



The countryside charity  
**Gloucestershire**

# 2020 Annual Review

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Farmcote overlooking Winchcombe  
by Flynn Paget-Wall Collins



## Chair's Statement

We know only too well that 2020 was an extraordinarily difficult year for all of us and especially for charities. At CPRE Gloucestershire, like other charities, we were not able to engage in most of the activities we had planned and had to learn to operate in a completely different way.

I am delighted to report however, that not only were we able to keep going, but that despite it all, we had a most successful year. We were able to use the power of various technologies to meet, to publicise our work and above all, to campaign for the future of our countryside.

Thanks to the determination and skill of our Director, Louise Williams, and our Office Manager, Lesley Painter, who joined us last February, CPRE Gloucestershire significantly increased its presence on social media over the last year and greatly improved communications with our members. Despite having to work from home, like so many others during this difficult time, Louise and Lesley were able to initiate a number of new projects and activities. These have included fund-raising, successfully applying for grants, launching regular online newsletters, selling Christmas cards and calendars and of course, planning new initiatives for when we can all meet in person again. As always, our CPRE Gloucestershire Awards, which recognise outstanding contributions to the environment or to the local community, were a highlight of the year. Despite constraints, all the Awards were given to the recipients in person, prompting very welcome press coverage. More generally our media profile significantly increased during the year including several interviews on BBC Radio Gloucestershire.



**Prof. Patricia Broadfoot CBE FAcSS,**  
County Chair

As 'the Countryside Charity', CPRE, both nationally and locally, conducted major campaigns during the year to raise public awareness of the solace to be found in our wonderful landscapes and to encourage people to join CPRE to help protect these beautiful places. Monitoring planning applications and fighting inappropriate development is a central part of CPRE activities. I am therefore pleased to report that this vital work has continued. Members of our six District Committees continued to work tirelessly on behalf of local communities to protect our precious countryside from the sprawl of unfettered housing growth.

CPRE Gloucestershire is a campaigning organisation. It depends heavily on the work of a wide range of volunteers – its trustees, its committee members, its specialist volunteers, as well as on its small, but hugely committed, team of paid staff. I would like to record my sincere gratitude and thanks to them all. The achievements recorded in this Report are due to their combined efforts. As we look forward to the possibility of live events in the months to come, I am confident that CPRE Gloucestershire will raise public awareness of the importance of nature for our mental and physical health and for the future of our rural communities. With your support, we will continue to do everything we can to protect and enhance our priceless and irreplaceable Gloucestershire countryside.



# Our National Campaigns

## Peat

We continue to campaign for the government to make peat burning illegal. The government announced in January 2020 that they wanted to take measures to prevent the burning of heather and other vegetation on protected blanket bog habitats and to make the sale of peat loaded compost illegal. There hasn't been any further movement from Government on this since then, but DEFRA reports that 'Work to restore peat bogs is also already underway, and we're currently funding four major projects around the country which will restore 6,498 hectares of degraded peatland.'

## Regeneration

A 'Regeneration' campaign was launched on 1st July 2020 calling on Government to consider the newly awakened appreciation of our natural environment that was felt during lockdown when building back our economy. A poll carried out during lockdown found that two-thirds of people think protecting and enhancing green spaces should be a higher government priority after coronavirus.

## Greener, better, faster

Greener, better, faster was launched at a virtual panel discussion in July 2020 with George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Luke Pollard MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, Former Leader of the Green Party; and Freddie Northcott, youth climate activist in attendance.

CPRE National and its local office in Gloucestershire believes that the countryside is key to tackling the climate emergency and provides many of the solutions to addressing climate breakdown. More information can be found here <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/what-we-care-about/current-campaigns/greener-better-faster-countryside-solutions-for-a-green-recovery/>

## Star Count 2020

Our annual Star Count took place in February 2020 and an incredible 2,500 people took part, braving the rain and cold to count stars within the Orion constellation over the course of a week. Over 27,000 stars were counted and logged.

### Key findings:

Almost two-thirds of us (61%) couldn't see more than ten stars within Orion, indicating we're experiencing severe light pollution. Worryingly, this was the highest figure we've seen since we started doing our annual counts. Find out more and see the interactive map here.

<https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/what-we-care-about/current-campaigns/greener-better-faster-countryside-solutions-for-a-green-recovery/>



# Our Local Campaigns

## Wolds End Orchard, Chipping Camden

Friends of Wolds End Orchard was formed in 2019; joining forces with long-standing opponents and sharing our combined expertise, research and determination. The orchard has been at risk of development for decades, despite enormous local opposition to it. We were approached by FOWEO to support their campaign. We are happy to report that for now, the orchard is safe and under new management from the charity who owns it, and the future of the orchard looks far better than it did.



## Newnham on Severn Phone Box

We're delighted to report that Historic England have awarded the phone box listed building status. The Parish Council then met and decided against the removal and sale of the phone box.

Tony who is working on this campaign said: "I want to thank you for your great support and for informing your members. If any of them did write to the Council or sign my petition, please thank them on my behalf."





# Local Planning Matters

The Local Plan process gives us the chance to shape the places where we live into the future. If you want more affordable housing for young people; if you want more local transport so that traffic is reduced; if you want fewer unsustainable commuter settlements that increase traffic and pollution whilst bringing limited economic benefit, you can write to your local council and have your say.

Here we provide an overview of the Local Plans for each council.

## Cotswold District Council

The Cotswold District Local Plan was adopted in 2018 and runs to 2031.

Cotswold District Council were due to undertake a partial update of the Local Plan. The Government subsequently published the Planning for the future White Paper and Changes to the current planning system consultation in August 2020. These documents seek to reform the existing planning system and change the way councils plan for new development and determine planning applications.

Cotswold District Council will publish a new Local Plan Development Scheme when they have clarity from the Government on the proposed reforms to the planning system.

## Forest of Dean District Council

The Forest of Dean District Council began the process of reviewing its Core Strategy and associated plans in Autumn 2019, with the aim of having a new Local Plan in place by 2023. This is intended to cover the period up to 2041.

All of the consultation responses are being analysed to inform the next stage of the emerging Local Plan. The public will be asked for comment on the Draft Local Plan in Summer 2021.

## Stroud District Council

In November 2015, the Council adopted a new Local Plan for Stroud. This plan provides a framework for the District for the period up to 2031.

In August 2020, the Government published proposed changes to the way they calculate the minimum housing requirement for each local authority area in the country. This revised method proposed increasing the requirement for Stroud District from the level set out in the 2019 Draft Local Plan of 638 homes per annum, to 786 homes per annum.



Tewkesbury Borough Council

If this new method is confirmed, a revised Draft Local Plan may have to identify further land within the Stroud District for housing. Current monitoring indicates they may have to find land for an additional 1,050 – 2,400 homes between now and 2040.

For this reason, the Council consulted on additional housing options and sites. This took place via an online questionnaire due to Covid-19 restrictions. The consultation has now closed. Our Stroud and Berkeley Vale District Committees jointly responded to the consultation on additional housing options in early December 2020.

## Gloucester City Council

CPRE made a detailed submission on the Gloucester City Plan at the Pre-Submission consultation stage. The Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State ON 20 November 2020 and its Examination is now due to start 11 May 2021.

## Cheltenham Borough Council

The Cheltenham Plan had its Examination in 2019 and was adopted on 20th July 2020.

## Tewkesbury Borough Council

Following the Pre-Submission consultation at the end of 2019, the Tewkesbury Borough Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in May 2020. The Examination hearings, to which CPRE provided written input, will begin in February 2021.

## Joint Core Strategy (JCS) Review

There has been little if any obvious progress since the Issues and Options consultation at the end of 2018, and while the major expansion of Ashchurch to form 'Tewkesbury Garden Town' remains a likely major aspect, there is little public progress on that either. However, a new timetable has recently been published, which involves public consultation on Preferred Options later in 2021. Pre-submission consultation is intended to take place towards the end of 2022 and the Examination the following summer.

Beneath the JCS, work had continued on the more detailed local plans for its three constituent authorities, all of which, like the current JCS, run to 2031.

# Planning Reforms

In August 2020 the Government launched two consultations on proposals to make major changes to the planning system in England.

The first "Changes to the current planning system" comprised a number of changes which could be introduced quickly aimed at stimulating economic recovery after the Covid pandemic.

The second "Planning for the Future" was a White Paper detailing major longer-term changes which would require legislation.

A number of the proposals were highly controversial and set alarm bells ringing at CPRE. Responding robustly to the consultations was the main CPRE campaign in the autumn and is continuing into 2021. Our national planning team did an outstanding job in responding in detail, with inputs from across the network of local CPREs, not least from CPRE Gloucestershire. They were also very successful in raising awareness of the issues at stake with Conservative backbench MPs and in the media. At the same time, the team engaged with Ministers and senior staff in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in a spirit of constructive dialogue to address areas of particular concern.

The proposal in the first consultation to revise the standard method for determining how many homes should be planned for in each local authority area would have resulted

in greatly increased rates of building in the south of England and on greenfield sites but reduced numbers in the north of England and in the major conurbations where regeneration is so urgent. For Gloucestershire, our house building rate would have increased overall by a massive 46% and in the Cotswolds by a staggering 148%. This proposal caused widespread dismay across the country and a backlash from MPs and more generally. In December, the Government backed down. The present standard method is now to be retained but the twenty most populated urban centres in England see their housing needed uplifted by 35% and there is to be a greater emphasis on redevelopment of underused and derelict land. CPRE can claim much of the credit for this very welcome change of heart.

There is much more campaigning to do as the legislation to implement the proposals in the White Paper is drafted. There are still major issues to resolve, including ensuring local democracy and community engagement, addressing the climate and biodiversity emergencies, ensuring development is focussed on sustainable locations and delivering sufficient affordable housing.

Until details of the new legislation emerges we will not know whether the Government has listened to us or not, but our aim is to continue to engage positively with MHCLG and be solutions focussed.

The sterling efforts of the national team and the considerable resources devoted to this vital campaign have only been made possible because of the strength and support of CPRE's membership and supporters across the network. CPRE Gloucestershire members have therefore played their part.







## CPRE Gloucestershire Awards 2020

Six Awards have been made in 2020, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic we have not been able to hold our usual celebratory presentation ceremony. Instead our Vice-Chairman, Richard Lloyd presented the Awards at the project locations, we are producing a video of the presentations, and those involved have been invited to an online event on 10th November to hear about all the projects.

If you would like to attend this event and haven't yet registered please register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0qc-yprzluHdOg1PSXczZdoWQIOsLN5qV3> and you will receive a link to join the event. Alternatively please email [lesley.painter@cpreglos.org.uk](mailto:lesley.painter@cpreglos.org.uk) to register attendance and receive the Zoom link.

The six projects are:



### Bledington Community Shop and Café

Bledington now has a splendid community shop thanks to the energy, commitment and skills of local people. Largely funded by the community, designed by a local architect, constructed by a local builder, fitted out and mainly run by volunteers, the outcome is a great community asset



### Lewiston Mill redevelopment, Brimscombe

Derelict mill buildings have been restored creating 20 residential units and five commercial units, all executed to very high standards both externally and internally. The result is an attractive development which has retained its industrial heritage



### Midcounties Co-op Store, Bourton on the Water

Bourton's new store has been exceptionally well designed with sustainability at its heart. A welcome feature is its focus on selling locally sourced produce benefitting local businesses while at the same time reducing "food miles"



### mindSCAPE

MindSCAPE is an innovative project in the Forest of Dean to improve the physical and mental well-being of people living with dementia and their carers by offering creative opportunities to access the countryside and reconnect to the landscape through art.



### Sud Brook Riparian Restoration

When the housing was built in the Abbeydale area of Gloucester in the 1960s, the Sud Brook was placed within a concrete channel. This project has seen the removal of a stretch of the channel and reintroduction of meanders, berms and other traditional riparian features along the brook, transforming the area with an improved landscape, new water habitats and public access to the waterside.



### Nature Based Solutions at Oxstalls Campus and Plock Court

This project focusses on Wooton Brook on Gloucester's northern edge. The southern part was devised by the University of Gloucestershire and links at the northern end to the Plock Court wetland nature reserve created by the City Council. Together biodiversity has been greatly enhanced and flood management aided over a mile of interconnected habitat.

## Gloucestershire Minerals Local Plan

A new Minerals Local Plan (MLP) was finally adopted by Gloucestershire County Council in March 2020 following appraisal via an examination in public and subsequent endorsement by a Government planning inspector - 14 years after its predecessor formally expired (though key policies were 'saved' and still applicable until the new plan was adopted). The current MLP covers the period 2018 - 2032 and will be subject to periodic review in order to reflect any changes, in particular in demand for minerals.

CPRE made substantial representations to several public consultations during the long evolution of the new plan. Although the planning inspector did not accept CPRE's assessment that the 'duty to co-operate' (with other mineral planning authorities) had not been satisfied, it is evident that our comments did help to achieve a major shift in the county council's attention to that requirement. In the latter stages of developing the plan the duty to co-operate was given much greater attention and prominence.

We are disappointed with some policy text in the new MLP and with allocation 01 for crushed rock in the Forest of Dean (extension of Stowe Hill Quarry), but the MLP is now adopted and is the key statutory document for minerals land use planning in Gloucestershire.



# Working with others

Despite having to adapt the way we work we have continued to build relationships and develop projects with other partner organisations:

- Friends of the Cotswolds: we have been developing a project around hedgerow restoration in the Cotswolds National Landscape. We will be able to update you more about that throughout 2021
- ReWild Project, Forest of Dean: we have developed a project to deliver traditional rural crafts to young people at risk of exclusion from school.
- Richard Lloyd continues to represent CPRE on the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership board
- Our tree planting scheme to mitigate against ash dieback in partnership with the Cotswolds Conservation Board continues into another year

- A417 Missing Link We responded to a further Highways Agency consultation on updated designs for the ‘A417 Missing Link’ suggesting a number of refinements to this major road scheme which would help to minimise its landscape impact.
- Gloucestershire County Council Local Transport Plan 2020 – 2041: We made a comprehensive response to a consultation on updating the county’s Local Transport Plan. We welcomed much of what the Plan contains. It aligns with the principles CPRE advocate, with policies to achieve a significant modal shift from use of private cars to use of public transport and more active travel (cycling and walking) not just to solve the increasing problem of congestion but to contribute to efforts to mitigate climate change. However, we were concerned that the proposed actions in the plan failed to follow through with sufficient energy, incisiveness or early commitment of funds.

# Working with the wider CPRE network

- Louise Williams has been attending the South West regional meetings mostly online for 2020. The region took part in a joint communications initiative with Pink Sky Design during October and November 2020 promoting responsible use of the countryside in response to the observation that Covid-19 had increased our appreciation for the countryside on our doorstep. The successful campaign saw us and other CPRE’s in the region promoted across all social media channels providing us with great insight into the opinions of people who engaged with the content published.

- Louise has also been working alongside the income generation team at National CPRE and the Volunteering team as new ways of working are being established to further promote and support the work of local offices. One of these has been the introduction of a new section of our website that processes volunteer applications.
- Our Chair of the Forest of Dean district, Simon Murray, was appointed National CPRE Chair of the board of trustees.
- We will be working with four other CPRE offices across the network in 2021 on a hedgerow restoration project.

# Our District Committees

CPRE Gloucestershire, the Countryside Charity is your local office of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

We work to protect our green spaces which are so important now more than ever. We support rural communities to thrive and connect those in more urban parts of Gloucestershire with their local countryside. How do we do this?

- We scrutinise planning applications and make representations where development would be particularly harmful with regards to the sustainability of the location and/or the impact of development on the landscape – this work is carried out by our dedicated and passionate volunteer task force. You will have a committee in your area of the county: Stroud, Berkeley Vale, Forest of Dean, North Cotswolds, South Cotswolds and Tetbury, and Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury.
- We offer grants to local community groups and parish councils for tree planting to help mitigate the impacts of ash dieback <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/news/funding-for-parish-councils-and-community-groups-for-tree-planting/>
- We’re working on some exciting partnerships with local organisations and individuals on the physical and mental health benefits of the countryside, and we’re planning lots of events and activities – foraging, mindful walks, outdoor yoga, forest bathing and many more!
- We campaign for better transport links for those living in rural parts of Gloucestershire and are calling for a dedicated



rural transport fund <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/resources/transport-deserts/>

- We run projects, activities and campaigns across the county to reduce litter and plastic waste
- We recognise and celebrate local projects which are exemplars of good practice in terms of sustainability and improvement to the environment through our annual CPRE Gloucestershire Awards <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/news/nominations-for-cpre-gloucestershire-rural-excellence-awards-2020-now-open/>
- We work to protect and enhance the Green Belt and local countryside that give our towns and cities room to breathe
- We promote and support buying local, supporting your local farmers and local businesses

# Members

CPRE Gloucestershire relies on the generosity of its members who pay a monthly subscription. Gloucestershire remains the 10th largest local office in terms of membership (43 offices total) with 1,150 as at the end of 2020 which is broken down per district as follows:

During lockdown, Lesley and Louise focused their efforts on improvising our communications with members and started to produce a regular e-newsletter that is emailed fortnightly to all members who have provided us with an email address. We have started a members Book club, and we have a members corner on our website, showcasing a life in the day of a regular CPRE Gloucestershire member. We continue to interact with our members via social media in particular Facebook and Instagram. We also have a new website that is full of interesting information and updates on both the campaigning work we do and any projects that we are running.

District	Total number of members
Berkeley Vale	139
Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury	354
Forest of Dean	99
North Cotswolds	151
Stroud	165
South Cotswolds and Tetbury	227
Listed as member of County Branch	13
Listed as No district	2
TOTALS	1,150





## A move to the status of a Charitable Incorporated Institution (CIO)

For some years the Charity Commission has recommended that all but the smallest charities should move from their traditional status of an unincorporated body (where trustees have individual liability) to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (where the liability is held corporately). This advice is echoed by national CPRE.

Accordingly, and on the recommendation of the trustees of CPRE Gloucestershire, the AGM in 2019 approved such a move in principle. Following a year of preparatory legal work, the change of status was agreed unanimously by the AGM in 2020. Trustees are currently working through the practical tasks needed to effect the change.

The day to day work of CPRE Gloucestershire will be unaffected by the move to CIO status, and membership will be unchanged.

## Election of Trustees for 2021

The first set of Trustees for the CPRE Gloucestershire CIO were elected at the AGM in November 2020. In furthering the work of the charity the Trustees will be guided, as always, by the advice of the Charity Commission.

Professor Patricia Broadfoot CBE (Chair)  
David Brooke (Vice Chair)  
Miranda Chalk  
David Crofts  
Colin Evers  
Julian Oxley (Treasurer)  
Ashley Smith  
Steve Smith

At the AGM the Chair thanked a number of former trustees whose terms of office had now expired. She added that their time, commitment and experience would be greatly missed. Richard Lloyd remains a Vice Chair of the charity.

Mr David Bayne  
Mrs Elizabeth Bourne  
Mr Nick Dummett  
Major Tom Hancock  
Mr Richard Lloyd (Vice Chair)  
Mr Simon Murray  
Mrs Prue Vernon

President of CPRE Gloucestershire  
Mr Charles Martell

Vice Presidents  
Sir John Adye KCMG  
The Earl of Harrowby  
Professor Adrian Phillips CBE  
Dame Fiona Reynolds DBE  
The Earl of Wemyss and March

## Income and Fundraising

CPRE Gloucestershire were fortunate to receive the following donations through trusts and grants and from members. We extend our heartfelt thanks to those that have supported us financially during this tough year, we are very grateful.

J & M Britton	£250
HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust	£1,000
Severn Trent Recovery Fund	£2,000
D'Oyley Carte Charitable Trust	£2,000
Members donations	£677.15
Christmas Cards and Calendar sales	£871



Wayne Seeley

## Photography competition: Christmas Cards and 2021 Calendars

Lesley our Office Manager ran a successful and popular photography competition during the Summer of 2020. We were pleasantly surprised at the number of contributions and staggered by the talent and beautiful photographs we were sent of our wonderful Gloucestershire countryside. If you purchased either the cards and/or calendars, thank you. We will be running the same competition again in 2021 and aim to be selling the Christmas cards, calendars and greeting cards in September, a bit earlier this time!



Paul Bennell

Sue Heady



## CPRE Gloucestershire

### Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2020

#### Income

	2019 Budget Year £	Actual Year £	2018 Forecast Year £	Actual 10 mths £
Branch Share of National Subscriptions	21,500	22,540	22,000	18,380
Investment Income & Interest	4,000	4,718	4,000	3,188
	25,500	27,258	26,000	21,568
Donations & Miscellaneous	500	480	229	229
	26,000	27,738	26,229	21,797

#### Expenditure

Contractors' Fees	30,000	25,429	26,000	21,733
Contractor & Volunteer Training	1,000	0	0	0
Postage & Telephone	1,000	893	1,000	792
Office Supplies	1,500	1,329	1,500	1,233
Information Technology	1,000	755	1,000	718
Rent & Service Charges	3,500	3,467	3,467	3,467
Public Relations	0	300	0	0
Reporting Accountant	750	748	700	648
Annual Report & AGM	2,500	2,206	2,206	2,206
Newsletters	3,000	3,554	2,760	2,760
Insurance	750	642	642	642
Travel & Meetings	2,500	2,863	2,250	1,829
Awards Scheme	1,000	770	622	622
Subscriptions	500	1,467	1,467	1,467
	49,000	44,423	43,614	38,117
Planning Consultancy	5,000	1,870	2,500	1,870
Campaigns & Research Projects	10,000	7,500	7,300	7,300
	64,000	53,793	53,414	47,287
Net Deficit for Year	(38,000)	(26,055)	(27,185)	(25,490)

Unrealised Investment Gains/(Losses)	0	(20,935)	(7,500)	(5,652)
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General Fund brought forward	200,989	247,979	247,979	247,979
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General Fund carried forward	162,989	200,989	213,294	216,837
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Fighting Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
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Total Funds	262,989	300,989	313,294	316,837
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## Treasurer's Report

Despite welcome growth of £5,171 in Donations, the appointment of both a Director and an Office Manager increased Staff Costs by £20,715, so that the Annual Deficit of £26,792 was almost £15,000 higher than in 2019. Added to that, a fall of 7.6% in the value of our Investments during the year produced a total shortfall of just £50,000 which has been met from the General Fund.

With the worldwide fall in stock markets as a result of the pandemic, the trustees decided to delay any realisation of investments for the time being. Instead our routine work has been temporarily supported by modest borrowing from our bank and from the government's Bounce Back Loan Scheme.

Julian Oxley  
Hon Treasurer



## How leaving a gift in your will can regenerate our Gloucestershire countryside for the future

For every rolling hill, every thriving farm and every characterful village. You can choose to help regenerate the Gloucestershire countryside you know and love by leaving a gift in your will to CPRE Gloucestershire.

Together, we can promote, enhance and protect the places we hold dear so they can thrive in the future. For us all. Forever.

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The Objects of CPRE Gloucestershire are the promotion and encouragement, for the benefit of the public, of the protection and enhancement of rural Gloucestershire and its towns and villages



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**CPRE Gloucestershire****Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st I**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Share of National Subscriptions	22,159	22,044
Investment Income & Interest	4,101	4,705
Donations & Miscellaneous	7,486	2,315
	<b>33,746</b>	<b>29,064</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Staff Costs	33,719	13,003
Training & Recruitment	2,400	451
Postage & Telephone	576	639
Office & IT Costs	5,689	968
Office Rent	3,467	3,467
Publicity & Fund-Raising	1,256	125
Publishing	2,513	4,929
Reporting Accountant	672	660
Annual General Meeting	0	560
Professional Charges	2,994	3,335
Insurance	864	660
Travel & Meetings	625	2,485
Awards Scheme	1,850	873
Subscriptions	91	89
Planning Consultancy	1,225	3,542
Bank Charges & Interest	97	0
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust: for Severn Vision Project	2,500	2,500
Place Studio: for Neighbourhood Plans Research	0	2,606
	<b>60,538</b>	<b>40,892</b>
<b>Deficit for the Year (26,792)</b>		<b>(11,828)</b>
(Loss) Gain on Investments	(23,394)	34,441
General Fund brought forward	83,602	200,989
	<b>33,416</b>	<b>223,602</b>
<b>Transfers to:</b>		
Partnership Fund	0	(50,000)
Development Fund	0	(50,000)
Districts Fund	0	(30,000)
Training Fund	0	(10,000)
<b>General Fund carried forward</b>	<b>33,416</b>	<b>83,602</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020****Assets**

Investments (market value)	283,749
Bank Accounts	350
Stock and Debtors	7,337
	<u>291,436</u>
less Current Liabilities	(5,770}
	<b><u>285,666</u></b>



**Financed by**

General Fund	33,416
Fighting Fund	100,000
Partnership Fund	50,000
Development Fund	50,000
Districts Fund	30,000
Training Fund	10,000
	<u>273,416</u>
Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs)	7,250
Tree Planting Fund	5,000
	<u><b>285,666</b></u>



**December 2020**



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020  
FOR  
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

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**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

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**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**TRUSTEES**

Professor P M Broadfoot CBE Chair  
Mrs E Bourne (resigned 17.11.20)  
D N Bayne (resigned 17.11.20)  
D J Brooke  
N T Dummett (resigned 17.11.20)  
Major T W Hancock DL (resigned 17.11.20)  
R Lloyd MBE (resigned 17.11.20)  
J C Oxley  
Mrs P K Vernon (resigned 17.11.20)  
S Murray (resigned 17.11.20)  
Mrs M Chalk (appointed 17.11.20)  
D Croft (appointed 17.11.20)  
C Evers (appointed 17.11.20)  
A Smith (appointed 17.11.20)  
S Smith (appointed 17.11.20)

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

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GL1 2LZ

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER** 248577

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Andorran Limited  
6 Manor Park Business Centre  
Mackenzie Way  
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**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

To promote and encourage, for the benefit of the public, the improvement and protection of the Gloucestershire countryside and its towns and villages, and the better development of the rural environment, and to act upon any matters affecting the planning, improvement and protection of the countryside and landscape.

**Public benefit**

In planning the charity's activities for the year the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

In promoting and encouraging 'the improvement and protection of the Gloucestershire countryside', the charity achieved its aims in five broad areas. We have:

- Had a major input into the process of creating local plans by the seven planning authorities in the county. We have become particularly involved in the Local Plans for Stroud, Cheltenham and the Forest of Dean.
- Examined many planning applications. This is an essential part of our day-to-day work, and we make strong representations where our objectives are affected. Our main concern lies in applications for major housing development but we have examined a range of other planning applications too.
- Worked closely with other organisations to promote our charitable objectives -through the Local Nature Partnership, Cotswolds Conservation Board, Friends of the Cotswolds, The ReWild Project, The Diocese and the Ramblers.
- Increased our resources by recruiting an Office Manager to help raise our profile through social media and improve our communications with members and volunteers.
- Created a membership and supporter strategy to recruit new and retain existing members.
- Been through a brand change including new logo, colours and strapline, led by our National Office, accompanied with a more modern website.
- Developed our social media platforms to increase followers and promote our work more widely.
- Recruited new trustees to our board with skills that we need to achieve our strategic objectives.
- Raised and diversified our income through trusts, grants and donations.
- Continued our CPRE Gloucestershire Awards. The Award scheme celebrates projects that have brought outstanding benefits to Gloucestershire's environment, people and local communities. We made six such Awards in 2020.

##### **COVID-19 Impact**

The organisation was able to mobilise fairly quickly, one advantage of our small size, with both part time staff being able to work from home no furloughing was necessary. We did apply for a Business Bounce Back Loan of £7,250 which has now been spent. Due to Covid-19, funding has become incredibly competitive with many trust and grant providers focusing their efforts towards critical front line services. We haven't been able to do any face to face fundraising so we had to get creative with our income generation. We did have some small success with donations and grants including selling of Christmas cards and calendars. Working in a virtual way meant we were able to plough all of our efforts into our online presence; social media and e-communications which was and continues to be very successful. We also had the time to look at the structure of our governance recruiting new trustees with particular skills and we re-focused our Business Plan strategising our activities for 2021 and beyond. We were also able to continue to deliver our annual Awards scheme which went mobile and digital, a video of which is on our YouTube channel.

##### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

There are no restrictions on the charity's policy to invest. Management of the investment portfolio is carried out by M&G Investments on a discretionary basis against a very clear strategy to achieve balanced growth commensurate with funding needs in low and medium risk investments.



**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves in unrestricted funds at a level that equates to twelve months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The Trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to cover fixed and governance costs. At the end of the year, our unrestricted reserves were in excess of the level required to provide this cover.

**FUTURE PLANS**

Our activity is guided by a Branch Plan that we review annually. Future activity will develop our main areas of expertise, particularly in the area of environmental planning but the Plan also highlights the need to:

- Expand our campaigning work on countryside matters, working in partnership within the sector to influence policy makers on key shared concerns.
- Deliver projects that are of benefit to the countryside, that are collaborative, inclusive and raise our profile.
- Generate income across different platforms to fund our project and campaign work whilst ensuring our long-term sustainability.
- Continue to improve upon various external communications, profile raising and relationship building so that CPRE Gloucestershire is a widely known and respected Gloucestershire based Countryside organisation across all sectors.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

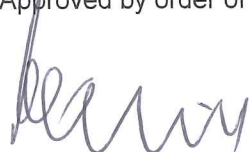
**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



J C Oxley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England Gloucestershire**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Campaign to Protect Rural England Gloucestershire (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust 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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19 May 2021



**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	31.12.20 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	29,645	24,359
Investment income	3	4,101	4,705
<b>Total</b>		33,746	29,064
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4		
Charitable Activities		62,744	40,892
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(23,394)	34,441
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(52,392)	22,613
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		323,602	300,989
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>271,210</u>	<u>323,602</u>

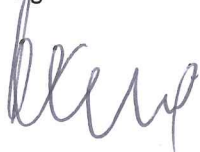
The notes form part of these financial statements

**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	31.12.20 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	8	283,749	307,143
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	5,131	5,389
Cash at bank		350	20,896
		<u>5,481</u>	<u>26,285</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(18,020)	(9,826)
		<u>(12,539)</u>	<u>16,459</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>(12,539)</u>	<u>16,459</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>271,210</u>	<u>323,602</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>271,210</u>	<u>323,602</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u>271,210</u>	<u>323,602</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>271,210</u>	<u>323,602</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



J C Oxley - Trustee



**CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Donations	7,486	2,315
Subscriptions	22,159	22,044
	<u>29,645</u>	<u>24,359</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Investment income	3,004	3,558
Deposit account interest	1,097	1,147
	<u>4,101</u>	<u>4,705</u>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	58,982	3,762	62,744

**5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Rent and service charge	3,467	3,467
Insurance	864	660
Postage and telephone	576	639
Printing and stationery	10,016	5,897
Travel and meetings	1,040	2,485
Subscriptions	91	89
Public relations	1,257	125
Awards scheme	1,940	873
Annual review and AGM	-	560
Planning consultancy	363	3,542
Severn Vision Project	2,500	2,500
Contractors' fees	34,468	13,003
Neighbourhood Plans Research	-	2,606
Recruitment & Training	2,400	451
	<u>58,982</u>	<u>36,897</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	96	3,666	3,762
	<u>96</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>3,762</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2020	307,143
Revaluations	(23,394)
At 31 December 2020	<u>283,749</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u>283,749</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>307,143</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

**9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Other debtors	<u>5,131</u>	<u>5,389</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11)	7,250	-
Other creditors	10,770	9,826
	<u>18,020</u>	<u>9,826</u>

**11. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>7,250</u>	<u>-</u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	83,602	(52,392)	31,210
Fighting fund	100,000	-	100,000
Partnership fund	50,000	-	50,000
Development fund	50,000	-	50,000
Districts fund	30,000	-	30,000
Training fund	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>323,602</u>	<u>(52,392)</u>	<u>271,210</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>323,602</u>	<u>(52,392)</u>	<u>271,210</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	33,746	(62,744)	(23,394)	(52,392)
	<u>33,746</u>	<u>(62,744)</u>	<u>(23,394)</u>	<u>(52,392)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>33,746</u>	<u>(62,744)</u>	<u>(23,394)</u>	<u>(52,392)</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	200,989	22,613	(140,000)	83,602
Fighting fund	100,000	-	-	100,000
Partnership fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
Development fund	-	-	50,000	50,000
Districts fund	-	-	30,000	30,000
Training fund	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>300,989</u>	<u>22,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,602</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>300,989</u>	<u>22,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,602</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	29,064	(40,892)	34,441	22,613
	<u>29,064</u>	<u>(40,892)</u>	<u>34,441</u>	<u>22,613</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>29,064</u>	<u>(40,892)</u>	<u>34,441</u>	<u>22,613</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.