consultations and included a summary of our views. Our responses to consultations are posted in the Resources webpage on the Dorset CPRE website. A big thank you to all our hard-working volunteers for contributing their input to the Dorset CPRE responses

#### **Landscape**

Dorset has a distinctive rural character that we need to nurture for future generations to allow everyone to enjoy the countryside for its health and wellbeing benefits. We wish to see planning and development which deliver the right houses in the right places, through Local Plans which are appropriate to their areas and communities.

Dorset CPRE maintains that excessive local housing targets are wrong, since they lead to planners being compelled to allocate sites for market housing on precious Green Belt land. We know that our communities need some development to support economic and community growth. This includes both market and truly affordable homes. But these need to be homes that reflect genuine local need not an arbitrary central government target. Dorset Council has been set an undeliverable target of

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3246 houses per year or 55,000 over the 17 year term of the plan. This is nearly twice the previous target and almost three times Dorset's average rate of house building of around 1,300 houses per year.

Developers will simply not build what they cannot profitably sell. Any Local Plan based on unachievable housing numbers would soon fail the government's housing delivery test and result in a planning free-for-all under the so-called presumption in favour of sustainable development. This would allow developers to cherry pick sites throughout Dorset and severely weaken the Council's ability to control development.

We continue to promote the Great Big Dorset Hedge (GBDH) survey - a Dorset Climate Action Network (CAN) campaign to map, plant and rejuvenate sections of hedgerows across Dorset. Currently, there are 92 farmers participating in the project. CPRE volunteers help with hedgerow surveys as part of the GBDH initiative and meet the landowner where possible. We are delighted that John Calder, GBDH Manager, is our guest speaker for our 88th AGM on 15th November.

In April 2025, Dorset CPRE agreed another £6,000 funding request for the GBDH project to sustain the momentum as they manage further growth and in recognition of the ambition and potential of the project.

#### **Climate Change and Nature Emergency**

Dorset CPRE fully support net zero. We have been actively promoting solar rooftop energy for some years to fight climate change. In June, the Government announced that from 2027 solar panels will be required on all new-build homes in England.

Large scale solar and on-shore wind farms would cause huge damage to Dorset's internationally and nationally important landscape, not only harming the environment but also impacting on the important tourism economy. We support policies that encourage micro-generation of renewable energy through the placement of solar panels on roof tops and community energy schemes.

Some solar farms cause harm to protected landscapes, such as National Landscapes (formerly Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty), heritage assets such as historic churches, and are being built on the best agricultural land which is inappropriate at a time of rising food prices. However, we are well aware that more solar farms will be needed to combat net zero and we particularly support small community funded ones, such as the Dottery Solar Array near Bridport. Please also see the separate update on our 2025 Planning Conference: 'Net Zero Homes. Can Dorset do it?'

We welcome (subject to further information) the proposed Dorset Clean Energy Super Cluster that includes deployment of Small Modular Reactors at Dorset Innovation Park and offshore wind turbines in the English Channel outside Lyme Bay.

#### **State of Nature**

As the "Dorset – State of Nature" reports have shown, habitats and biodiversity in Dorset have suffered serious decline for several decades, and this decline continues. We support efforts, for example through the Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy (see above) to address and reverse this decline.

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### Trustees' Report

At our 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 AGM, Roger Morgan-Grenville, Curlew Action Chair, gave an excellent talk on nature education, including sobering data on how much young people know about nature. He spoke about the work of Curlew Action and his feelings about the state of nature and nature literacy in Britain following four years when he has walked a total of 10,000 miles around all corners of the country researching and writing about local activism.

Roger read a 1968 quote from Senegalese environmentalist, Baba Dioum, "In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught." Protecting and enhancing nature does not cost too much money and is good value. We need to reconnect with nature, protect what we have now and enable nature to recover.

### Campaigns and Projects

Please see separate updates on planning, Local Plans and hedgerows. Examples of significant planning applications we have campaigned against include:

#### Wyke Farm/Blackberry Solar Farm

In late 2024, RWE (a specialist solar farm developer) announced they propose to construct ground mounted solar arrays, battery storage and associated infrastructure on an area of land amounting to about 250 acres on a total site of 400 acres. The site is within the Parishes of mainly Castleton, but also Bradford Abbas, Nether Compton, Yeovil and Over Compton. Yeovil is included as the grid connection is intended to run down the A30 into Yeovil. Thornford Parish is also materially affected and residents hold strong views on the proposed solar farm due to its detrimental effect on the landscape.

Our local group, the Sherborne and District Society strongly support the action group, Wyke Against Solar on Arable Land (WASA) in their fight against this proposal. In December 2024, the Trustees approved £3,000 of funding and the Society raised £13,900 following an appeal for donations in February to support the action group. This recognises the importance we attach to the need to object to this proposal.

Dorset CPRE contributed £900 towards the costs of a consultancy report. WASA are awaiting the requested Environmental Impact Statement which must precede a planning proposal.

#### Portland Waste Incinerator

The Stop Portland Waste Incinerator Action Group and supporters attended the Court of Appeal hearing on 7th October 2025, at The Royal Courts of Justice, in their final bid to overturn the Government's decision to grant planning permission for a waste incinerator to be located at Portland Port - in the immediate setting of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site and in the setting of the Dorset National Landscape. The judges' decision will be known at some point within the next six months. Dorset CPRE Trustees agreed £1k of funding, bringing our overall financial contribution to the campaign to £4,500 since 2021.

Dorset Council had refused the plan in March 2023, voicing concerns over its visual impact, pollution and lorries. However, in 2024 the government approved the proposal. Dorset Council decided not to challenge the decision, leaving local campaigners to sustain opposition to the proposed development.

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#### Solar Farm Hearing for North Farm (near Horton Tower)

Rupert Hardy (Chair North Dorset CPRE) and local members spoke at the Solar Farm Hearing for North Farm (near Horton Tower) application P/FUL/2023/02829. We objected to two greenfield solar farm sites in Horton in August 2023 (*both now approved*) and contributed funding for a Landscape Objection Statements. We are disappointed that the proposal was approved 6-1, the local Dorset Councillor, the local Parish Council and 74 objections had no bearing on the Councillors present. Seven Dorset councillors attended, with only one councillor voting against the application and there were five abstentions. Our Group was very disappointed at the number of councillors who failed to attend.

#### Grants and Sponsorship

Dorset CPRE is one of the sponsors of the annual Dorset Hedge Laying Competition held in September and organised by the Melplash Agricultural Society who are committed to keeping the traditional skill of hedge laying alive. We attended the 2025 event and continued with support during the 2024/5 financial year. Some of the prize winners are featured in an article for our Autumn 2025 magazine.

We continue to offer grants of up to £200 per request for Fingerpost repairs and this is advertised in the Dorset National Landscape Fingerpost Project webpage. As of August 2025, we have spent £22,837.50 on grants for 164 fingerposts, since the scheme was launched in 2017. Our February press release on the grant scheme was well received, and two volunteers came forward to offer their skills as Fingerpost Champions. Roger Bond, who co-ordinates the Dorset National Landscape Fingerpost restoration project, undertook interviews and his workshop was featured on ITV Meridian on Sunday 23rd March. The programme included a visit to a newly restored fingerpost in Lytchett Matravers which Dorset CPRE provided funding for.

In 2020, Dorset CPRE received a very generous legacy from Barbara Vance and explored specific projects that her legacy might in future be associated with. Following visits to primary schools, in Spring 2024, Trustees agreed to set aside £2,500 for a 'Barbara Vance Countryside Prize', enough to fund a minimum of 10 schools to receive up to £250, for wildlife related projects with evidence of outdoor learning and introducing children to the countryside/rural life. So far three projects have been completed. This year we paid a grant to The Prince of Wales School. Mr. Gary Sparcklen, Headteacher, wrote an article on 'Growing Minds: Life in Our Vegetable Plot and Wildlife Area' for our Spring 2025 magazine. A grant has been approved for another primary school in Dorset.

The Sherborne and District Society sponsor the Gryphon School Geography Award, which is presented at the school's annual prize giving ceremony in September.

#### Rural Economy and Farming

Our commitment to the local economy is not just about securing appropriate, and opposing inappropriate, development. It is also to give our support to local farmers. In September George Hosford, from Traveller's Rest Farm near Durweston, addressed our Countryside Forum. We are delighted to have George as our new Agricultural Advisor. Our farmers need all the support they can get as they seek to stay in business, not least when the Government subsidy system is uncertain. It was good to hear that Traveller's Rest has joined in the Great Dorset Hedge Project which Dorset CPRE is proud to sponsor.

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This year we arranged two farm visits for our members. The first was to Coppet Hill/Purcombe Farm located in Whitchurch Canonicorum, Bridport, for a talk and tour looking at Regenerative Agriculture. The second was to Eastbrook Farm, a Dorset Council Country Farm in Shillingstone. In addition to being organic, Eastbrook farm is also in the mid Stour catchment area and subscribes to both the Countryside Stewardship scheme and the Sustainable Farming Incentive. The farm has invested in a variety of complimenting environmental schemes which have seen a growth in wildlife diversity in the last decade.

#### Influencing

##### Local Plans

As mentioned earlier, the BCP Council Local Plan was withdrawn in June this year and we recently responded to the Dorset Council (DC) Local Plan Consultation on Site Options.

In conclusion, Dorset CPRE urges both Councils to develop a Local Plan that reflects what Dorset can sustainably deliver, not what national targets demand. The Local Plan must be sound, evidence-based, and faithful to Dorset's landscape and community character. We remain ready to work constructively with the Council and its officers to help achieve that outcome.

Currently planning applications are being assessed against adopted Local Plans for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, Purbeck, North Dorset, East Dorset and Christchurch.

Dorset CPRE will continue to seek to influence the thinking of DC and BCP Council on their Local Plans and will monitor and respond to consultations on Local Plans and on proposed developments.

##### Dorset Wildlife Trust

Last year, the Trustees decided we should reach out to Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT). As two Dorset-wide voluntary organisations with nature at their heart, we have many similar aims, and where these overlap, there may be opportunities to collaborate.

On 14th March, representatives of our Branch visited Lyscombe, DWT's newest large-scale acquisition. The purchase of Lyscombe was made possible through funding from Natural England's National Nature Reserves programme, and planned Nutrient Mitigation Credit Scheme, alongside generous donations from DWT members and supporters.

Members of Dorset CPRE had raised some concerns about the implications for the wider landscape as the Credit Scheme allows developers to purchase such credits to offset the nitrogenous waste from new houses built in the Poole Harbour catchment. In a thorough discussion of the issues, we were reassured that purchasing nutrient credits did not in itself guarantee that any particular site would be developed: all existing checks and balances would need to be satisfied. On the other hand, the gains for wildlife from Lyscombe's restorative farming model would be considerable.

##### 2025 Planning Conference: 'Net Zero Homes. Can Dorset do it?'

In June, our planning conference looked at how Dorset can rise to the challenge of ensuring that all new homes achieve Net Zero. The event brought together industry experts, policy makers, developers and academics to discuss the latest innovations and challenges in zero carbon sustainable housing. The goal of achieving Net Zero homes is vital. Buildings account for 39 per cent of energy-related carbon emissions, which come from their construction, operation and maintenance – they are a major driver of global warming and climate change.

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One of the presenters, Sam Goss, Founding Director of Barefoot Architects, shared the story of Bridport Cohousing, now named Hazelmead – a pioneering low-carbon development of 53 Net Zero affordable homes built on land crowdfunded by members. Developed to address the severe shortage of affordable, sustainable and community oriented housing in Bridport, the project was designed to foster sociability and help reduce loneliness.

All present agreed on the urgency of the challenge, echoing Sir David Attenborough's words: "What we do in the next ten years will profoundly affect the next few thousand." Copies of the presentations and a link to the recordings can be found on the Dorset CPRE website.

#### Meeting with CPRE South West Branches

In August, Dorset CPRE organised a Zoom meeting with local CPRE representatives from Hampshire, Devon, Wiltshire, Somerset, Avon and North East Somerset and Gloucestershire to discuss the planning issues, and the impact of the Government's new housing targets. Councils in Somerset, Gloucestershire, Devon and Hampshire are all at different stages in the process of undergoing re-organisation. CPRE Somerset reported planning problems following the council announcing a 12 week shutdown from 25th July 2025.

Devon and Hampshire CPREs reported that New Towns are planned for their counties. All the Counties are suffering from the Government's new housing targets and where local plans are out of date, they are seeing applications for development being granted consent on appeal.

There was a consensus that the Government's housing policy poses a great threat to the countryside and National CPRE have been made aware of the strength of feeling that this needs to be campaigned against. A further meeting is envisaged.

#### Other related activities

Members continue to be kept informed of our work through the well-received bi-annual magazine 'The Dorset Review' (a 24 page publication with illustrated articles on our various campaigns and on Dorset history and the countryside), social media, e-newsletters, events, website updates, monthly article in Blackmore Vale magazine, and press releases. We continue to send monthly e-newsletters to our members, Parish and Town Councils, Dorset Councillors, like minded organisations and those who sign up to receive our e-newsletter.

#### **Membership**

Total membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 is 588, a 3% decrease on last year's membership which was 609. The total is based on the number of Households, Organisations and Parish/Town Council who pay a monthly or annual subscription.

Fifteen Dorset CPRE volunteers manned our stand at various times over two days at the annual Stock Gaylard Oak Fair during the August Bank Holiday weekend. Our presence was productive in engaging with visitors, recruiting new members and collecting e-mail addresses to expand our contact with the general public. We provided displays on Renewable Energy and Housing. The Dorset Council Local Plan, mentioned earlier, was the big discussion item.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

Thank you to all our members. We extend our heartfelt thanks to members who have supported us through their volunteering efforts during this year, we are very grateful. We're all volunteers doing our bit. We hope that the inspiring work carried out by our local Groups and volunteers will encourage more to join us. If not already a member, please do join us. Add your voice for appropriate, sustainable economic development for Dorset that protects our amazing countryside.

We are very conscious that we do not currently have an active local Group covering Bournemouth, Christchurch and East Dorset. During the year we made some new contacts at Bournemouth University and look forward to building on these in the year ahead.

We welcome new members, new trustees and more volunteers who can bring enthusiasm and new energy and help us to find positive solutions for the issues and threats facing our beautiful Dorset countryside and our communities. Working together for a better Dorset is our aim and we would like to thank all of you for making Dorset CPRE effective and influential.

During the year, we said goodbye to three past active volunteers, Peter Bowyer (former Chair), Dick Heaslip (former Chair and Vice-President) and Michael Fulford-Dobson (former President). Their obituaries can be found in the Autumn issue of our magazine 'The Dorset Review'.

We are looking forward to a landmark year ahead with CPRE's National Centenary in 2026. Our centenary will mark 100 years of championing the English countryside, from National Parks and the Green Belt to dark skies and local planning. Hopefully it will provide an opportunity, not only to commemorate the last 100 years of protecting the countryside, but also to engage the public and create a stronger future for CPRE. We will be organising our own centenary celebration event with details to be confirmed in early spring 2026.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr J Hughes  
Vice Chair of Trustees



## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 15 to 25.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Charities Act 2011 ('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 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

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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Marcus Cridland B.A.(Hons) F.C.A.  
Scott Vevers Ltd.  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
65 East Street  
Bridport  
Dorset  
DT6 3LB

Date: 26/11/25.....

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	39,275	39,275	21,551
Activities for generating funds	3	255	255	2,363
Investment income	4	24,708	24,708	24,164
Total Income		<u>64,238</u>	<u>64,238</u>	<u>48,078</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	5	(57,740)	(57,740)	(58,239)
Charitable activities	5	(12,448)	(12,448)	(12,853)
Total expenditure		<u>(70,188)</u>	<u>(70,188)</u>	<u>(71,092)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>12,337</u>	<u>12,337</u>	<u>34,843</u>
Net movement in funds		6,387	6,387	11,829
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		760,642	760,642	748,813
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>767,029</u>	<u>767,029</u>	<u>760,642</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 14.

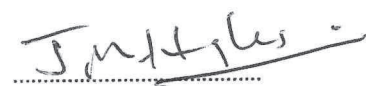
The notes on pages 17 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**(Registration number: 211974)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	35	71
Investments	9	<u>605,086</u>	<u>538,124</u>
		<u>605,121</u>	<u>538,195</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	206	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>189,610</u>	<u>224,360</u>
		189,816	224,360
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(17,908)</u>	<u>(1,913)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>171,908</u>	<u>222,447</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>777,029</u>	<u>760,642</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12	<u>(10,000)</u>	-
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>767,029</u>	<u>760,642</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted		<u>767,029</u>	<u>760,642</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	13	<u>767,029</u>	<u>760,642</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 25 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 15.11.25 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr J Hughes  
Vice Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

##### Basis of preparation

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of the staff costs.

##### Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

##### Support costs

Support cost include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

#### Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets for charity use are capitalised at cost. They are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line basis

#### Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

#### Financial instruments

##### Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

#### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### ***Investments***

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

#### ***Fair value measurement***

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025**

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	17,894	17,894	199
Legacies	-	-	-
Subscriptions	21,381	21,381	21,352
	<u>39,275</u>	<u>39,275</u>	<u>21,551</u>

**3 Income from activities for generating funds**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Events income;			
Fund raising activities	255	255	2,363
	<u>255</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>2,363</u>

**4 Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from fixed asset investments	18,696	18,696	16,079
Bank interest	6,012	6,012	8,085
	<u>24,708</u>	<u>24,708</u>	<u>24,164</u>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

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**5 Total resources expended**

	Charitable activities £	Costs of generating funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Subcontract cost	-	41,080	41,080	41,308
Travelling	-	287	287	380
Insurance	-	465	465	451
Telephone and fax	-	209	209	201
Room hire	-	415	415	435
Printing, postage and stationery	-	3,395	3,395	3,470
Advertising	-	374	374	190
Branch news letter	-	3,980	3,980	4,004
Other expenses	-	513	513	404
Accountancy fees	-	2,056	2,056	1,895
Management charges	-	4,485	4,485	4,420
Bank charges	-	126	126	169
Depreciation	-	36	36	36
Professional fees and subscriptions	-	-	-	495
Computer software	-	319	319	381
Shows and functions	708	-	708	1,940
Campaigns	11,740	-	11,740	10,913
	<u>12,448</u>	<u>57,740</u>	<u>70,188</u>	<u>71,092</u>

Included in the above figure, £57,740 (2024: £58,239) relates to support costs, and £12,448 (2024: £12,853) relates to direct costs.

Accountancy fees are wholly in respect of an independent examination.

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

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**6 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

**Mr R J Bowmer**

£nil (2024: £40) of expenses were reimbursed to Mr R J Bowmer during the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other reimbursed expenses or other benefits from the charity during the year.

**7 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**8 Tangible fixed assets**

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
As at 1 September 2024	2,168	2,168
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
As at 31 August 2025	<u>2,168</u>	<u>2,168</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
As at 1 September 2024	2,097	2,097
Charge for the year	36	36
Eliminated on disposals	-	-
As at 31 August 2025	<u>2,133</u>	<u>2,133</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
As at 31 August 2025	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
As at 31 August 2024	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**9 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other investments	605,086	538,124
	<u>605,086</u>	<u>538,124</u>

**Other investments**

	<b>Listed investments</b>	<b>Unlisted investments</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
As at 1 September 2024	246,067	292,057	538,124
Revaluation	15,643	(3,306)	12,337
Additions	114,991	-	114,991
Disposals	(60,366)	-	(60,366)
As at 31 August 2025	<u>316,335</u>	<u>288,751</u>	<u>605,086</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
As at 31 August 2025	<u>316,335</u>	<u>288,751</u>	<u>605,086</u>
As at 31 August 2024	<u>246,067</u>	<u>292,057</u>	<u>538,124</u>

**10 Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments	206	-
	<u>206</u>	<u>-</u>

**11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	15,025	610
Accruals	2,883	1,303
	<u>17,908</u>	<u>1,913</u>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

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**12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	10,000	-
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year, the North Dorset Group received a donation of £13,800 (2024 - £nil) from the Save Our Silton Group following the closure of their bank account. The Save Our Silton Group had originally been established to campaign against the proposal of wind turbines at Silton, near Gillingham and their campaign was successful. The donation was made on the understanding that, should the Save Our Silton Group need to be re-formed to oppose a new application within the next five years, £10,000 of the funds would be returned to them. This five year period will conclude on 25 November 2029.

**13 Funds**

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	(614,398)	(64,238)	70,188	-	(608,448)
Designated	(62,047)	-	-	-	(62,047)
Revaluation reserve	(84,197)	-	-	(12,337)	(96,534)
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>(760,642)</u>	<u>(64,238)</u>	<u>70,188</u>	<u>(12,337)</u>	<u>(767,029)</u>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**14 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2025 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	35	35
Fixed asset investments	605,086	605,086
Current assets	189,816	189,816
Current liabilities	(17,908)	(17,908)
Long term liabilities	(10,000)	(10,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>767,029</b>	<b>767,029</b>

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2024 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	71	71
Fixed asset investments	538,124	538,124
Current assets	224,360	224,360
Current liabilities	(1,913)	(1,913)
Long term liabilities	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>760,642</b>	<b>760,642</b>

**15 Financial instruments**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Categorisation of financial instruments:		
Financial assets that are debt instrument measured at amortised cost	<u>189,816</u>	<u>224,360</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>(27,908)</u>	<u>(1,913)</u>

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND - DORSET BRANCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 211974

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 211974

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

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## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Mr R J Bowmer Mr P Bowyer Dr F Hogwood Mr J Hughes (appointed 18/11/23) Mr M D Madgwick Mr N Matthews Mr P Neil
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	211974
<b>Principal Office</b>	Fairfield House 2 King's Road Sherborne Dorset DT9 4HU
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Marcus Cridland B.A.(Hons) F.C.A. Scott Vevers Ltd. Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 65 East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3LB
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 10 South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1BT

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### Objectives

The objects of the Branch shall be to seek to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the market towns and rural villages of the County of Dorset. To meet this objective the charity seeks charitable donations and subscriptions from the public. The Charity is regulated by a constitution and is constituted as an un-incorporated association. It was founded in 1937.

#### Our Mission

As part of our Strategy 2023-26, Dorset CPRE is working tirelessly with all our members, the communities, councils and other stakeholders, to ensure effective stewardship of our precious natural assets, for work and for leisure, and will strive to make Dorset a better place for its people and its environment. Our website has become a repository of the work undertaken by the Charity where members and communities can discover what may interest them and the wider implications for Dorset as a whole.

#### Branch Trustees

The following officers of the charity held office at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024:

Mr. Neil Matthews	Chair of Trustees
Mr. Jez Hughes	Vice-Chair of Trustees Appointed 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Mr. Bob Bowmer	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Peter Bowyer	
Dr Frances Hogwood	
Mr. Mike Madgwick	
Mr. Peter Neil	

The Trustees are drawn from interested members who can contribute their knowledge and expertise to carrying out the various activities of the Charity. Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in November. We have Trustees covering all our Group areas in Dorset. The Chair of Trustees is elected at the first Trustees Meeting, held in December, following the AGM. The Trustees are the decision-making body for Dorset CPRE.

#### Organisation

The Charity is an autonomous branch of the CPRE – Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisational structure has up to seven Trustees dealing with the finances, administration, and our responsibilities to the Charity Commission and National CPRE. In the Countryside Forum, countryside specialists and invited experts focus on specific problems and priorities. We host monthly online Planning Group meetings focusing mainly on the Local Plans, consultations and related planning matters. The popularity of virtual meetings has enabled volunteers to join in National CPRE, CPRE South West, CPRE Assembly, external meetings and training courses without the need to travel. Our local District Groups also host in person and online committee meetings using Zoom where possible.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

Kate Adie was announced as our new President at our 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 AGM. Since then, Kate has spoken at events and is a great ambassador for our charity. We thanked Edward Fox for being President of Dorset CPRE for the past 10 years and Guy Dickinson for his role as Trustee over the past seven years, having stayed on an extra year, and remaining active as Chair of the West Dorset Group.

The Secretary, Linda Williams, runs the office and is recruited by the Branch Trustees on a self-employed basis. The Planning Advisor, Heidi Poole, works on a self-employed basis, supporting our local District Groups by monitoring planning applications and coordinating our submissions on land-use planning issues including consultations on local plans and related strategies.

#### Grants were provided for the following main projects:

##### Dorset CPRE:

Fingerpost Grants	£3,350.00
Barbara Vance Countryside Prize – Wildlife related projects	£ 486.55
Sponsor Dorset Hedgelaying competition	£ 250.00
The Great Big Dorset Hedge (Dorset CAN project)	£6,000.00
Pimperne PC – 1/3 of SoS Call-in appeal costs	£1,040.25

##### North Dorset CPRE

Barbara Vance Countryside Prize – School Award's Scheme	£ 130.00
Part funding appeal against Wyatt Homes planning application at Blandford/Pimperne	£ 666.00

##### Sherborne and District Society CPRE

Sherborne Primary School Christmas Appeal	£ 300.00
Charlton Horethorne Planning Application consultancy fee	£ 780.00
Garden Vouchers presented to local resident for gardening work in The Wilderness	£ 100.00

**Total** **£13,102.80**

Dorset CPRE will consider giving money to causes as well as campaigns that meet our charitable objectives.

#### Finances

The branch finances remain healthy. The Charity receives from National CPRE a percentage of the subscription income paid by members who are registered as Dorset members. The investment income is performing relatively well in comparison to 2022/23. It is hoped there will continue to be better returns on our investments over the next two years. The current investment strategy is for a balanced outcome with an emphasis on income in future years. Currently any income generated by the Canaccord Genuity portfolio is reinvested within the portfolio.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

James Knowles, Investment Director and Head of Fixed Interest at Canaccord Genuity Wealth, met with Trustees on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024. He continues as our adviser regarding this investment and there has been no change to the current underlying strategy namely to continue with a balanced portfolio managed for future income and growth. There is an environmental focus on the investments and growth will come as companies transition to green energy. Annual fixed income return is likely to be 5% over the next 3 years. Trustees will keep this under review as part of an action to explore ideas for increasing income taking into account the fees charged by the fund manager.

The Reserves and Investment policies were discussed at the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 Trustees Meeting. The Investment Policy was updated in March 2024 to reduce the total for unvested funds and delete the reference to using investment professionals to advise on our investments. The Treasurer will recommend investments with investment managers or UK regulated financial institutions, with such recommendations agreed and recorded by the Trustees in committee. It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted reserves, sufficient to cover 2.5 years of the average 5-year budgeted deficit. Dorset CPRE's policy is that the Barclays current account will accommodate these reserves, and the remainder will be invested according to the branch investment policy.

#### **Governance**

The current Constitution, last updated in 2014, is being reviewed with the aim to increase the number of Trustees, include the role of Vice-Presidents which is missing from the current version, and update the list of Committees and Groups.

The Dorset CPRE Policies are recorded in a single file making it easy to share with new Trustees and anyone who would like to receive a copy. A table has been added to record the addition of new policies, amendments and updates. The policies are reviewed annually in February.

We encourage our volunteers to take up free online training organised and promoted by National CPRE to provide helpful skills and knowledge. This included governance webinars, inductions, best practice for website content, media training, creating video content for social media, and how to influence planning decisions. National CPRE also hosts online networking groups, campaign groups meetings and topic forums.

#### **Review of Activities and Future Development**

The statement of financial activities for the year and the balance sheet are set out on the attached pages.

#### **Our Strategy 2023-26 for Dorset's Towns, Villages and Countryside**

The Trustees and Countryside Forum members review the Strategy annually in September as part of a health check and desire for it to be a living document.

The Strategy guides the Branch as we address issues including planning, landscape, rural economy and farming, campaigns and projects, membership, organisation, influencing Opinion Leaders and Dorset Decision Makers, and climate change and nature emergency.

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#### Planning

We continue to host monthly online Planning Group Meetings to discuss the Local Plans and consultations. Members have joined in to contribute, ask questions, observe and receive regular planning news updates. This is enabling more volunteers to come forward and make a valuable contribution. This has been another busy year, we responding to local and national consultations including:

#### Draft revisions to the planning system

On 30th July, the new government launched a consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) aimed at delivering economic growth and 1.5 million new homes by the end of their tenure. The draft revisions to the NPPF include a mix of proposals that either accept or reverse changes made to the December 2023 version of the framework and then introduce new policies.

We submitted a response to the open consultation and also contributed to the National CPRE One CPRE response.

From renewables to housing, the new government is pushing for change, and the NPPF is at the heart of it. While we support more housing and clean energy to tackle the climate emergency, the detail is important.

#### **Our response addresses key issues, including:**

- We want an assessment of local housing need which is realistically based on demographic data and on communities' aspirations and needs, for example for affordable homes.
- We want draft Local Plans which are based on such realistic assessments. We do not want the hugely excessive housing targets for Dorset Council and BCP areas proposed by the government and based on a flawed, misguided affordability-based Standard Method.
- The need for a mix of genuinely affordable housing tenures, including social rent housing.
- Strong protections to be maintained for the Green Belt for people and nature and to rethink the proposed reclassification of areas of Green Belt as 'grey belt'.
- The brownfield first approach to development needs to be strengthened to ensure that previously developed land is not passed over in favour of more easily developed greenfield sites.

#### BCP Council consulted on the draft BCP Local Plan which closed on 3rd May

Our Planning Group worked hard on drafting the response to the Regulation 19 consultation. This consultation is on the version of the plan that BCP Council submitted to the Secretary of State, for examination, at the end of June.

We commented on BCP policies and strategies covering: Natural Environment, Climate Change, Broad locations of development, Town Centres, Sustainable Construction, Nutrients Poole Harbour, Housing Delivery, Affordable Housing, Brownfield Sites, Employment supply, Transport and Viability Assessment.

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#### Strengthening Planning Policy for Brownfield Development – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We focused our response on the proposals contained within Section 2 – Giving significant weight to the benefits of delivering homes on Brownfield land. Ensuring that local housing need is met firstly through the re-development of previously developed sites before considering the development of Greenfields. This is a subject close to our heart. As a broad principle we support a Brownfield first, Greenfield last approach to development and strongly believe that wherever possible it is better to re-purpose already developed urban land and buildings to meet the country's housing needs than to build on green fields. Whilst it is important that development on those Brownfield sites that are suitable is optimised, this should not on any account be at the expense of creating 'beautiful, thoughtfully laid out, developments, that are carbon neutral and most importantly that people want to live in.

#### Our opportunity to make rooftop solar mandatory for new builds - 12th March 2024

In December 2023, the previous government launched a new consultation on building standards and is considering making rooftop solar panels a basic expectation for most new buildings including all new houses.

Dorset CPRE's primary remit is to protect and enhance the countryside, but we fully support net zero. We have been actively promoting rooftop solar for some years to fight climate change, particularly as there has been over-reliance on building solar farms to meet solar energy targets. Making rooftop solar mandatory for new builds would be **a huge win for our rooftop solar campaign** and would help cut carbon emissions and energy bills whilst protecting space for nature and farming. We also contributed to the National CPRE response.

#### Local Transport Plan 4 survey - 2nd March 2024

Dorset Council and BCP Council are working together on a new joint Local Transport Plan (LTP4). Since the last Local Transport Plan (LTP3) was produced in 2011 a lot has changed. This is an opportunity for the councils to update plans to ensure that Dorset's transport system meets the expectations of everyone, and to identify the most important issues to prioritise future investment.

#### **The five key areas we would suggest for prioritisation in LTP4 are:**

- The importance of maintaining access to public transport for all communities, reversing the declining provision of bus services particularly in rural areas
- That long term impact on transport should be integrated into all other aspects of Council responsibilities e.g. planning and education
- The opportunity to support the provision of new, innovative approaches to car transport, including taxis and better use of private cars
- The promotion of active travel, including the maintenance of highways, cycle paths, pavements and footpaths
- Initiatives that reduce carbon emissions and promotion of low-carbon modes of transport

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#### Street Vote Development Orders - 2nd February 2024

Whilst we welcome the opportunity that Street Vote Development Orders provide for local communities to take a pro-active role in facilitating development in their neighbourhoods, we are concerned that the system is open to being gamed by property speculators. We strongly believe that Local Planning Authorities are best placed to make decisions on development proposals in their area and are strongly opposed to the further centralisation of town planning as proposed in Street Vote Development Orders.

We notified all those on our e-newsletter list about these consultations and included a summary of our views. Our responses to consultations are posted on the Dorset CPRE website. A big thank you to all our hard-working volunteers for contributing their input to the Dorset CPRE responses.

#### **Landscape**

Dorset has a distinctive rural character that we need to nurture for future generations to allow everyone to enjoy the countryside for its health and wellbeing benefits. We wish to see planning and development which deliver the right houses in the right places, through Local Plans which are appropriate to their areas and communities.

Dorset CPRE maintains that excessive local housing targets are wrong, since they lead to planners being compelled to allocate sites for market housing on precious Green Belt land. The Government is setting totally exaggerated and unrealistic Housing Targets for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) and Dorset Councils. A new formula announced on 30th July would require an additional 93,000 homes in BCP and Dorset over 15 years. The build rate in Dorset would need at least to double, as the Government seeks to shift house building from big cities. The proposed target won't achieve key goals. It would neither bring down house prices nor address the shortfall of truly affordable housing and lack of social or low-rent housing.

We continue to promote the Great Big Dorset Hedge (GBDH) survey - a Dorset Climate Action Network (CAN) campaign to map, plant and rejuvenate sections of hedgerows across Dorset. CPRE volunteers also help with hedgerow surveys as part of the GBDH initiative and meet the landowner where possible. In December 2023 Dorset CPRE agreed a £6,000 funding request for the GBDH project to sustain the momentum as they manage further growth and in recognition of the ambition and potential of the project. There are 76 farmers participating in the project currently. Kate Adie and Neil Matthews met with John Calder, GBDH Project Manager, in January to undertake a short survey and learn about the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) scheme that can give farmers access to capital grants to improve their hedges.

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#### Climate Change and Nature Emergency

Dorset CPRE's primary remit is to protect and enhance the countryside, but we fully support net zero. We have been actively promoting solar rooftop energy for some years to fight climate change, particularly as there has been over-reliance on building solar farms to meet solar energy targets. Some solar farms cause harm to protected landscapes, such as National Landscapes (formerly Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty), heritage assets such as historic churches, and are being built on the best agricultural land which is inappropriate at a time of rocketing food prices. However, we are well aware that more solar farms will be needed to combat net zero and we support particularly small community funded ones, such as the Dottery Solar Array near Bridport. As mentioned earlier in this report, it is hoped that future building standards will make rooftop solar panels a basic expectation for most new buildings including all new houses.

#### Nutrient Mitigation Credits

In Dorset, we are facing a serious issue. Poole Harbour is suffering from a major inflow of excess nutrients from farms bordering the various rivers in the catchment. The nutrient load is fuelling an algal bloom which is stifling life in the harbour. Although tidal, the harbour is very shallow so it is insufficiently cleansed by the action of the tides.

The sorry state of the harbour has drawn the attention of Natural England's Nutrient Mitigation Credit Scheme. Partnering with Dorset Wildlife Trust, NE are acquiring farmland which is then either rewilded, converted into a nature reserve or changed to a restorative farming model. The downside is, of course, that the money from Natural England is predicated on the sale of Nutrient Mitigation Credits to developers. They will use the credits to off-set the nutrients generated by new houses built within the Poole Harbour catchment.

Unfortunately, offsetting future housebuilding does nothing to improve the health of the rivers now. Poole Harbour remains clogged with a suffocating algal bloom. Neil Matthews wrote to Natural England and received a detailed if, unsatisfactory reply and we are considering how to respond to such schemes.

#### Campaigns and Projects

Please see separate updates on planning, Local Plans and hedgerows.

Examples of significant planning applications we have been campaigning against include:

#### Portland Waste Incinerator

A long running, campaign, the government recently approved the Portland Waste Incinerator. Dorset Council had refused the plan in March 2023, voicing concerns over its visual impact, pollution and lorries. Developers Powerfuel Portland appealed the council's decision. Dr Guy Dickinson, Chair of West Dorset CPRE, spoke against the application at the Public Inquiry on 14th December. The local action group, Stop Portland Waste Incinerator, have spoken with their legal team and decided there are enough grounds to challenge this decision and present a strong case in the High Court at a Judicial Review.

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#### 490 homes in Blandford

The planning application was first approved in October 2023, however, this triggered a calling-in request to the Secretary of State (SoS) by the Cranborne Chase National Landscape (CCNL), previously known as the CCAONB, North Dorset CPRE and Pimperne Parish Council. This was made as the planning committee failed to deal with several matters of national importance, including the failure to uphold the recently remade Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan and support major development within an AONB without exceptional circumstances. The SoS called-in the application in April 2024 and work started on preparing for the public enquiry. Our North Dorset Group received notification on 24th July that the SoS had decided to cancel the call-in. As mentioned earlier, the issues we raised to the SoS were of national significance. There was nothing we could do about this latest decision and it was decided not to ask for a Judicial Review. Overall a sad day for local democracy.

#### BESS at Chickerell

The huge industrial development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) of up to 400MW at Chickerell was approved by the Planning Committee on 29th July at County Hall, Dorchester. At that meeting, Rupert Hardy read out Dr Guy Dickinson's statement as he was recovering from recent spinal surgery and said "If safety cannot be absolutely assured (and it patently cannot), this BESS must NOT be built in this location. To do so would be utterly irresponsible."

The Sherborne and District Society are increasingly concerned at the state of several listed buildings in Sherborne and have taken measures to raise the profile of these. Dorset Council is putting together a Local Heritage List of buildings that are not listed but are of architectural significance. The Society nominated a number of buildings and were recently informed that the Rawson Hall and 27 Cheap Street will be included. The cluster of buildings at Sherborne railway station, including the footbridge, have been added to the heritage list.

#### **Grants and Sponsorship**

Dorset CPRE is now one of the sponsors of the annual Dorset Hedge Laying Competition held in September and organised by the Melplash Agricultural Society who are committed to keeping the traditional skill of hedge laying alive.

We continue to offer grants of up to £200 per request for Fingerpost repairs and this is advertised in the Dorset National Landscape Fingerpost Project webpage. As of August 2024, we have spent £21,187.50 on grants for 154 fingerposts, since the scheme was launched in 2017, with a further 4 that have been approved but not paid for.

In 2020 Dorset CPRE received a very generous legacy from Barbara Vance and explored specific projects that her legacy may in future be associated with. We attempted to launch a School Award's Scheme - the 'Barbara Vance Countryside Prize' for 6th Form students - in 19 secondary schools and colleges across the whole of Dorset, but without success.

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However, it was agreed in spring 2023 by North Dorset CPRE to follow up the initial interest shown by The Blandford School in the award scheme. Barbara Hurst and Jane Westbrook arranged a meeting with Mrs Heidi Muir, the Head of Geography, who also runs the school's "Climate Club". They told her about how the CPRE charity came into being and the ongoing campaign to protect our countryside for future generations. They further explained that we were looking to increase awareness of CPRE amongst a younger age group, and gain some insight into how they see the various issues that we highlight in our campaigns. The scheme was initiated some time into the autumn term and the winner, Izzy Antrobus, was chosen by the students themselves, and was a unanimous decision. Her fictional story relates to how climate change induced flooding affects nature. On 10th January 2024 Jane met with Heidi, to deliver the CPRE certificate and the prize money of £100. The winning entry is featured in our spring 2024 magazine. We are pleased that Heidi has agreed to run another award competition in autumn 2024.

In our 2022/23 Trustees' Report we mentioned that two of our Trustees, Frances Hogwood and Neil Matthews, visited schools to gauge their interest in working with Dorset CPRE. All schools were welcoming, most have an eco-school lead, with an opportunity to build relationships. Up to four secondary schools are interested in the new GCSE in Natural History – introduction date to be confirmed. Following the visit, Trustees agreed to set aside £2,500 for a 'Barbara Vance Countryside Prize', enough to fund a minimum of 10 schools, if they are all successful in receiving the maximum of £250, for wildlife related projects with evidence of outdoor learning and introducing children to the countryside/rural life. This year, we paid grants to Damers First School in Dorchester for a Nature Information Board in the meadow next to the school and Charmouth Primary School to purchase plants and bug houses for their reinstated school pond area. An article on these two projects is featured in our autumn 2024 magazine.

Ahead of the centenary in 2026, National CPRE is prioritising youth involvement in shaping our work. We believe it's essential that young people feel empowered to take action on countryside issues like the climate emergency and that their voices are at the heart of our campaigns.

We are delighted that Roger Morgan-Grenville, Curlew Action Chair of Trustees, is our guest speaker for our 87th AGM on 16th November. Mary Colwell, the founder of Curlew Action, has spearheaded the campaign for a GCSE in Natural History since 2011, which was confirmed by the department of education in April 2022. We plan to invite Dorset Secondary Schools, we have visited, to our AGM to hear from Roger about his work on the Natural History GCSE campaign and future plans.

In July, Sir Christopher Coville, on behalf of the Sherborne & District Society group, presented an award and garden vouchers, to Sylvia Avgherinos, who lives in The Wilderness off St Swithin's Road in Sherborne, in recognition of her outstanding contribution made to the beauty of Sherborne, by finding the right balance between preserving the natural habitat and beautiful floral displays.

### Rural Economy and Farming

Our farmers have had a rough deal since Brexit, with uncertainty, complexity and unwelcome initiatives encouraging sub-optimal use of land. We continue to argue for a holistic approach to internal food production as an essential ingredient of national resilience, whilst encouraging environmental projects where it makes sense to do so.

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On 26<sup>th</sup> March at the North Dorset Group AGM, George Hosford, ex-Chairman of Dorset NFU, gave a talk about the “Future of Farming in North Dorset” with a focus on regenerative farming and bi-cropping (growing two crops at the same time). Like most farmers, George is critical of the government’s slowness in producing a long-term strategy for farming, as well as the desire to both maintain high food standards but yet opening the floodgates to cheap foreign food grown with lower welfare standards. Most would say this is an impossible combination.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May, twenty five members had a tour of The Orchard, located north of Cattistock village, learning about the variety of apples grown and cider making. Very unusually the whole site, including the farmer’s family eco-house, is off-grid. Solar panels and firewood are important sources of energy. It was an opportunity for members to learn about the reality of trying to run a small fruit farm producing a low value crop and where the viability of the holding has been dependent on various forms of diversification – shepherd’s huts for holiday let within the orchard and a small farm shop with limited opening times.

In July we held our summer garden party. Our hosts on this occasion were Tom and Rosamond Sweet-Escott at Chettle House near Blandford. Tom spoke about the changes that they had made to the house, gardens and fields in order to create new habitats and help stem the decline in our biodiversity. Attendees explored the grounds which are being managed within a restorative farming environment.

### Influencing

#### Councillors and MPs

We wrote to the majority of candidates in the Dorset Council May elections to introduce our organisation and highlight the key actions that will positively contribute towards providing new and improved homes, key infrastructure whilst protecting the natural environment. These include protecting the Green Belt, brownfield first policy, solar on rooftops and thriving communities. We wrote again to elected councillors to urge both them and their Party to support the above actions. Dorset Council, as the primary planning authority for Dorset outside of the conurbation, has such an important strategic role in deciding where new building will be located. And, of course, they are charged with developing the much-delayed Local Plan.

Leading up to the general election in July, we wrote to all 57 Candidates, in the 8 parliamentary constituencies covering the county of Dorset, to introduce our charity. The new government is faced with era-defining decisions on housing, environmental protections and energy supply. These will have big impacts on rural communities and our finite supply of land.

Now the challenge is to establish working relationships with the Liberal Democrats run Dorset Council, the coalition-led BCP Council and our MPs drawn from three different political parties. We will seek to ensure the Government and Councils are mindful of the importance of the long-term protection of our rural communities and countryside whilst also being true to the manifestoes on which they were elected.

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#### Planning Conference

With housing a major campaign issue for all political parties, not least the new Government, the Dorset CPRE online conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> June titled, 'Dorset's Affordable Housing Crisis?' was timely. The conference was instigated by Dorset CPRE's strong belief that housing delivered in Dorset should be focussed on meeting the county's true needs. Lord Richard Best, Crossbench Peer and Social Housing Leader, chaired the conference following an introduction by Dorset CPRE President, Kate Adie. Speakers included: Mike Allen (Dorset CPRE Planning Group), Dr Quintin Bradley (Senior Lecturer in Planning and Housing at Leeds Beckett University), Alison Ward (Director at Middlemarch Community Led Housing), Paul Derrien (Housing Enabling Team Leader at Dorset Council), Elizabeth Bundred-Woodward (CPRE Planning Policy Lead) and Brad Taylor (CPRE Rural Policy and Campaigns Officer).

Dorset CPRE's message was clear: communities need homes that people can afford to live in, particularly social rented housing. About ninety people attended the online conference, including many Parish, Town and Dorset Councillors, as well as a housebuilder, Civic Societies, Community Land Trusts, and members of Dorset CPRE. The presentations from key speakers and other resources continue to be available on our website.

#### Local Plans

As mentioned earlier, BCP Council submitted the Draft Local Plan for examination together with consultation responses on 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Two Inspectors have been appointed. A date for the hearing is yet to be set. A Dorset CPRE working group will be set up to help prepare for the hearing. Currently planning applications are being assessed against adopted Local Plans for the Bournemouth area, Christchurch area and Poole area.

The Dorset Council Local Plan will set the pattern of housing and other development for the next 20-30 years. It will shape our communities and play a vital role in the future of Dorset.

We look forward to joining with local communities, and with the Dorset Deserves Better Campaign, in a positive and constructive discussion with the Dorset Council about a Local Plan that provides a long-term, sustainable approach to the challenges and opportunities facing Dorset. Following the local elections in May 2024, we sent a joint letter to Cllr Shane Bartlett the new portfolio for Planning. We listed five key actions which we believe will support the wellbeing and prosperity of Dorset residents and the conservation and enhancement of our unique countryside and environment. No formal reply so far but are hopeful we can meet him at a future date. The Dorset Council Local Plan is in the process of being drafted and is anticipated to be adopted by Q2 2027. Currently planning applications are being assessed against adopted Local Plans for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, Purbeck, North Dorset, East Dorset and Christchurch, Swanage.

Dorset CPRE will continue to seek to influence the thinking of DC and BCP Council on their Local Plans, and will monitor and respond to consultations on Local Plans and on proposed developments.

We are disappointed Dorset Council decided to formally approve the Purbeck Local Plan (LP) at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Our Purbeck and Poole CPRE Group raised concerns with local councillors asking them to consider withdrawing the proposed LP. The Purbeck LP will eventually be superseded by the Dorset Council LP.

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#### Other related activities

In her role as Dorset CPRE's President, Kate Adie was the guest speaker at the annual Dorset Tourism Awards that took place in February in Weymouth. It was an opportunity to speak about Dorset's Countryside, our greatest asset. Dr Guy Dickinson, Chair of West Dorset CPRE, also represented our charity at the event.

We continue to participate in the Litter Free Dorset Forum meetings, and contributed to discussions on topics including Single Use Vape Campaigns and the Sustainable Business Award Scheme.

In January 2024 we received an email from Andrew Stevenson-Hamilton, owner of Child Okeford Village Shop, thanking us for the generous article that Rupert Hardy wrote about the shop in his article on the 'Cost Of Living Crisis Squeezes Village Shops' for our autumn 2023 magazine. The shop went on to being awarded the Countryside Alliance 2024 Best Village Shop / Post Office in the South West.

In April 2024 we launched our new website, created using WordPress. It now has a much more modern feel, is mobile friendly, and more closely represents the work being done by our volunteers across Dorset.

Members continue to be kept informed of our work through the well-received bi-annual magazine 'The Dorset Review' (a 24/28-page publication with illustrated articles on our various campaigns and other pieces on Dorset history and the countryside), social media, e-newsletters, events, website updates, monthly article in Blackmore Vale magazine, and press releases. We continue to send monthly e-newsletters to our members, Parish and Town Councils, Councillors, like minded organisations and those who signed up to receive our e-newsletter.


#### **Membership**

Total membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 is 609, an 4% decrease on last year's membership which was 635. The total is based on the number of Households, Organisations and Parish/Town Council who pay a monthly or annual subscription.

Fifteen Dorset CPRE volunteers manned our stand over two days at the annual Stock Gaylard Oak Fair during the August Bank Holiday weekend. It was a successful event, and a good opportunity to meet members and recruit new ones. Fifty four people signed up to our e-newsletter mailing list. Lots of discussions were held on housing, rooftop solar, hedgerows and water pollution.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to members who have supported us through their volunteering efforts during this year, we are very grateful. We hope that the inspiring work carried out by our local groups and volunteers will encourage more to join us. We welcome new members, new trustees and more volunteers who can bring enthusiasm and new energy and help us to find positive solutions for the issues and threats facing our beautiful Dorset countryside and our communities. Working together for a better Dorset is our aim and we would like to thank all of you for making Dorset CPRE so successful and influential.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on .....<sup>16/11/24</sup>..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
Mr N Matthews  
Chair of Trustees

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 15 to 24.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 Charities Act 2011 ('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 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
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Date: 26 November 2024

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	21,551	21,551	29,209
Activities for generating funds	3	2,363	2,363	1,186
Investment income	4	24,164	24,164	15,254
Total Income		<u>48,078</u>	<u>48,078</u>	<u>45,649</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	5	(58,239)	(58,239)	(41,298)
Charitable activities	5	(12,853)	(12,853)	(14,021)
Total expenditure		<u>(71,092)</u>	<u>(71,092)</u>	<u>(55,319)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>34,843</u>	<u>34,843</u>	<u>(5,186)</u>
Net movement in funds		11,829	11,829	(14,856)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		748,813	748,813	763,669
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>760,642</u>	<u>760,642</u>	<u>748,813</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 11.

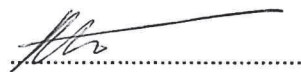
The notes on pages 17 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**(Registration number: 211974)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	71	107
Investments	9	<u>538,124</u>	<u>380,863</u>
		<u>538,195</u>	<u>380,970</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		224,360	372,007
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(1,913)</u>	<u>(4,164)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>222,447</u>	<u>367,843</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>760,642</u>	<u>748,813</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted		<u>760,642</u>	<u>748,813</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	11	<u>760,642</u>	<u>748,813</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16/11/24 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr N Matthews  
Trustee

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Campaign to Protect Rural Enland Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### **Going Concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of the staff costs.

##### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

##### **Support costs**

Support cost include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets for charity use are capitalised at cost. They are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follow:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line basis

#### Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

#### Financial instruments

##### Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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#### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### ***Investments***

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

#### ***Fair value measurement***

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

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**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	199	199	6,091
Legacies	-	-	2,000
Subscriptions	21,352	21,352	21,118
	<u>21,551</u>	<u>21,551</u>	<u>29,209</u>

**3 Income from activities for generating funds**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Events income;			
Fund raising activities	2,363	2,363	1,186
	<u>2,363</u>	<u>2,363</u>	<u>1,186</u>

**4 Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from fixed asset investments	16,079	16,079	13,180
Bank interest	8,085	8,085	2,074
	<u>24,164</u>	<u>24,164</u>	<u>15,254</u>

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**5 Total resources expended**

	<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>Costs of generating funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subcontract cost	-	41,308	41,308	24,858
Travelling	-	380	380	403
Insurance	-	451	451	1,156
Telephone and fax	-	201	201	195
Room hire	-	435	435	110
Printing, postage and stationery	-	3,470	3,470	3,008
Advertising	-	190	190	449
Branch news letter	-	4,004	4,004	4,497
Other expenses	-	404	404	575
Accountancy fees	-	1,895	1,895	1,297
Management charges	-	4,420	4,420	3,730
Bank charges	-	169	169	190
Depreciation	-	36	36	119
Professional fees and subscriptions	-	495	495	495
Computer software	-	381	381	216
Shows and functions	1,940	-	1,940	1,192
Campaigns	10,913	-	10,913	12,829
	<u>12,853</u>	<u>58,239</u>	<u>71,092</u>	<u>55,319</u>

Included in the above figure, £58,239 (2023: £41,298) relates to support costs, and £12,853 (2023: £14,021) relates to direct costs.

Accountancy fees are wholly in respect of an independent examination.

## Campaign to Protect Rural Enland Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### 6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

##### Mr R J Bowmer

£40 (2023: £nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Mr R J Bowmer during the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year. No trustees have received any other reimbursed expenses or other benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
As at 1 September 2023	2,168	2,168
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
As at 31 August 2024	<u>2,168</u>	<u>2,168</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
As at 1 September 2023	2,061	2,061
Charge for the year	36	36
Eliminated on disposals	-	-
As at 31 August 2024	<u>2,097</u>	<u>2,097</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
As at 31 August 2024	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>
As at 31 August 2023	<u>107</u>	<u>107</u>

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9 Fixed asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other investments	538,124	380,863
	<u>538,124</u>	<u>380,863</u>

Other investments

	Listed investments	Unlisted investments	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
As at 1 September 2023	192,529	188,334	380,863
Revaluation	16,120	18,723	34,843
Additions	85,000	42,499	127,499
Disposals	(5,081)	-	(5,081)
As at 31 August 2024	<u>288,568</u>	<u>249,556</u>	<u>538,124</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
As at 31 August 2024	<u>288,568</u>	<u>249,556</u>	<u>538,124</u>
As at 31 August 2023	<u>192,529</u>	<u>188,334</u>	<u>380,863</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	610	2,800
Accruals	1,303	1,364
	<u>1,913</u>	<u>4,164</u>

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Other recognised gains/(losses)	Balance at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	(637,412)	(48,078)	71,092	-	(614,398)
Designated	(62,047)	-	-	-	(62,047)
Revaluation reserve	(49,354)	-	-	(34,843)	(84,197)
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>(748,813)</u>	<u>(48,078)</u>	<u>71,092</u>	<u>(34,843)</u>	<u>(760,642)</u>

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**12 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2024 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	71	71
Fixed asset investments	538,124	538,124
Current assets	224,360	224,360
Current liabilities	(1,913)	(1,913)
Total net assets	<u>760,642</u>	<u>760,642</u>
	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2023 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	107	107
Fixed asset investments	380,863	380,863
Current assets	372,007	372,007
Current liabilities	(4,164)	(4,164)
Total net assets	<u>748,813</u>	<u>748,813</u>

**13 Financial instruments**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Categorisation of financial instruments:		
Financial assets that are debt instrument measured at amortised cost	<u>224,360</u>	<u>372,007</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>(1,913)</u>	<u>(4,164)</u>

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND - DORSET BRANCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 211974

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 211974

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

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## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Dr A G Dickinson Mr R J Bowmer (appointed 19/11/22) Mr P Bowyer Dr F Hogwood Mr M D Madgwick (appointed 12/05/23) Mr N Matthews Mr P Neil (appointed 12/05/23)
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	211974
<b>Principal Office</b>	Fairfield House 2 King's Road Sherborne Dorset DT9 4HU
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Marcus Cridland B.A.(Hons) F.C.A. Scott Vevers Ltd. Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 65 East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3LB
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 10 South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1BT

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

#### Objectives

The objects of the Branch shall be to seek to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the market towns and rural villages of the County of Dorset. To meet this objective the charity seeks charitable donations and subscriptions from the public. The Charity is regulated by a constitution and is constituted as an un-incorporated association.

#### Our Mission

As part of our Strategy 2020-26, Dorset CPRE will work tirelessly with all our members, the communities, councils and other stakeholders, to ensure effective stewardship of our precious natural assets, for work and for leisure, and will strive to make Dorset a better place for its people and its environment. Our website has become a repository of the work undertaken by the Charity where members can discover what may interest them and the wider implications for Dorset as a whole.

#### Branch Trustees

The following officers of the charity held office at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023:

Mr. Peter Bowyer	Chair of Trustees
Dr Guy Dickinson	Vice-Chair of Trustees
Dr Frances Hogwood	
Mr. Neil Matthews	
Mr. Bob Bowmer	Hon. Treasurer Joined 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Mr. Mike Madgwick	Co-opted 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Mr. Peter Neil	Co-opted 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023

The Trustees are drawn from interested members who can contribute their knowledge and expertise to carrying out the various activities of the Charity. Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in November. We had two vacancies and welcome Mike Madgwick and Peter Neil who were co-opted as Trustees in May 2023 bringing us up to the maximum of seven. We now have Trustees covering all our Group areas in Dorset. The Chair of Trustees is elected at the first Trustees Meeting, held in December, following the AGM. The Trustees are the decision-making body for Dorset CPRE.

#### Organisation

The Charity is an autonomous branch of the CPRE – the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisational structure has up to seven Trustees dealing with the finances, administration, and our responsibilities to the Charity Commission and National CPRE. In the Countryside Forum, countryside specialists and invited experts focus on specific problems and priorities. We host monthly online Planning Group meetings focusing mainly on the Local Plans and consultations. The popularity of virtual meetings has enabled volunteers to join in National CPRE, CPRE South West, CPRE Assembly, external meetings, and training courses without the need to travel. Our local District Groups also host in person and online committee meetings using Zoom where possible.

The Secretary runs the office and is recruited by the Branch Trustees on a self-employed basis.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

Grants were provided for the following main projects:

#### Dorset CPRE:

Fingerpost Grants	£2,610.00
Woodlands Manor Farm Landscape Objection Statement *	£1,810.90
North Farm Horton Landscape Objection Statement *	£1,050.00
Great Big Dorset Hedge donation (Hedgerow Heroes)	£5,000.00
CPRE South West contribution to Social Media support project	£ 250.00

#### North Dorset CPRE:

Advice from Jo Witherden on Wyatt Homes planning application at Pimperne and Blandford *	£ 747.50
Advice on appealing and preparing for planning hearing for above application *	£ 825.00

Total £12,293.40

\*A chartered landscape architect produced a review in respect of the potential landscape and visual impact and effects the proposed solar farm development would have on landscape and heritage assets. A field visit was made to assess the local area and photographs were taken. Dorset CPRE paid 50% of costs.

\* North Dorset CPRE paid 50% of costs with Pimperne Parish Council picking up the balance and paying the VAT.

Dorset CPRE will consider giving money to causes as well as campaigns that meet our charitable objectives.

#### Finances

The branch finances remain healthy. The Charity receives from National CPRE a percentage of the subscription income paid by members who are registered as Dorset members.

The investment income is performing well and has come back following the drop in the value we reported in the year-end accounts to August 2022. We have no plans to move current investments and it is hoped there will continue to be better returns on our investments over the next two years. The current investment strategy is for a balanced outcome with an emphasis on income in future years. Currently any income generated by the Canaccord Genuity portfolio is reinvested within the portfolio.

James Knowles, Investment Director, and Head of Fixed Interest at Canaccord Genuity Wealth, continues as our adviser and there has been no change to the current underlying strategy namely to continue with a balanced portfolio managed for future income and growth.

The Reserves and Investment policies were approved at the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Trustees Meeting. It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover 2.5 years of the average 5-year budgeted deficit. Dorset CPRE's policy is that the Barclays current account will accommodate these reserves and the remainder will be invested according to the branch investment policy. We opened two higher rate cash deposit accounts with Flagstone Investment Management to reduce our cash balance in our Barclays current account.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Governance**

Following a review by the Vice-Presidents, detailed in last year's Trustees Report, key policies and procedures have been documented in a common format using sources of information and model documents from NCVO, National CPRE, a local charity of similar size and the Charity Commission publications. The Dorset CPRE Policies are recorded in a single file making it easy to share with new Trustees and anyone who would like to receive a copy. A table has been added to record the addition of new policies, amendments, and updates. The policies are due an annual review in February 2024.

Last year Trustees identified a need for an additional resource to assist with planning and responding to consultations. We now have a Planning Advisor, working on a self-employed basis, supporting our local District Groups by monitoring planning applications and coordinating our submissions on land-use planning issues including consultations on local plans and related strategies.

We encourage our volunteers to take up free online training organised and promoted by National CPRE to provide helpful skills and knowledge. This included governance webinars, inductions, social media, best practice for website content, media training, creating video content, an introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and how to influence planning decisions.

#### **Review of Activities and Future Development**

The statement of financial activities for the year and the balance sheet are set out on the attached pages.

#### **Our Strategy 2023-26 for Dorset's Towns, Villages and Countryside**

We recently revisited our Strategy, first drafted in August 2020. The Strategic Plan and Project Management Plan spreadsheet are now combined into one document and discussed at the Countryside Forum Meeting. The Trustees and Countryside Forum members will review it annually as part of a health check and desire for it to be a living document.

The Strategy guides the Branch as we address issues including planning, landscape, rural economy and farming, campaigns and projects, membership, organisation, influencing Opinion Leaders and Dorset Decision Makers, and climate change and nature emergency.

#### **Planning**

We continue to host monthly online Planning Group Meetings to discuss the Local Plans and consultations. Members have joined in to contribute, ask questions, observe and receive regular planning news updates. This is enabling more volunteers to come forward and make a valuable contribution. This has been a busy year, there have been several local and national consultations since the start of the year.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities released a NPPF Prospectus Consultation in December 2022 seeking views on how they might develop new national planning policy to support their wider objectives. In our response submitted in March 2023, we focused on the lack of provision of social housing and we also urge that the national formula for assessing housing need must be revised and based on updated data. The current formula has led to exaggerated and damaging housing targets for Dorset. Councils and communities should be allowed to decide the level and pattern of development appropriate for their area.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

In June 2023 we responded to Dorset Council's consultation on planning for climate change guidance. Dorset Council prepared three documents (Interim guidance and position statement, Sustainability checklist and Listed buildings) to provide guidance on considering climate change in planning applications. The documents are to support decision making until the new Dorset Council Local Plan is adopted.

Dorset Council launched a Housing Strategy online survey in July 2023 with the aim to produce its housing strategy by the end of 2023, setting out their vision for future housing in the Dorset Council area. In August 2023 we wrote a letter to raise concerns over some of the information in the "Evidence Base" presented by Dorset Council. Our response to the consultation was made jointly by the "Dorset Deserves Better" Campaign and Dorset CPRE. We have serious concerns over some of the information in the "Evidence Base" presented by Dorset Council. This is significant because some of the figures appear factually incorrect while others seem to be incomplete and misleading. If the "Evidence Base" is in question, then it follows that the housing strategy may be based on false assumptions. We hope Dorset Council will take our analysis into consideration. The results will be published in Spring 2024.

We responded to The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities consultation on Permitted Development Rights. We are strongly opposed to the government's proposed amendments to the General Permitted Development Order to extend permitted development rights relating to the conversion of agricultural buildings. We believe that any applications for change of use of agricultural buildings should be fully assessed by local planning authorities who are best placed to assess the suitability of the building for conversion, the impacts of any proposed use and whether it meets local needs.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities also launched in July 2023 a consultation on major reforms to the Local Plan process. The consultation is wide ranging, involving sixteen thematic areas, with an overarching aim of 'streamlining and simplifying' the current plan-making process. There's currently insufficient detail within the proposals on what evidence will be cut, and Plans will still need to be justified.

We notified all those on our e-newsletter list about these consultations and included a summary of our views. Our responses to consultations are posted on the Dorset CPRE website. A big thank you to all our hard-working volunteers for contributing their input to the Dorset CPRE responses.

### Landscape

Dorset has a distinctive rural character that we need to nurture for future generations to allow everyone to enjoy the countryside for its health and wellbeing benefits.

Dorset CPRE maintains that excessive local housing targets are wrong, since they lead to planners being compelled to allocate sites for market housing on precious Green Belt land. Green Belt policy is a valid long-term constraint on housing sprawl (*preventing urban areas from being 'hollowed out'*), whilst providing open countryside for present and future generations to enjoy.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

We continue to promote the Great Big Dorset Hedge survey - a Dorset Climate Action Network campaign to map, plant and rejuvenate sections of hedgerow across Dorset. CPRE volunteers also help with hedgerow surveys as part of the Great Big Dorset Hedge initiative and meet the landowner where possible. We contributed to a video promoting volunteering for the Great Big Dorset Hedge Project. In August 2023 Dorset CPRE received £5,000 from the CPRE Hedgerow Heroes Funder in recognition of the ambition and potential of the Great Big Dorset Hedge initiative. We donated the money to Dorset Climate Action Network and it has been ring-fenced for their Great Big Dorset Hedge project.

We also recorded a video on 'The Importance of Hedgerows' for Little Green Change, a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Lyme Regis, providing environmental education and opportunities for children in primary and secondary-aged schools, and in the community.

We attended an Eco Fair hosted by the Thorncombe Environment Group. We met local residents, CPRE members, local eco-friendly community groups, wildlife, and conservation groups. We shared a stand with Dorset Climate Action Network promoting the Great Big Dorset Hedge project, CPRE's farming hedgerow survey and related projects.

We promoted the annual CPRE Star count 2023 held in February 2023, a cosmic census to map our view of the night sky. In Dorset, over 107 people submitted Star Count results. 38.3% counted less than 10 stars, and 3.7% more than thirty.

### **Climate Change and Nature Emergency**

Dorset CPRE's primary remit is to protect and enhance the countryside, but we fully support net zero. We have been actively promoting solar rooftop energy for some years to fight climate change, particularly as there has been over-reliance on building solar farms to meet solar energy targets. Some solar farms cause harm to protected landscapes, such as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, heritage assets such as historic churches, and are being built on the best agricultural land which is inappropriate at a time of rocketing food prices. However, we are well aware that more solar farms will be needed to combat net zero and we support particularly small community funded ones, such as the Dottery Solar Array near Bridport.

What can Dorset do, as new offshore wind is less likely to be proposed here and the main contribution will come from solar? Yet we ask why 95% of households and 98% of businesses in Dorset had no roof-mounted solar as of December 2021, although installation has accelerated recently? The answer was a failure first by government and then by Dorset Council, despite the declared Climate Emergency and Dorset Council's Climate strategy, to make it mandatory for new developments to fit solar panels on every roof. After much badgering it appears Dorset Council is finally looking at ways it can set new planning conditions for developers. Other local authorities have already done this. Government policy still focuses primarily on advisory guidelines rather than mandatory conditions.

However, praise should be given to Dorset Council for improving the energy efficiency of public buildings in Dorset. £5m of funding came from the EU and £19m from the UK government with solar panels going up on many schools and public buildings. We ask that Dorset Council commits to introducing mandatory planning conditions for solar and enhanced energy saving measures on all new homes, which can be done independently of government changes, and we ask that Dorset residents do all that they can to save energy, insulate their homes better and install rooftop solar. In September 2023 we gave a talk on the topic of rooftop solar at the Dorset COP event, Dorset's first climate summit.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

At our November 2022 AGM, Dr George McGavin, respected entomologist and author, provided a wide-ranging, thought-provoking presentation and discussion on how vital it is to address the crises of habitat and species loss and climate change.

In November 2022 we attended the launch of the Dorset Green Skills Hub at Bournemouth & Poole College, a joint initiative with Weymouth College and Adult Skills and Learning, to drive sustainability across Dorset.

Clean rivers and the matter of pollution are a concern. Natalie Poulter, Dorset Catchment Partnerships Co-Ordinator, recently gave a very well-informed talk to a number of our Countryside Forum Members. Discussions are ongoing on what Dorset CPRE should be doing to help combat this problem of poor water quality.

Derek Gardiner, our Topic Leader on Flooding and Water, responded to the Christchurch Bay and Harbour Flood and Coastal Erosion Management (FCERM) Strategy consultation and Wessex Water draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024.

### **Campaigns and Projects**

Please see earlier notes on rooftop solar energy, hedgerows, and Local Plans.

The Sherborne and District Society are increasingly concerned at the state of several listed buildings in Sherborne and have taken measures to raise the profile of these. We find it disappointing that our most treasured architecture, identified as needing special care by a central government body, is then effectively abandoned by the county authorities.

CPRE has launched an election manifesto for the next UK government, outlining four key areas of priority for the countryside, climate, communities and wildlife. CPRE is a powerful collective voice for our communities, countryside and green spaces. Our aims are relevant to people in rural communities, market towns, and urban areas. CPRE wants a future when our countryside and all our communities are thriving, resilient and sustainable. Dorset will be adapting the National CPRE manifesto to include our local priorities. With all parties, it is clear that defending the countryside and standing up for well planned development is going to be a tough job in the run up to the next election.

### **Grants and Sponsorship**

We continue to offer grants of up to £200 per request for Fingerpost repairs and this is advertised in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Fingerpost Project website. Currently we have spent £18,512.50 on grants for 155 fingerposts with a further 8 that have been approved totalling £2,550 but not paid for. In May 2023, an additional £5k tranche of funding was approved for Fingerposts grants bringing the total to £25k since we started the project in 2017.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

Two Trustees, Frances Hogwood and Neil Matthews, visited six schools to gauge their interest in working with Dorset CPRE. As they are both Dorchester based, they decided to target schools in the County Town as a way of determining levels of interest. All schools were welcoming, most have an eco-school lead, with an opportunity to build relationships. Following the visit, Trustees agreed to set aside £2,500 for a 'Barbara Vance Countryside Prize', enough to fund a minimum of 10 schools, if they are all successful in receiving the maximum of £250, for wildlife related projects with evidence of outdoor learning and introducing children to the countryside/rural life. So far two grants have been approved.

The original School Award's Scheme the 'Barbara Vance Countryside Prize' for 6<sup>th</sup> Form students was launched In December 2021, without success. However, recently one North Dorset secondary school got in touch and is now running the award scheme funded by our North Dorset Group.

### **Rural Economy and Farming**

Our farmers have had a rough deal since Brexit, with uncertainty, complexity and unwelcome initiatives encouraging sub-optimal use of land. We continue to argue for a holistic approach to internal food production as an essential ingredient of national resilience, whilst encouraging environmental projects where it makes sense to do so.

Members visited Hollis Mead Organic Dairy in September. The dairy herd is 100% "pasture fed" from the farm's own resources, and the marketing of the dairy produce reflect the unique nature of the husbandry system applied to the farm.

A survey of more than 1,100 farmers in England reveals strong support for the government to increase our hedgerow networks, and properly fund the target of 40% more hedgerows by 2050. Findings from the CPRE's survey released in December 2022 show that farmers see the benefits of hedgerows on their land. Farmers saw the nature-boosting attributes of hedgerows as the greatest benefit, followed by others such as providing crop shade and attracting pollinators and pest predators.

Dorset CPRE Volunteers have joined and contributed to the CPRE topic forum for agriculture and environmental land management.

### **Influencing**

We wrote to the majority of candidates in the Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council May 2023 elections to introduce our organisation and highlight the key actions that will positively contribute towards providing new and improved homes, key infrastructure whilst protecting the natural environment. These include protecting the Green Belt, brownfield first policy, solar on rooftops and thriving communities. We wrote again to elected councillors to urge both them and their Party to support the above actions.

The Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council Local Plan is in the process of being drafted. The Council recently launched a draft vision, priorities and objectives consultation and we shared it with our members. Currently planning applications are being assessed against adopted Local Plans for the Bournemouth area, Christchurch area and Poole area.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

The Dorset Council Local Plan will set the pattern of housing and other development for the next 20-30 years. It will shape our communities and play a vital role in the future of Dorset.

We look forward to joining with local communities, and with the Dorset Deserves Better Campaign, in a positive and constructive discussion with the Dorset Council about a Local Plan that provides a long-term, sustainable approach to the challenges and opportunities facing Dorset. We recently submitted a joint response letter with Dorset Deserves Better to Dorset Council's Housing Strategy Consultation. The Dorset Council Local Plan is in the process of being drafted and is anticipated to be in place by May 2026. Currently planning applications are being assessed against adopted Local Plans for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, Purbeck, North Dorset, East Dorset and Christchurch, Swanage.

Dorset CPRE will continue to seek to influence the thinking of Dorset Council and Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council on their Local Plans and will monitor and respond to consultations on Local Plans and on proposed developments.

Following our successful Planning and Design Conference held in 2020, we are looking to organise another planning conference in Easter 2024, this time online to allow more people to participate.

We continue to participate in the Litter Free Dorset Forum meetings and contributed to discussions on topics including Single Use Vape Campaigns and the Sustainable Business Award Scheme.

Members continue to be kept informed of our work through the well-received bi-annual magazine 'The Dorset Review' (a 24/28-page publication with illustrated articles on our various campaigns and other pieces on Dorset history and the countryside), social media, e-newsletters, events, website updates, monthly article in Blackmore Vale magazine, and press releases. We continue to send monthly e-newsletters to our members, Parish and Town Councils, Councillors, like minded organisations and those who signed up to receive our e-newsletter.

### **Membership**

Total membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 is 635, an 8.4% decrease on last year's membership which was 693. The total is based on the number of Households, Organisations and Parish/Town Council who pay a monthly or annual subscription.

At our November 2022 AGM, we recognised the special contribution of two of our hard-working volunteers. Dr David Peacock received 'The CPRE Special Contribution and Long Service Award', for his tireless commitment in researching and producing detailed reports on current and future renewable energy generation in Dorset and UK. His knowledge is invaluable when responding to policy and planning issues. Rupert Hardy was presented with 'The CPRE Promoting Rural Life Award' for his leadership and energetic campaigning to promote rural life and Dorset's food and drink producers, judging the Best Village Shop competition, organising events and contributing well-received articles.

Eleven Dorset CPRE volunteers manned our stand over two days at the Stock Gaylard Oak Fair during the August Bank Holiday weekend. It was a successful event, and a good opportunity to meet members and recruit new ones. We displayed a large banner with the words "Campaign to Protect Rural England" to ensure visitors understood better what CPRE does, which helped. Lots of discussions were held on solar rooftop, housing, hedgerows, and water pollution.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report

#### Membership Survey Responses and next steps

In May 2022 Dorset CPRE conducted a survey to help better understand member and supporter experiences and interests. The results were published in our Autumn 2022 magazine.

In answer to 'What would you like to see more of from Dorset CPRE?' responses included doing more things linked to recruitment in particular younger people, focus on local planning issues, planning in general, farming and rewilding. Our Planning Group, open to all members and now benefitting also from the support of our new Planning Advisor, has been well-received and has become a key contributor to group policy development and activity. On rewilding, Rupert Hardy wrote an article on the topic for our spring 2023 magazine. We organised a visit to Mapperton Estates and Bere Marsh Farm for members to learn about their major programme of work improving biodiversity and rewilding part of the land.

An article on commenting on Planning applications and planning in general appears in our Autumn 2023 magazine. National CPRE is also updating the existing planning resources, and these will be made available on our website, and free to download. Our next step is to look at ways to engage more with younger people. National CPRE are expanding work on youth engagement and voice, encouraging, and developing more participative ways for people to engage with our campaigns by building on learnings from Hedgelife Help Out, sharing more of our local successes and exploring how we can scale up solutions for the countryside.

We were interviewed by two students for their dissertation, a third year Planning and Property Development student to discuss the 'The usefulness and relevance of Green Belt Policy' and a MSc Environmental Management student focusing on the proposal for an incinerator at Portland Port. Both will write articles on their research for our magazine.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to members who have supported us through their volunteering efforts during this year, we are very grateful. We welcome new members, new trustees and more volunteers who can bring enthusiasm and new energy and help us to find positive solutions for the issues and threats facing our beautiful Dorset countryside and our communities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 18/11/23 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Guy Dickinson  
Vice-Chair of Trustees

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 12 to 21.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Charities Act 2011 ('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 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

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.



Marcus Cridland B.A.(Hons) F.C.A.

Scott Vevers Ltd.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

65 East Street

Bridport

Dorset

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Date: 27/11/23

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	29,209	29,209	26,251
Activities for generating funds	3	1,186	1,186	2,318
Investment income	4	15,254	15,254	12,518
Total Income		<u>45,649</u>	<u>45,649</u>	<u>41,087</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	5	(41,298)	(41,298)	(31,590)
Charitable activities	5	(14,021)	(14,021)	(17,912)
Total expenditure		<u>(55,319)</u>	<u>(55,319)</u>	<u>(49,502)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(5,186)</u>	<u>(5,186)</u>	<u>(33,172)</u>
Net movement in funds		(14,856)	(14,856)	(41,587)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		763,669	763,669	805,256
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>748,813</u>	<u>748,813</u>	<u>763,669</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 11.

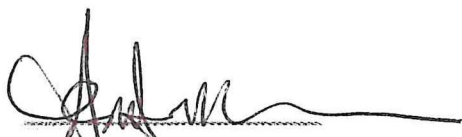
The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**(Registration number: 211974)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	107	226
Investments	9	<u>380,863</u>	<u>357,273</u>
		<u>380,970</u>	<u>357,499</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		372,007	410,304
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(4,164)</u>	<u>(4,134)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>367,843</u>	<u>406,170</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>748,813</u>	<u>763,669</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted		<u>748,813</u>	<u>763,669</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	11	<u>748,813</u>	<u>763,669</u>

The financial statements on pages 12 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on .....18/11/23..... and signed on their behalf by:

  
Dr G Dickinson  
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### **Going Concern**

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of the staff costs.

##### **Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

##### **Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

#### Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets for charity use are capitalised at cost. They are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follow:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line basis

#### Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

#### Financial instruments

##### Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

#### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### ***Investments***

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

#### ***Fair value measurement***

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	6,091	6,091	3,639
Legacies	2,000	2,000	1,000
Subscriptions	21,118	21,118	21,612
	<u>29,209</u>	<u>29,209</u>	<u>26,251</u>

**3 Income from activities for generating funds**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Events income;			
Fund raising activities	1,186	1,186	2,318
	<u>1,186</u>	<u>1,186</u>	<u>2,318</u>

**4 Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted General</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from fixed asset investments	13,180	13,180	12,253
Bank interest	2,074	2,074	265
	<u>15,254</u>	<u>15,254</u>	<u>12,518</u>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

**5 Total resources expended**

	Charitable activities	Costs of generating funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Subcontract cost	-	24,858	24,858	16,822
Travelling	-	403	403	263
Insurance	-	1,156	1,156	1,105
Telephone and fax	-	195	195	166
Room hire	-	110	110	162
Printing, postage and stationery	-	3,008	3,008	2,994
Advertising	-	449	449	-
Branch news letter	-	4,497	4,497	3,858
Other expenses	-	575	575	484
Accountancy fees	-	1,297	1,297	1,160
Management charges	-	3,730	3,730	3,969
Bank charges	-	190	190	251
Depreciation	-	119	119	120
Professional fees and subscriptions	-	495	495	-
Computer software	-	216	216	236
Shows and functions	1,192	-	1,192	1,735
Campaigns	12,829	-	12,829	16,177
	<u>14,021</u>	<u>41,298</u>	<u>55,319</u>	<u>49,502</u>

Included in the above figure, £41,298 (2022: £31,590) relates to support costs, and £14,021 (2022: £17,912) relates to direct costs.

Accountancy fees are wholly in respect of an independent examination.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

#### 6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year. No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>		
As at 1 September 2022	2,168	2,168
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
As at 31 August 2023	<u>2,168</u>	<u>2,168</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
As at 1 September 2022	1,942	1,942
Charge for the year	119	119
Eliminated on disposals	-	-
As at 31 August 2023	<u>2,061</u>	<u>2,061</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
As at 31 August 2023	<u>107</u>	<u>107</u>
As at 31 August 2022	<u>226</u>	<u>226</u>

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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9 Fixed asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other investments	380,863	357,273
	<u>380,863</u>	<u>357,273</u>

Other investments

	Listed investments	Unlisted investments	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
As at 1 September 2022	165,389	191,884	357,273
Revaluation	(1,636)	(3,550)	(5,186)
Additions	44,570	-	44,570
Disposals	(15,794)	-	(15,794)
As at 31 August 2023	<u>192,529</u>	<u>188,334</u>	<u>380,863</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
As at 31 August 2023	<u>192,529</u>	<u>188,334</u>	<u>380,863</u>
As at 31 August 2022	<u>165,389</u>	<u>191,884</u>	<u>357,273</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	2,800	2,997
Accruals	1,364	1,137
	<u>4,164</u>	<u>4,134</u>

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Other recognised gains/(losses)	Balance at 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	(647,082)	(45,649)	55,319	-	(637,412)
Designated	(62,047)	-	-	-	(62,047)
Revaluation reserve	(54,540)	-	-	5,186	(49,354)
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>(763,669)</u>	<u>(45,649)</u>	<u>55,319</u>	<u>5,186</u>	<u>(748,813)</u>

**Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

**12 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2023 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	107	107
Fixed asset investments	380,863	380,863
Current assets	372,007	372,007
Current liabilities	(4,164)	(4,164)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>748,813</b>	<b>748,813</b>

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2022 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	226	226
Fixed asset investments	357,273	357,273
Current assets	410,304	410,304
Current liabilities	(4,134)	(4,134)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>763,669</b>	<b>763,669</b>

**13 Financial instruments**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Categorisation of financial instruments:		
Financial assets that are debt instrument measured at amortised cost	<u>372,007</u>	<u>410,304</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>(4,164)</u>	<u>(4,134)</u>

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND - DORSET BRANCH**

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 211974

# Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

# **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

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## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Dr A G Dickinson Mr P Bowyer Mr S O'Connell Mrs J Westbrook Dr F Hogwood Mr N Matthews
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	211974
<b>Principal Office</b>	15 Hillcrest Close Glue Hill Sturminster Newton Dorset DT10 2DL
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Scott Vevers Ltd Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 65 East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3LB
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 10 South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1BT

# Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

## Trustees' Report

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

### Objectives

The objects of the Branch shall be to seek to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the market towns and rural villages of the County of Dorset. To meet this objective the charity seeks charitable donations and subscriptions from the public. The Charity is regulated by a constitution and is constituted as an un-incorporated association.

### Our Mission

As part of our Strategy 2020-26, Dorset CPRE will work tirelessly with all our members, the communities, councils and other stakeholders, to ensure effective stewardship of our precious natural assets; for work and for leisure, and will strive to make Dorset a better place for its people and its environment.

### Branch Trustees

The following officers of the charity held office at 31st August 2022:

Mr Peter Bowyer	Chair of Trustees
Dr Guy Dickinson	Vice-Chair of Trustees
Mr Steve O' Connell	
Mrs Jane Westbrook	
Dr Frances Hogwood	Joined 20th November 2021
Mr Neil Matthews	Joined 20th November 2021
Mr Trevor Clements	Joined 20th November 2021 and resigned 19th July 2022

The Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in November. The Chair of Trustees is elected at the first Trustees Meeting, held in December, following the AGM.

### Organisation

The Charity is an autonomous branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisational structure has up to seven Trustees dealing with the finances, administration, and our responsibilities to the Charity Commission and National CPRE. In the Countryside Forum, countryside specialists and invited experts focus on specific problems and priorities. The Secretary runs the office and is recruited by the Branch Trustees on a self-employed basis.

In March 2022 we returned to holding face to face Trustees Meetings. For our quarterly Countryside Forum meeting we alternate between online and in person gatherings. We continue to host monthly Planning Group meetings using Zoom. The popularity of virtual meetings has enabled volunteers to join in National CPRE, CPRE South West, CPRE Assembly, external meetings and training courses without the need to travel. Our local district groups also host in person and online committee meetings using Zoom where possible.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report (continued)

#### Grants were provided for the following main projects:

##### Dorset CPRE:

Fingerpost Grants	£2,700
Higher Stockbridge Solar Farm legal advice on possible JR	£8,712
Highcliffe School Hedge plants (via CPRE Hampshire)	£375
Case for "Exceptional Circumstances" ref Local Plan	£3,840

##### Poole & Purbeck Group

Judicial Review Poole Green Belt Land	£350
Print survey on non-listed heritage assets in Swanage	£300
Legal Advice Wool Flora and Fauna (Richard Buxton solicitors)	£500
Total	£16,777

Dorset CPRE will consider giving money to causes as well as campaigns that meet our charitable objectives. We set aside around £30k per year for grants and fund requests.

#### Finances

The branch finances remain healthy. We invested the 2020 legacy with Punter Southall Wealth in 2021 after receiving professional advice. As you will see in the accounts, following a difficult year in the financial markets, there has been revaluation losses on our investments not only with Punter Southall Wealth (now Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management) but also the COIF Charity Funds and the small Barclays Wealth holding. The Fixed Income sector has taken a battering. In October 2022 the Trustees met with James Knowles, Investment Director and Head of Fixed Interest at Canaccord Genuity Wealth and our adviser, to review our investment objectives and current risk profile and strategy. The cautious approach to investing the legacy has helped to limit the losses - 41% of fund invested is currently held in cash. He outlined his view of the markets and his expectations over the next few months especially in the Fixed Interest markets. It is hoped there will be better returns on our investments over the next three years. The current investment strategy is for a balanced outcome with an emphasis on income in future years. Currently any income generated by the Canaccord Genuity portfolio is reinvested within the portfolio.

Canaccord Genuity provided the Trustees with a Confirmation of risk profile and strategy document which set out small tweaks in the parameters of how they will continue to manage our funds under our current investment strategy. This was discussed with James Knowles and the Trustees have agreed not to change the current underlying strategy namely to continue with a balanced portfolio managed for future income and growth.

#### Governance and staffing

The substantial legacy has altered the perspective of the Branch and such legacies always bring into question, how they are to be managed, and therefore how the charity is governed.

Earlier this year the Vice-Presidents, were asked by the Trustees, supported by the Countryside Forum (CF), to undertake a review of the constitution and branch procedures and to report and make recommendations to Trustees. Following input from Trustees, they made a series of recommendations to introduce an appropriate structure for the recruitment, training and conduct of the Trustees using sources of information and model documents from NCVO, National CPRE, a local charity of similar size and the Charity Commission publications. The review listed policies and procedures that should be implemented as soon as possible and those to be documented at a later date. The Key policy recommendations have been discussed and agreed and are being documented in a common format to include a review date.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

The Trustees discussed becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Following the governance review and doing what we have agreed, it was felt there is currently no imperative to move to a new status.

We encourage our volunteers to take up free online training organised by National CPRE including governance webinars, inductions, social media, planning and project management.

#### **Review of the Countryside Forum; clarity of purpose and membership**

There was broad agreement that the Countryside Forum should continue to operate as it has done over the years i.e., as a place where district group chairs, topic leads/interested parties, trustees and vice presidents can meet to discuss matters relating to the direction and operation of Dorset CPRE as well as receiving reports and presentations from invited guests. The Forum was seen as the main communication channel to the trustees. The trustees are the decision-making body for Dorset CPRE. Trustees accept that no change is required to the purpose of the Forum at this stage.

#### **Review of District Groups**

The formation of two unitary authorities has meant, that from dealing more on issues to do with strategic development at a local geographical level, we now must think more pan Dorset.

The Vice-Presidents' review report identified the challenge for Dorset CPRE to respond to the creation of a unitary council for Dorset in April 2019. Dorset Council has three planning area committees: western, northern and eastern areas. These areas do not fully align with the former six district councils. The views of 4 of the 5 District Groups of Dorset CPRE were obtained and it has been decided to maintain the status quo with area groups developing mechanisms to review planning applications that go to Dorset Council planning area committees. It is likely that more attention needs to be placed on Dorset wide issues especially as Dorset Council has a preference for county wide policies.

The Trustees approved in principle to recruiting a suitable person to work on areas including planning, consultations, policy papers and raising our profile in East Dorset and BCP Council. This has been delayed partly due to waiting for new timetables for Local Plans and appointing a new treasurer.

#### **Review of Activities and Future Development**

The statement of financial activities for the year and the balance sheet are set out on the attached pages. This has been a busy year.

#### **Dorset CPRE Survey**

One of the actions from the Vice-Presidents' review was to conduct a membership survey. In May 2022 we conducted a survey to help better understand member and supporter experiences and interests - we kept the survey open until September. This will help us to provide the information and services that you are most passionate about.

We received 74 responses in total. 68 of the 74 responses were received from Members. The majority of respondents first became aware of Dorset CPRE through a friend/colleague or National CPRE. A summary of the results is printed in our autumn magazine. We are grateful to everyone who replied to the survey. We will be looking at and carefully considering the results and will take these into account as we go forward.

#### **Our Strategy 2020-26 for Dorset's Towns, Villages and Countryside**

In August 2020, Dorset CPRE evolved a refreshed and dynamic strategy, to guide the Branch as it addresses issues including planning, landscape, rural economy and farming, campaigns and projects, membership, organisation, influencing Opinion Leaders and Dorset Decision Makers, and climate change and nature emergency.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

We were hoping by now to have seen the latest drafts of the Dorset Council Local Plan and BCP Local Plan. We wrote to Cllr Spencer Flower to highlight our serious concerns about the Dorset Cabinet's intention to delay publishing a Local Plan by two-and-a-half years until after the next local elections in 2024. The draft Local Plan, consulted on in the Spring of 2021, is going out-of-date. It did not contain all the necessary evidence, was not based on a locally-appropriate housing target supported by up-to-date data, and provided no justification that the level of growth proposed was viable.

The long delay now proposed will expose Dorset communities to years of unwanted speculative development taking advantage of DC's out-of-date policies and capitalising on difficulties in demonstrating a 5-year land supply. Despite DC's promises that exemptions will be granted by central government, none have been received leaving us highly exposed. Waiting seven years to produce a plan that would be reviewed normally every 5 years is unacceptable. We meet with Cllr David Walsh, Portfolio Holder for Planning, in November to discuss our concerns, along with representatives from the Dorset Deserves Better campaign.

Dorset CPRE calls on Dorset Council to develop and consult on a new and different approach and relevant new policies - so that the draft Local Plan reflects the clear public feedback during consultation in 2021, is based on realistic household growth, and takes account of the needs of Dorset's communities, as well as of Dorset's special environment and the threat of climate change.

A revised Local Development Scheme with an additional timetable was presented to Cabinet on 27th July. BCP Council is planning further engagement with communities and stakeholders to form a 'preferred option' for the next Local Plan, which will set out how they believe they can best accommodate the sustainable growth needs of the conurbation up to 2038, and that this will be developed over the next six months.

Dorset CPRE will keep an eye on this and other proposed developments.

#### **Planning**

We host monthly online Planning Group Meetings to discuss the Local Plans. Members have joined in to contribute, ask questions, observe and receive regular planning news updates. This is enabling more volunteers to come forward and make a valuable contribution. There has been lots of uncertainty in the area of planning with change of Prime Minister and ministers appointed to lead the various government departments.

In August Guy Dickinson, represented us at the Westford Park Farm quarry inquiry in Chard on the Dorset/Somerset border. In 2021 Dorset Council refused a planning application made by Aggregate Industries, in 2019, for extensive new quarry workings in the Dorset AONB. It went to appeal with the Planning Inspectorate and we are delighted that the appeal was dismissed. Guy Dickinson represents Dorset CPRE on the Dorset AONB Partnership Board which meets twice a year, in May and November. At the May 2022 meeting he raised an issue on their lack of resources to respond to smaller applications in the AONB which may now improve.

We submitted a response to the main modification of the Purbeck Local Plan in January 2021. Gerald Rigler represented us at the scheduled hearing in July relating to Policies I5 & V2 (Morden Park). No decision was taken. The Inspector will decide if an additional consultation is needed. We expect more details by the end of this year.

#### **Landscape**

Members enjoyed a visit to Lower Farm near Sherborne which gave them a better understanding of the commercial factors which govern decision-making on Dorset farms. This enables us to better grasp the reasons for changes to the landscape.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

In April Highways England conducted a consultation again on the feasibility of upgrading various roads linking Bristol to Poole. Our North Dorset Group sent in a brief submission to the M4 to Dorset South coast study to comment on the C13 Melbury Abbas bypass and other related issues. It would have a serious impact on the Cranborne Chase and West Wilts Downs AONB. We were delighted to hear in August that the Department for Transport, in consultation with Dorset Council and The Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body, ruled that the A350/ C13 will no longer be included in plans for a major strategic road development running from Poole to the M4 corridor. We thanked Councillor Sherry Jespersen and Cllr Jane Somper for their longstanding campaign to defend the A350 and C13 from massive expansion.

We promoted the annual CPRE Star count 2022 held between 26th February and 6th March. The results found that star lovers are enjoying their best views of the night sky since CPRE's annual Star Count began in 2011, with severe light pollution continuing to fall since its 2020 peak. Richard Miles, our Dark Skies Adviser, wrote about "The business of Nocturnal Manoeuvres in the Dark", in CPRE's monthly Rural Matters article for the June edition of The Blackmore Vale online magazine.

#### **Dorset National Park**

In April we submitted a response to the Glover Review of Landscapes, a government consultation seeking views on how designated landscapes (National Parks and AONBs) can do even more to bring people closer to nature, enhance the environment and boost biodiversity, improve mental and physical wellbeing and support local communities and economies. We welcome DEFRA's response to the Glover Review of Landscapes.

#### **Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy**

We are disappointed that a large proportion of houses on two large developments in the Dorset AONB namely Littlemoor and Vearse Farm (now known as Foundry Lea) will be built under 2021 regulations with gas boilers and a small smattering of solar panels. Some would be built under 2025 regulations with heat pumps, improved insulation and solar panels on roofs. We will be pursuing this with Dorset Council with the aim of getting the council to develop better policies on climate change and new builds.

We are grateful to David Peacock, our Renewable Energy topic lead, for producing two new reports on 'Installations of National Significance' and 'Role of Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations in 2050 Electricity Generation'. Both are free and available to download from our website. Dorset CPRE is fully supportive of renewable energy development but not at any price.

We had a very enjoyable day at the Dorchester Earth Day event held in April. We talked about hedgerows and handed out copies of 'A little rough guide around the hedges'. There were lots of like-minded individuals and groups sharing their work and projects. We had a chat with young environmental campaigner Isla about our current work - Isla participated in the online launch of CPRE's study on 'Litter in Lockdown' back in December 2020.

We continue to participate in the Litter Free Dorset Forum meetings, and contribute to discussions on a number of topics and campaigns including refreshing the Bin Your Butt campaign, Reconnecting with Nature Spaces and the Sustainable Business Award Scheme.

#### **Hedgerow Heroes**

In February we met with Sir Christopher Chope MP at Highcliffe School in Christchurch. He learnt about CPRE's Hedgerow Heroes initiative in the area. The students had already been learning about hedgerows as part of their citizenship course. The event was organised by CPRE Hampshire and Dorset CPRE paid for the plants. Up to 30 students planted 50 metres of new hedge and each signed a pledge to look after the hedge as it grows over the next few years.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

In July, Philip Henneman, a member living in Bournemouth came forward to assist with campaigning activities for hedges in Dorset. He participates in the CPRE Network Hedgerow Campaign Group and the Great Big Dorset Hedge (GBDH) survey - a Dorset CAN Campaign to map, plant and rejuvenate sections of hedgerow across Dorset. CPRE volunteers have also helped with hedgerow surveys as part of the GBDH initiative.

National CPRE commissioned a hedgerow management survey in partnership with Farmers Weekly. Dorset NFU helped us by sharing a link to the hedgerow survey in their newsletter. CPRE will analyse the data and compile case studies ahead of a parliamentary launch of the results later in December.

#### **Grants and Sponsorship**

As mentioned earlier and linked to the Hedgerow Heroes project, we provided funding for the cost of plants for a new hedge at Highcliffe secondary school in Christchurch.

We continue to offer grants of up to £200 per request for Fingerpost repairs and this is advertised in the Dorset AONB Fingerpost Project website. Currently we have spent £15,137 on grants for 133 fingerposts with a further 11 that have been approved totalling £2,015 but not paid for. This will be reviewed when we reach the approved total of £20k.

Jo Witherden completed initial work on a report into whether exceptional circumstances could be applied in Dorset given the county's exceptional environment and heritage. In an environmentally constrained areas such as Dorset, meeting housing needs has the potential to cause a highly adverse impact on the environment. With Planning in a state of flux, both locally and nationally, we decided not to publish the report as it is not complete.

We sought legal advice on a possible Judicial Review (JR) following Dorset Council's decision to approve the Higher Stockbridge Solar Farm. The trustees decided not to proceed with a JR following the response from the QC, it was felt there was less than 60% chance of success.

In December 2021 we launched a School Award's Scheme the 'Barbara Vance Countryside Prize' for 6th Form students, in 19 secondary schools and colleges across the whole of Dorset, with follow-up reminders. We had a disappointing response to this scheme. New ideas on how to improve the scheme have come forward. The Trustees would like more work done on the proposal, for example potential to promote as an Education Award, agree which educational institutions and ages the scheme should be extended to before promoting it.

#### **Rural Economy and Farming**

George Hosford, Dorset NFU Chair, was a guest speaker at our Countryside Forum Meeting held in June. He farms on land around Durweston, near Blandford. Gemma Harvey, NFU County Advisor, gave us an update on the pressures facing the farming industry. The cost-of-living crisis and the conflict in Ukraine are illustrating the growing importance of food security and the nature of farming.

Dorset CPRE welcome the opportunity to develop regenerative farming as well as ensuring that farming is sufficiently profiled in local and national discussions. Farmers need to have a degree of certainty in order to plan in uncertain times – the ELMS (Environmental Land Management Schemes) to date appears not to supply that certainty. Placing solar panels on good quality agricultural land may not be the good idea that it initially appears to be. The land cannot be farmed effectively while the panels are in situ, and so will be out of production for the next 40 years. Dorset CPRE has been promoting roof deployment of solar panels for some years. We need a realistic long run energy strategy which promotes new efficient technologies to largely meet Britain's energy needs while reducing carbon emissions.

During lockdown, Rupert Hardy wrote about the struggles faced by rural pubs and not to desert village shops once lockdown is over - both are the beating hearts of our rural communities. Dorset CPRE's remit is not just to protect the countryside but to support our rural communities.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Trustees' Report (continued)

#### Membership

Total membership as at 31st August 2022 is 693 (now based on number of households/organisations and equivalent to 1143 using the original membership calculation), (1,160 in 2021, 1.47% decrease on last year) and includes Organisations, Civic Societies and Parish/Town Council Members.

Members continue to be kept informed of our work through the well-received bi-annual magazine 'The Dorset Review' (a 28-page publication with illustrated articles on our various campaigns and other pieces on Dorset history and the countryside), social media, e-newsletters, events, website updates, monthly article in Blackmore Vale magazine, and press releases. We continue to send monthly e-newsletters to our members, Parish and Town Councils, Councillors, like minded organisations and those who signed up to receive our e-newsletter.

In June we had a very enjoyable and memorable garden party in the grounds of a historical house in the beautiful valley in the Purbeck Hills. It was great to meet so many of our members in person after such a long break. A big thank you to our volunteers who helped on the day.

At our 84th Anniversary AGM, held on 20th November 2021, we recognised the special contribution of two of our long-standing volunteers. Richard Norman, for an outstanding contribution as Honorary Treasurer, for our North Dorset CPRE Group since 1990 and Dorset CPRE since 1993, and Trustee. Richard has also stepped in again to assist with producing the year end accounts when the new Hon. Treasurer resigned. Dr John Larkin, for his tireless commitment to the activities of Dorset CPRE over the past 20 years, as a Trustee, Minerals & Waste Adviser, responding to consultations, representing us at various Forum Meetings. They continue to work with Dorset CPRE as volunteers and were elected as vice-presidents.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to members that have supported us through their volunteering efforts during this tough year, we are very grateful. We welcome trustees and volunteers who can bring enthusiasm and new energy and help us to find positive solutions for the issues and threats facing our beautiful Dorset countryside and our communities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mr P Bowyer  
Trustee

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on pages 10 to 20.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

.....  
Mr. M. J. Cridland B.A. (Hons) F.C.A.  
Scott Vevers Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
and Registered Auditors  
65 East Street  
Bridport  
Dorset  
DT6 3LB

Date:.....

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		26,251	26,251
Activities for generating funds		2,318	2,318
Investment income	4	<u>12,518</u>	<u>12,518</u>
Total Income		<u>41,087</u>	<u>41,087</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds		(31,590)	(31,590)
Other expenditure	5	<u>(17,912)</u>	<u>(17,912)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(49,502)</u>	<u>(49,502)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(33,172)</u>	<u>(33,172)</u>
Net movement in funds		(41,587)	(41,587)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>805,256</u>	<u>805,256</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>763,669</u></u>	<u><u>763,669</u></u>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		85,258	85,258
Investment income	4	<u>7,923</u>	<u>7,923</u>
Total Income		<u>93,181</u>	<u>93,181</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds		(30,043)	(30,043)
Other expenditure	5	<u>(29,747)</u>	<u>(29,747)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(59,790)</u>	<u>(59,790)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>29,414</u>	<u>29,414</u>
Net movement in funds		62,805	62,805
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>742,451</u>	<u>742,451</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>805,256</u></u>	<u><u>805,256</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 11.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### (Registration number: 211974) Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	226	167
Investments	9	<u>357,273</u>	<u>283,448</u>
		<u>357,499</u>	<u>283,615</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		410,304	526,225
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(4,134)</u>	<u>(4,584)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>406,170</u>	<u>521,641</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>763,669</u>	<u>805,256</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted		<u>763,669</u>	<u>805,256</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	11	<u>763,669</u>	<u>805,256</u>

The financial statements on pages 10 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Mr P Bowyer  
Trustee

# Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

### 1 Accounting policies

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### Basis of preparation

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

#### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### *Donations and legacies*

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### *Raising funds*

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

#### Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets for charity use are capitalised at cost. They are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line basis

#### Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

#### Financial instruments

##### Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)**

#### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### ***Investments***

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

#### ***Fair value measurement***

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	3,639	3,639	2,762
Legacies	1,000	1,000	61,928
Subscriptions	21,612	21,612	20,568
	<u>26,251</u>	<u>26,251</u>	<u>20,568</u>
	<u>26,251</u>	<u>26,251</u>	<u>85,258</u>

#### 3 Income from activities for generating funds

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Events income;			
Fund raising activities	2,318	2,318	-
	<u>2,318</u>	<u>2,318</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,318</u>	<u>2,318</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 4 Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from fixed asset investments	12,253	12,253	6,918
Bank interest	265	265	1,005
	<u>12,518</u>	<u>12,518</u>	<u>7,923</u>
	<u>12,518</u>	<u>12,518</u>	<u>7,923</u>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

#### 5 Total resources expended

	Charitable activities £	Costs of generating funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Subcontract cost	-	16,822	16,822	17,841
Travelling	-	263	263	178
Insurance	-	1,105	1,105	1,015
Telephone and fax	-	166	166	211
Room hire	-	162	162	-
Printing, postage and stationery	-	2,994	2,994	4,056
Branch news letter	-	3,858	3,858	3,960
Other expenses	-	484	484	1,491
Accountancy fees	-	1,160	1,160	1,080
Management charges	-	3,969	3,969	-
Bank charges	-	251	251	127
Depreciation	-	120	120	84
Sponsorship and donations	-	-	-	80
Computer software	-	236	236	-
Shows and functions	1,735	-	1,735	-
Campaigns	16,177	-	16,177	29,667
	<u>17,912</u>	<u>31,590</u>	<u>49,502</u>	<u>59,790</u>

Included in the above figure, £31,590 (2021: £30,043) relates to support costs, and £17,912 (2021: £29,747) relates to direct costs.

Accountancy fees are wholly in respect of an independent examination.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)**

#### **6 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

#### 7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 September 2021	1,989	1,989
Additions	179	179
At 31 August 2022	<u>2,168</u>	<u>2,168</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 September 2021	1,822	1,822
Charge for the year	120	120
At 31 August 2022	<u>1,942</u>	<u>1,942</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 August 2022	<u>226</u>	<u>226</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>167</u>	<u>167</u>

#### 9 Fixed asset investments

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Other investments	<u>357,273</u>	<u>283,448</u>

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

#### Other investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 September 2021	76,243	207,204	283,447
Revaluation	(17,851)	(15,320)	(33,171)
Additions	115,670	-	115,670
Disposals	(8,673)	-	(8,673)
At 31 August 2022	165,389	191,884	357,273
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 August 2022	165,389	191,884	357,273
At 31 August 2021	76,243	207,204	283,447

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	2,997	3,534
Accruals	1,137	1,050
	4,134	4,584

#### 11 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	(655,497)	(41,087)	49,502	-	(647,082)
Designated	(62,047)	-	-	-	(62,047)
Revaluation reserve	(87,712)	-	-	33,172	(54,540)
<b>Total funds</b>	(805,256)	(41,087)	49,502	33,172	(763,669)

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

#### 12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2022 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	226	226
Fixed asset investments	357,273	357,273
Current assets	410,304	410,304
Current liabilities	(4,134)	(4,134)
Total net assets	763,669	763,669
	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2021 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	167	167
Fixed asset investments	283,448	283,448
Current assets	526,225	526,225
Current liabilities	(4,584)	(4,584)
Total net assets	805,256	805,256

#### 13 Financial instruments

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	410,304	526,225
Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	(4,134)	(4,584)

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND - DORSET BRANCH**

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 211974

# Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

# **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

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## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs S Brown Dr A G Dickinson Dr J A Larkin Mr R H Norman Mr P Bowyer Mr S O'Connell Mrs J Westbrook
<b>Principal Office</b>	15 Hillcrest Close Glue Hill Sturminster Newton Dorset DT10 2DL
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	211974
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 10 South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1BT
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Scott Vevers Ltd Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 65 East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3LB

# Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

## Trustees' Report

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

### Objectives

The objects of the Branch shall be to seek to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the market towns and rural villages of the County of Dorset. To meet this objective the charity seeks charitable donations and subscriptions from the public. The Charity is regulated by a revised Constitution, approved in November 2015, and is constituted as an un-incorporated association.

### Branch Trustees

The following officers of the charity held office at 31st August 2021:

Mr Peter Bowyer	Chair of Trustees
Dr Guy Dickinson	Vice-Chair of Trustees
Mr Richard Norman	Treasurer
Dr John Larkin	
Mrs Sandra Brown	
Mr Steve O' Connell	
Mrs Jane Westbrook	

The Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting held in November. The Chair of Trustees is elected at the first Trustees Meeting, held in December, following the AGM.

### Organisation

The Charity is an autonomous branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisational structure has up to seven Trustees dealing with the finances, administration, and our responsibilities to the Charity Commission and National CPRE. In the Countryside Forum, countryside specialists and invited experts focus on specific problems and priorities. The Secretary runs the office and is recruited by the Branch Trustees on a self-employed basis.

### COVID-19

The Dorset CPRE is run from a home office and since April 2020 we have held virtual Countryside Forum & Trustees Meetings using Zoom. The popularity of virtual meetings has enabled volunteers to join in National CPRE, CPRE South West and external meetings without the need to travel. Our local district groups are also holding committee meetings using Zoom where possible. Some face to face events started to resume from September 2021 with the option of using Zoom as needed. Our 2021 AGM to be held on 21st November will be a hybrid event.

### Grants were provided for the following main projects:

#### Dorset CPRE:

Fingerposts £ 1,180

Trees For Dorset £ 300

Morden Holiday Park Legal Advice: £18,960

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

Charlton Marshall Objection: £ 1,350

Draft Response to Dorset Council Local Plan £ 1,536

Stop Portland Waste Incinerator £ 1,000

STAND (Save The Area North of Dorchester):

½ Cost of Leaflet £ 466.46

#### **North Dorset Group**

Pimperne Parish Council Legal Advice

regarding Neighbourhood Plan £ 1,000

Fingerpost £ 130

Total £25,922.46

Dorset CPRE will consider giving money to causes as well as campaigns that meet our charitable objectives. We set aside around £30k per year, previously £20k, for grants and fund requests. We have sought professional advice regarding investing a legacy received in 2020 and have considered possible uses of this. The current Reserves Policy will be updated in light of these decisions.

#### **Review of Activities and Future Development**

The statement of financial activities for the year and the balance sheet are set out on the attached pages. This last year has been another active and successful one and may be summarised as follows:

#### **A Strategy for Dorset's Towns, Villages and Countryside**

In August 2020, Dorset CPRE evolved a refreshed and dynamic strategy, to guide the Branch as it addresses issues including planning, landscape, rural economy and farming, campaigns and projects, membership, organisation, influencing Opinion Leaders and Dorset Decision Makers, and climate change and nature emergency.

The next six to nine months are truly interesting times. We have a new Minister responsible for planning, a draft bill on the Environment, COP26 conference, a report from Dorset Council on the consultation on the Dorset Local Plan and the outcomes of the CPRE Governance Review. Each of these matters are important for Dorset CPRE and the countryside. Each of these matters involves choices and even trade-offs. On the recently published summary of responses to the consultation on the Draft Local Plan, Dorset CPRE is undertaking analysis of the responses and what they purport to show. The report will assist Dorset CPRE and others in how they will be able to supply evidence to further stages of the process for the Dorset Local Plan.

#### **Planning**

The majority of our work over the past year revolves around the Dorset Council Local Plan and future BCP Council Local Plan. Leading up to the consultation deadline we voiced strong criticism of both Dorset Council's Local Plan, and also the consultation process in the local media and via our monthly e-newsletter. The Local Plan is very important as it will decide the future development of Dorset until 2038 and we urged everyone to respond.

# **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

## **Trustees' Report**

Our response to the Dorset Council Local Plan was prepared by Jo Witherden, Dorset Planning Consultant, and summarised the basis for Dorset CPRE's objections to the draft Local Plan. It included suggestions for key changes and actions that we believe Dorset Council should consider, in order to produce a truly sustainable and inspiring Local Plan that has the community's interests and the environment at its heart. We also submitted two additional reports regarding Renewable Energy issues and Flood Risk. Responses were also submitted by our District Groups. Dorset CPRE wants to work constructively to help the Dorset Council develop a sound plan which meets the needs of our communities and helps them to thrive sustainably.

We argue that Dorset does not have the capacity to accommodate significant development because of the outstanding quality of its environment and heritage, including its designated areas e.g., the AONBs, Green Belts, Sites of Special Scientific Interest. We argue, and are working on the case to demonstrate, that Dorset has exceptional circumstances which would justify the use for planning purposes of lower housing numbers than the high target adopted by Dorset Council. In addition, the growing concerns associated with the Climate and Ecological Emergencies make the case for a Re-think of the Dorset Local Plan an imperative for us all.

We want to see better-designed homes, including genuinely affordable homes, of appropriate sizes, and developments of appropriate scale, with a serious "brownfield first" policy and built where they are needed.

In a big success for the countryside, last month the Prime Minister used his major Conservative Party Conference speech to signal a commitment to protecting our green spaces from unscrupulous development and signalled a brownfield-first approach to new building.

### **Landscape**

National CPRE produced an updated 'Beauty betrayed' report last published in 2017, which investigated the scale at which housing development was being proposed and built in AONB designated areas. We contributed local case studies which included Vearse Farm in Bridport, Spyway Orchard in Langton Matravers, and examples from North Dorset in the Cranborne Chase AONB.

Earlier this year lawyers acting for Dorset CPRE (costing nearly £19k) raised valid objections to a proposed holiday park for 100 units plus an associated SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces) in the Green Belt. These objections seem to have convinced Dorset Council which has indicated it would not object to deletion of the area identified for the holiday park and for release from the Green Belt at Morden, from the proposed Local Plan. The Inspector has asked Dorset Council to consider withdrawing the Purbeck Local Plan altogether, but Dorset Council remain keen to get the Purbeck Local Plan completed.

Residents in Charlton Marshall celebrated in March the dismissal of an appeal by Hallam Land Management to build 70 homes outside the settlement boundary. Dorset CPRE provided financial support for the action group's Transport Consultant to appear at the Appeal, while North Dorset CPRE gave active advice.

We promoted the CPRE Star count 2021. Between 6-14th February we asked residents to help us map the nation's view of the night sky by counting the number of stars you can see in the constellation of Orion. Dark night skies are a special quality of the Dorset AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) & Cranborne Chase AONB and contribute to the area's sense of tranquillity and remoteness. The results showed that 2021 saw much lower reports of bad light pollution across the UK than in 2020. We think that this might be down to a 'lockdown effect', with quieter urban areas and fewer large buildings in operation, it's likely there's less glow or leakage into our night skies.

We continue to participate in the Litter Free Dorset Working Group meetings. The long awaited Deposit Return Scheme for recycling of drinks containers announced by ministers in 2018 looks set to be delayed until the end of 2024. We promoted the Love Your Verge campaign, launched in April 2021. 289 signs featuring four characters (a hedgehog, mouse, bee, and grass snake) are displayed on the verges around Dorset.

# **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

## **Trustees' Report**

### **Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy**

In January we responded to the Dorset Council survey 'What do you think about our plans to tackle the climate and ecological emergency?'. The climate and ecological emergencies pose a massive challenge, which will demand leadership from the Council and widespread action by the people, communities, enterprises and organisations in the county. We provided a comprehensive response to the Renewable Energy detailed technical paper and supporting document, and referred to our strong objection to the proposed waste incinerator on Portland given its location.

### **Dorset National Park**

Dorset CPRE supports the designation of a National Park which would bring benefits and opportunities for our communities, economy, environment and heritage and for the Dorset Council. The National Park team has accepted an invitation from Natural England to be involved in the further assessment of the Dorset proposal which has been shortlisted for further evaluation.

### **Hedgerow Heroes**

We are delighted to link up with CPRE Hampshire to support the restoration of hedgerows. It is part of a new CPRE project, called Hedgerow Heroes, to plant or restore over 15 kilometres of hedges across the country. The site, the Hinton Admiral Estate, is on the Dorset/Hampshire border just to the north-east of Christchurch. The project involves the planting of 1.7 kilometres of new hedgerows and improving a further 1.3 kilometres of existing hedgerows to create a better habitat for wildlife. The planting will begin mid-November to late December. Volunteers have come forward to help with surveys and join in a Beginners' Course in Hedgelaying.

### **Grants and Sponsorship**

Linked to the Hedgerow Heros project, we are providing funding for the cost of plants for new hedgerows at two secondary schools in the Christchurch area.

Following the 2020 legacy, we are launching a School Award's Scheme the 'Barbara Vance Countryside Prize' for 6th Form students, in 19 secondary schools and colleges across the whole of Dorset, during the Autumn 2021 term.

We continue to offer grants of up to £200 per request for Fingerpost repairs and this is advertised in the Dorset AONB Fingerpost Project website. Currently we have spent £15,352 on grants for 105 fingerposts with a further 16 that have been approved but not paid for. This will be reviewed when we reach the new approved total of £20k.

Dorset CPRE were due to sponsor for the eighth year running the class 'Best Village Shop', in the Best Dorset Village Competition run by Magna Housing, however, it was cancelled again due to COVID-19. We continue to encourage members and Dorset residents to support the county's many quality food-and-drink producers, local village shops and pubs 'The beating hearts of our rural communities' who have been hard hit by closures over the past 18 months.

# **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

## **Trustees' Report**

### **Rural Economy and Farming**

Shaun Leavey has written a reflection on changes in Farming over the last eighty years and the perfect storm bearing down on our Dorset Landscape. The main long-term threat to the Dorset Landscape is from a total absence of any clear English government strategy for our farming industry. Dorset farmers are faced with a progressive decrease in the subsidy that they are paid. The Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) is not yet available. If farmers cannot use their farmland profitably for food production then they may have to look at diversifying their businesses to use their land and buildings for non-farming purposes. Done well, such as a farm shop or conversion of redundant buildings to holiday accommodation or offices it has great merit. Residents of the Sherborne area now have the facility of buying their milk from one of the farms that border the town. Done badly, farm diversification, either through desperation or lack of management expertise, can be a disaster for the countryside.

Dorset CPRE's remit is not just to protect the countryside but to support our rural communities. To that end Rupert Hardy wrote an article in our spring magazine on how pubs and village shops are the beating hearts of our communities. We continue to promote quality local food producers. We featured an article on Dorset's Best Muesli and Granola Makers in the Spring edition of our magazine 'The Dorset Review'.

### **Membership**

Total membership as at 31st August 2021 is 1,160 (1,173 in 2020, 1.1% decrease on last year) and includes Organisations, Civic Societies and Parish/Town Council Members.

We are working to be more proactive and increase membership in the BCP Council area. As a first step we researched relevant societies/groups in the BCP Council area. A copy of our magazine was sent with a cover letter to the contact list in January to introduce our organisation. We followed this up with our monthly e-newsletter. We shall welcome any ideas and offers of help to take this forward.

### **Newsletter and Social Media**

Members continue to be kept informed of our work through the well-received bi-annual magazine 'The Dorset Review', social media, e-newsletters and press releases. Since February 2021 we have sent monthly e-newsletters to our members, Parish and Town Councils, Councillors, like minded organisations and those who signed up to receive our e-newsletter.

Twitter and a Facebook page help us to engage with a new audience and increase our presence on social network sites. Dorset CPRE's website provides useful information, responses to consultations, and updates on current campaigns and events.

### **Finances**

The branch finances remain healthy.

A great contribution is made by active member volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers spend vetting planning applications, considering consultations, attending meetings & events (the majority are online) and assisting with campaigns. Our monthly Planning Group meetings, started in February 2021, have enabled more volunteers to come forward and make a valuable contribution.

The Trustees continually review the Charity's major risks and are confident that there are systems set up to mitigate them. The Trustees review the reserves at regular intervals to ensure the long-term survival of the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Trustees' Report**

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mr P Bowyer  
Trustee

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

.....  
Mr. M. J. Cridland B.A. (Hons) F.C.A.  
Scott Vevers Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
and Registered Auditors  
65 East Street  
Bridport  
Dorset  
DT6 3LB

16 December 2021

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		85,258	85,258
Investment income	4	<u>7,923</u>	<u>7,923</u>
Total Income		<u>93,181</u>	<u>93,181</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds		(30,043)	(30,043)
Other expenditure	5	<u>(29,747)</u>	<u>(29,747)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(59,790)</u>	<u>(59,790)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>29,414</u>	<u>29,414</u>
Net movement in funds		62,805	62,805
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>742,451</u>	<u>742,451</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>805,256</u>	<u>805,256</u>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		518,977	518,977
Activities for generating funds		3,890	3,890
Investment income	4	<u>7,473</u>	<u>7,473</u>
Total Income		<u>530,340</u>	<u>530,340</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds		(26,903)	(26,903)
Other expenditure	5	<u>(35,379)</u>	<u>(35,379)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(62,282)</u>	<u>(62,282)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(470)</u>	<u>(470)</u>
Net movement in funds		467,588	467,588
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>274,863</u>	<u>274,863</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u>742,451</u>	<u>742,451</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 11.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### (Registration number: 211974) Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	167	251
Investments	9	<u>512,387</u>	<u>182,973</u>
		<u>512,554</u>	<u>183,224</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		297,286	561,698
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(4,584)</u>	<u>(2,471)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>292,702</u>	<u>559,227</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>805,256</u>	<u>742,451</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted		<u>805,256</u>	<u>742,451</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	11	<u>805,256</u>	<u>742,451</u>

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Mr R H Norman  
Trustee

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

##### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

##### **Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets for charity use are capitalised at cost. They are stated in the accounts at cost less depreciation.

#### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line basis

#### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

## Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	2,762	2,762	933
Legacies	61,928	61,928	497,000
Subscriptions	20,568	20,568	21,044
	<u>85,258</u>	<u>85,258</u>	<u>518,977</u>

#### 3 Income from activities for generating funds

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Events income;			
Fund raising activities	-	-	3,890
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,890</u>

#### 4 Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from fixed asset investments	6,918	6,918	7,360
Bank interest	1,005	1,005	113
	<u>7,923</u>	<u>7,923</u>	<u>7,473</u>

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#### 5 Total resources expended

	Charitable activities £	Costs of generating funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Subcontract cost	-	17,841	17,841	15,092
Travelling	-	178	178	379
Insurance	-	1,015	1,015	871
Telephone and fax	-	211	211	162
Room hire	-	-	-	783
Printing, postage and stationery	-	4,056	4,056	3,649
Branch news letter	-	3,960	3,960	4,532
Other expenses	-	1,491	1,491	127
Accountancy fees	-	1,080	1,080	1,044
Bank charges	-	127	127	180
Depreciation	-	84	84	84
Sponsorship and donations	80	-	80	-
Advertising	-	-	-	1,320
Shows and functions	-	-	-	4,799
Campaigns	29,667	-	29,667	29,260
	<u>29,747</u>	<u>30,043</u>	<u>59,790</u>	<u>62,282</u>

Included in the above figure, £30,043 (2020: £26,903) relates to support costs, and £29,747 (2020: £35,379) relates to direct costs.

Accountancy fees are wholly in respect of an independent examination.

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#### **6 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

##### **Mr P Bowyer**

£Nil (2020: £172) of expenses were reimbursed to Mr P Bowyer during the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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#### 7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 September 2020	<u>1,989</u>	<u>1,989</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>1,989</u>	<u>1,989</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 September 2020	1,738	1,738
Charge for the year	<u>84</u>	<u>84</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>1,822</u>	<u>1,822</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 August 2021	<u><u>167</u></u>	<u><u>167</u></u>
At 31 August 2020	<u><u>251</u></u>	<u><u>251</u></u>

#### 9 Fixed asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Other investments	<u><u>512,387</u></u>	<u><u>182,973</u></u>

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#### Other investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 September 2020	3,715	179,258	182,973
Revaluation	1,467	27,947	29,414
Additions	71,061	228,939	300,000
At 31 August 2021	76,243	436,144	512,387
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 August 2021	76,243	436,144	512,387
At 31 August 2020	3,715	179,258	182,973

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	3,534	1,451
Accruals	1,050	1,020
	4,584	2,471

#### 11 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	(622,106)	(93,181)	59,790	-	(655,497)
Designated	(62,047)	-	-	-	(62,047)
Revaluation reserve	(58,298)	-	-	(29,414)	(87,712)
<b>Total funds</b>	(742,451)	(93,181)	59,790	(29,414)	(805,256)

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#### 12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2021 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	167	167
Fixed asset investments	512,387	512,387
Current assets	297,286	297,286
Current liabilities	(4,584)	(4,584)
Total net assets	805,256	805,256
	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 August 2020 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	251	251
Fixed asset investments	182,973	182,973
Current assets	561,698	561,698
Current liabilities	(2,471)	(2,471)
Total net assets	742,451	742,451