

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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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees:	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)
Charity Registration Number	211974
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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 31st 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 th November 2022
Mr. Mike Madgwick	Co-opted 12 th May 2023
Mr. Peter Neil	Co-opted 12 th 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.

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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	<u>£12,293.40</u>
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*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 17th 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 6th 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.

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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 31st 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.

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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

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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.

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Date: 27/11/23

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and Endowments from:				
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>
Expenditure on:				
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)
Reconciliation of funds				
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.

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

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	107	226
Investments	9	<u>380,863</u>	<u>357,273</u>
		<u>380,970</u>	<u>357,499</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		372,007	410,304
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(4,164)</u>	<u>(4,134)</u>
Net current assets		<u>367,843</u>	<u>406,170</u>
Net assets		<u>748,813</u>	<u>763,669</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted		<u>748,813</u>	<u>763,669</u>
Total funds	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 on18/11/23..... 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.

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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 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 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.

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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

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
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

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
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

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
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>

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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.

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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 £
Cost or valuation		
As at 1 September 2022	2,168	2,168
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
As at 31 August 2023	<u>2,168</u>	<u>2,168</u>
Depreciation		
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>
Net book value		
As at 31 August 2023	<u>107</u>	<u>107</u>
As at 31 August 2022	<u>226</u>	<u>226</u>

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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 £
Cost or valuation			
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>
Net book value			
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 £
Unrestricted					
General	(647,082)	(45,649)	55,319	-	(637,412)
Designated	(62,047)	-	-	-	(62,047)
Revaluation reserve	(54,540)	-	-	5,186	(49,354)
Total funds	<u>(763,669)</u>	<u>(45,649)</u>	<u>55,319</u>	<u>5,186</u>	<u>(748,813)</u>

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 August 2023 £
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>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 August 2022 £
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	<u>763,669</u>	<u>763,669</u>

13 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
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>