

Saving Rutland and
Protecting Lincolnshire

CPRE Rutland Annual
Report 2025



Meet the Leadership Team

The charity is indebted to the commitment of its volunteers and their families



President Dr Sarah Furness PhD



CPRE National Chair Simon Murray (right) with local Chair Ron Simpson BEM



**CPRE Chief Executive Roger Mortlock with
CPRE Rutland & Lincolnshire Vice Chair Rachel Burkitt**



**Planning Lead Carolyn Cartwright and
Planning Support Cliff Bacon**



**Research Officer Malcolm Touchin and
Membership Lead Annabelle Meek**



**Treasurer Margaret Simpson BEM
and Administrator Geoff Clyde**



Governance Trustee Giles Clifton



1. Presidential Thoughts

I am delighted to have become President of CPRE Rutland and Lincolnshire. My major hobbies are gardening, bee, hen and dove keeping and walking with my cocker spaniel. I am passionate about our countryside, sustainability, and protecting our rural areas and ways of life for future generations. I am keen that we do all we can to improve biodiversity and tackle climate change. Pressures such as our nationally growing population, urban expansion, climate change, and intensive agriculture all place strain on our aims to protect our countryside. We seek to adapt, move forward and advocate for the countryside through the planning processes and by looking at ways in which energy production and farming practices can be made more sustainable.

First, let me extend a warm welcome to former CPRE Lincolnshire members. Lincolnshire is a very large county famous for its crucial agriculture which is important not only for the county but also for the nation. It is also known for its natural beauty, for the Lincolnshire Wolds, its nature reserves, the Fenlands, Snipe Dales and Atkinson Warren. Rutland may be small but we share an agricultural economy, and also a designated area of special scientific interest at Rutland Water, as well as lovely farmed countryside. Our area may be smaller but many of the pressures and concerns are the same. It would have been extraordinary if our national organisation had no county representation in Lincolnshire. This looked set to happen until our very active Rutland Chair, Ron Simpson, stepped in. I congratulate Ron. I am so pleased that it has now been agreed by the CPRE Board that we are a combined branch for both Rutland and Lincolnshire with Ron as Chair and me as President. We will seek to do all we can to support CPRE's national aims across the two counties. We will be the stronger for combining forces.

Secondly, let me thank my predecessor for his long tenure as President of the Rutland Branch – over twenty years! Sir Laurence Howard was a great example, a popular President and like me loves our countryside and is determined that it should be protected. He is a great role model.

Thirdly, I would like to congratulate our active team and encourage you to read the reports on activity in the last year in the field of Research and Development; Sustainability; Membership and Planning. Much has been achieved but there is still so much to do. I thank everyone for their hard work in the service of our present and future rural communities.

Sarah Fumens.



2. Introduction

This 2025 Annual Report is published at a noteworthy time of change and opportunity for CPRE given this year's AGM Trustee invitation to the membership to expand our boundary from just Rutland and Stamford (as approved in 2024) and become CPRE Rutland and Lincolnshire. A public call for additional Trustees from Lincolnshire is currently being broadcast on local radio and on social media.

To better inform the membership of the charity's widening sphere of activity, a brief overview of the past year follows.

3. CPRE National Update

CPRE Rutland, via its membership of the CPRE Nominations Committee, is supporting a major initiative to recruit a number of new national Trustees. It is timely that the branch is going through a similar initiative.

The Branch regularly attends the monthly meeting of all county Chairs held by Zoom. It also attends the quarterly meetings of the CPRE National Assembly which aspires to help the charity's many voices speak as one; a not insignificant challenge. Relationships between the Rutland Branch and national staff are productive thanks to the leadership of CPRE CEO Roger Mortlock. The branch is delighted that he has agreed to attend and address our Annual Lunch.

Meetings of the CPRE National Assembly, at which all county branches come together, regularly provide a useful update on current CPRE activity and policy direction. A monthly update for local CPRE Chairs, senior staff in local CPREs and Network Assembly members is distributed by Roger Mortlock. **A copy of the February 2025 issue is presented below for trustee and member information. Note that some matters will have been actioned by the 2025 AGM.**

“National Assembly - The next meeting takes place online on Wednesday 12 March, from 10am-1pm. We've listened to your comments and made more time for discussion on the main agenda topics, which for this meeting are: The mechanism for electing additional Assembly members; The Planning and Infrastructure Bill; Devolution and the Centenary programme.

Working closer together calls - Thanks to those of you who've made time to chat with us recently. So far, we've spoken with around ten local CPREs with another twenty calls arranged for March. In these calls, members of the senior leadership team at national CPRE, and where possible trustees, are talking with local CPRE chairs and senior staff to find out more about their current and future priorities. So far, there are some common themes coming through with many local CPREs focusing on prioritising the following areas: Growing membership and income; Dealing with huge local challenges, on housing and energy projects; Facing into a challenging economic future.

If you've not yet booked a call, please email Annie at networksupport@cpre.org.uk to find a suitable date and time. We will be sharing the results from these calls in more detail at the June Assembly meetings (*Note that Rutland has now had its meeting*).

Recruitment begins for new national CPRE trustees - We recently started the process of recruitment for vacancies on the national CPRE board of trustees. We're seeking to recruit a qualified accountant for the treasurer role and three general board members for which we're looking for a range of experience including organisational and audience development and an understanding of government relations.

New planning support initiatives - The planning team have recently introduced two new initiatives aimed at providing more support to planning volunteers:- quarterly planning inductions for new volunteers and staff; and monthly drop-in sessions where you can ask the team for expert help on any planning issues you're experiencing.

Local CPRE stories on the website - We're keen to feature more stories from local CPREs on the website across a wide range of topics, from land use to nature, climate and energy. We'd love to get opinion pieces and blogs about your projects and the difference your group is making. If you've got an idea for a web story let us know.

News and updates

Brand - As previously reported, Elli is leading some work on a refresh of our brand and communications ahead of the centenary. A brand survey has now been completed by a nationally representative audience of 1,000 participants and we will share the results of the survey in March. These insights will help us to develop our brand and audiences for the centenary and beyond. Thanks to those branches who have already input into the process.

Media - Earlier this month, CPRE planning policy manager, Lizzie Bundred Woodward spoke to ITV News about the government's plans to build more nuclear power stations. She highlighted the need to balance energy generation with protecting the environment, called for investment in green rural jobs and argued that economic growth must not come at any cost.



Roger was interviewed on Channel 4 News following the announcement of the Land Use Framework. He repeated calls for the framework to deliver a strategic approach and have the power to hold government and landowners to account.

Elsewhere, Mary-Ann Ochota appeared on the front page of the Daily Telegraph, which featured a long profile that was first published online two weeks ago. In the interview, which took place at the start of January, Mary-Ann explained CPRE's campaign positions on issues including planning policy, land use, affordable housing and climate change.

The Better Planning Coalition (BPC) - The coalition, led and co-ordinated by CPRE, is up and running again with a new coordinator in place, Rick Hebdictch, formerly government affairs lead at the National Trust. The BPC is currently looking at refreshing the six tests for planning and will be responding to upcoming bills including the Planning and Infrastructure Bill and the English Devolution Bill.

Launch of the Climate Change Committee's Seventh Carbon Budget advice - The Climate Change Committee announced their seventh carbon budget advice to government this week and Roger and Mary-Ann Ochota attended the launch event. We said the following in response:

'Changes to how we use land are an inevitable part of the net zero journey. Land use change is a critical factor in many of the recommendations from the Climate Change Committee, from land take for energy generation to shifts in the way we farm and use our landscapes to store carbon. On our small island, land supply is finite. Joining up different plans for how we use it is critical. Too many land-use shifts in the name of net zero are currently bargain-basement options that don't take the public on the journey, which has led to infrastructure being delivered in the wrong places. Involving people much earlier in process, avoiding some of the divisive language that pitches the road to net zero and the public against each other, and taking a more joined-up approach to land use will be vital in implementing the Climate Change Committee's important recommendations'

Regional and spatial planning seminar - Last night we were delighted to host a seminar with planning expert and former advisor to the Labour Party, Catriona Riddell, and local government planning expert Alex Yendole. They spoke about sub-regional and spatial planning to an enthusiastic group of around 30 network colleagues. The full resources from the seminar will be available on the intranet soon, however online readers of this report can [watch a recording of the seminar here now](#).

Land Use Framework - Following the government's announcement in January about the updated Land Use Framework, our president Mary-Ann Ochota [shared a brilliant video](#) to explain what the framework is and why it matters – with Duplo! It went down especially well with our supporters on Instagram and LinkedIn.

CPRE's response to the consultation will include a literature review of policy tools to deliver joined up approaches to land is the start of a new, joint project with the Royal Agricultural University. It's a short consultation, so no One CPRE response, but we will be circulating the bones of our national response. We'll be highlighting issues such as high-quality agricultural land, management of the Green Belt and the need for more effective and prudent use of land for development.

Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) system



We have published a report highlighting that data from the 1940s is still being used to classify and protect England's most valuable and productive farmland, potentially undermining national food security and leading to poor decisions about land use. Continuing to rely on the current Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) system is leading to a substantial overestimation of the productivity of land, with much less of it likely to be considered Best and Most Versatile (BMV) land for food production. Online readers can see the report in full [here](#).

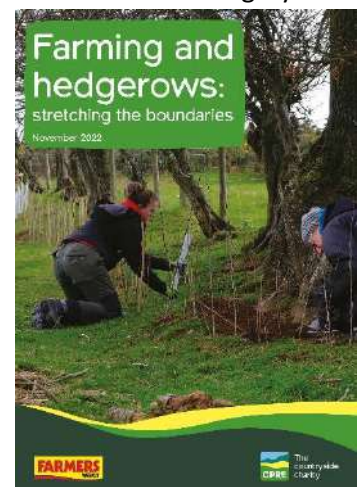
Peri-urban farming - We [published the full version of our peri-urban farming report](#), findings of which we highlighted in media coverage before Christmas about the vital role of the Green Belt in producing the food we eat. The report is a detailed look at the importance of farming on the urban edge and our recommendations to the government.

New Towns - The New Towns Taskforce published their (rather slim) Interim Report on 13 February: [Building new towns for the future](#) which sets out their priorities for the programme and policy. We'll continue to seek to influence the Task Force and will produce a response in due course. You can [find out more about our stance on New Towns in this blog](#) and [the work done on the Oxford to Cambridge Arc](#) by CPREs Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire (including Milton Keynes), Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, along with national CPRE.

Grey Belt - The chair of the Built Environment Committee [has written to Angela Raynor outlining the feedback and recommendations from the Inquiry held last year](#). The letter, and committee, take a dim view of the new grey belt policy and essentially reiterate many of the points CPRE made during the initial consultation in 2024 and to the committee in December. The committee hold concerns that the policy is not sufficiently evidenced and will do little to address the housing crisis. They also remain sceptical that changes to the definition made in December will provide certainty to local authorities and developers and instead will lead to legal challenges. Questions around affordable housing delivery (if there will be any) remain.

Devolution webinar on 13 February - Thanks to Lillian Burns, a life-member of CPRE, who gave an interesting overview of the government's devolution proposals. We're grateful for her insight, and you can read the update she provided during the webinar on the [Devolution intranet page here](#)."

Roger Mortlock Feb 2025



4. CPRE Rutland & Lincolnshire

New Joint Branch – The 2024 CPRE Rutland AGM approved locally an updated constitution expanding the remit of the branch to Rutland and Stamford (South Kesteven). Upon submitting the new draft constitution to the national board of CPRE, national Trustees invited a more fundamental change: That the charity further expand its boundary to cover most of Lincolnshire as well as Rutland.

Considering the offer, Rutland Trustees acknowledged that such a new branch would address the following:

- The rural synergy of the two counties and their public services
- The wider strategic opportunities and influence available to a larger branch
- Recognition of the existing cross border working on many planning matters
- The somewhat surprising similar level of membership in Lincolnshire
- The greater potential of combined resources
- The need for the national charity to acknowledge the calls for help from Lincolnshire communities

- g) The mutuality of challenges facing the countryside in both counties
- h) The existing infrastructure working relationships with parish councils in both counties
- i) The opportunity to fund a part time member of staff to better deliver The charity's objects

Concerns deliberated included the issues of:-

- a) Geography
- b) Disparity of scale
- c) Travel logistics
- d) The impact on Rutland of any revised model of governance
- e) The impact of becoming an employer
- f) The outdated Lincolnshire constitution

Following substantial debate and much dialogue with national colleagues, Trustees have resolved to go ahead with merger and recommend to the Rutland and Lincolnshire membership acceptance of the new branch constitution appended to this report. Members from both counties will be present at the AGM to formally approve the change. If accepted, a meeting will be held in central Lincolnshire later in the year to embrace the full Lincolnshire membership and engage their aspirations for an expanded branch programme. A campaign to identify at least two additional Trustees from Lincolnshire will begin immediately after the AGM.

CPRE Rutland already has its own website and social media presence on Facebook. Posts revolve around its projects and events. In anticipation of a positive endorsement of the branch expansion by the membership, the web address of www.cprerutlandandlincs.uk has been acquired and associated email addresses prepared.

5. Membership



The branch has the good fortune to have its membership campaign led by dedicated Trustee Annabelle Meek.

CPRE Branch membership figures are appended to this report. Membership in Rutland stands at 70 (with 5 new members being recruited in the past year) and at 85 for Lincolnshire (with 3 new members being recruited in the past year), the relatively low figure for the latter being surprising. Corporate membership by parish councils requires reinvigoration with a relatively low level of membership in both counties. A new corporate goal perhaps? The current Chair of CPRE Rutland is a director of the Leics and Rutland Parish Council Association (LRALC) facilitating dialogue. Following the expansion of

the branch boundary, contact will be made with the Lincolnshire Association of Parish Councils. This is in harmony with a recent announcement of joint working between CPRE national office and the National Association of Parish Councils (NALC).

The charity recently received a generous write up from a new Lincolnshire based member. Her story is motivational and worthy of reproduction with her permission.

The story of a New Rutland and Lincolnshire Member - A personal journey of how I came to be a member of CPRE

I found out in August 2023, that Buckminster Estate had agreed to lease land to Future Biogas to build the largest industrial scale biogas plant immediately next to our tiny village of Gunby in Lincolnshire. The gas will be sold to companies to reach their carbon net zero targets. Ironically none of our villages are on gas, the only agents benefitting from this would be Future Biogas, Buckminster Estate and Cadent Gas.

Our village is classed as unsustainable, as it has no amenities and therefore unable to sustain any housing development but the Estate will be allowing a 24 hour, 365 days a year giant, 5 x 19 metres tall, 35 metres wide

digesters, huge lagoons, countless HGVs on tiny village lanes and to be sited on the highest aspect of the uplands, notably not near the Estate offices in Buckminster.

I started to call anyone I knew who could help us to persuade the Estate that the site and scale of this proposal was too much and that all of the villages would bear a terrible price.

Call after call, I got the same response, no one was prepared to query the Estate as they were too important a family, people wouldn't risk their friendships, they were members of the CLA, legal firms wouldn't allow me to use them. Door after door was closed.

I found a campaign group called POKE who had fought a successful campaign against a proposed AD plant in Keynsham. Kerry Morgan who had headed their campaign said that a key factor in their winning had been the help they had received from CPRE in Bath and Avon.

I tried to locate any local CPRE members in Lincolnshire but after a few months I got a reply to say that since Covid there was no one who could help me.

My father in law sent me an article about Mallard Pass which Alicia Kearns and Ron Simpson were heavily involved with and Ron was quoted in it as chair of the CPRE Rutland. I was so excited, I contacted Ron to ask if he might be able to help us even though we were not Rutland and he was the first person who said yes, he could help us.

This was truly a momentous moment for us and Ron has been so incredibly supportive of us and culminated in speaking as a witness at the planning committee meeting at SKDC in January this year.

The committee members refused the planning even though SKDCs recommendation was for approval. It was an incredible day.

Unfortunately, our fight is not yet over as Future Biogas will be appealing before August.

I have found Ron to be totally inspiring and he has sought to make us part of a new combined Rutland and Lincolnshire branch, following the new MP boundaries, so that we are officially under the Rutland and Lincolnshire umbrella.

The CPRE is so unbiased and able to follow a true path that isn't driven by politics, ambition or money and is genuinely about protecting the future of the countryside and so much more.

I am very proud to be a member of the CPRE and hope to help fly the flag of it. I am so very grateful of the support the CPRE have given to us. JM.

6. Finance

The branch operates on a calendar year with the Rutland account bank balance being £20,457.93 at the end of March 2025. Members are invited to receive and approve the 2024 accounts appended to this report. They show a healthy surplus of income over expenditure and an increased closing bank balance of £20137.32, up from £18,362.98. A provisional budget for 2025 has been agreed by Trustees, but this will need substantial modification once the inclusion of Lincolnshire is formally approved. Notably 120 copies of the Rutland Round booklet have been sold to book distributor Cordee in March 2025.

Once the new constitution is in place, national office has agreed to transfer the remaining Lincolnshire funds held by them into the Rutland and Lincolnshire account. We can then make plans for the future. These will include the deposit of some of the account balance into an interest bearing charity bond or account; 4.5% is currently available to charities.

The branch is again indebted to Margaret Simpson BEM for acting as Interim Treasurer for the year. An advertisement for a Lincolnshire replacement is currently active on Rutland and Stamford Sound radio station and will be extended to other media after the Branch AGM.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND - RUTLAND BRANCH Accounts for the Year to 31st December 2024

Income & Expenditure Account	Year to 31/12/2024	Budget 2024	Year to 31/12/2023
INCOME			
Subscriptions - Branch Share	3,118.83	2000	7,562.94
Fundraising & Sales			
Rutland Round *	0.00	50	290.34
Christmas Quiz	160.30	200	480.34
AGM + Miscellaneous	1,953.57	100	703.88
Project Grants/Refunds	117.50	1000	1,000.00
Gift Aid	0.00		0.00
Bank Interest	360.83	200	230.51
Total Income	5,701.13	3,650.00	9,977.17
EXPENSES			
Admin Expenses/Meetings	209.50	500	379.71
Insurance	420.37	450	405.32
Travel Expenses	220.50	100	83.25
AGM/BEM	1,063.00		292.30
Annual Lunch	0.00	300	0.00
Website	374.74	350	288.00
Misc. inc. President Retirement etc.	1273.17	500	1286.05
Bank Charges	67.20	100	68.40
Project: Rutland Show	267.50	1000	3,835.80
Lincolnshire	0.00	0	0.00
Quiz	135.75		46.94
Total Expenditure	3,932.77	3,310.00	6,575.67
Deficit / Surplus	1,774.34	340.00	3,401.50
Balance Sheet as at: 31st December 2024	31/12/2024		30/12/2023
Bank:			
Current Account	37.32		362.98
Savings Account	20,100.00		18,000.00
Net Assets	20,137.32		18,362.98
Represented by:			
Reserves Brought Forward	18,362.98		15,961.48
Current Year Deficit/Surplus	1,774.34		3,401.50
Reserves	20,137.32		18,362.98

*Note: Stock is held at Nil value due to the uncertainty of the timing of future sales.

Accounts for the Year to 31st December 2024

In accordance with the charity's financial regulations all transactions for the previous period are witnessed by the Board of Trustees at their regular meetings.

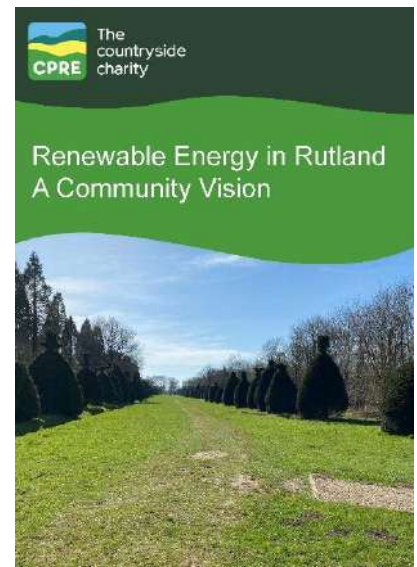
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7. Research

The branch research activity has again been led by former Branch Chair Malcolm Touchin. Following the 2024 branch study on renewable energy He reports that.....

Efforts this year have been focused mainly on co-ordinating the responses to two important consultations. In September we contributed to the CPRE National response to the new government's proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Key issues in those changes included the introduction of 'grey belt' as a designation of Green Belt land that might be better used for development, and updating the so-called 'Standard Method' for determining housing requirements, the effect of which, for Rutland, would be that the current target figure of 123 new houses per annum would be more than doubled to 264. Disappointingly, there was no significant change to the definition of affordability when it comes to homes. While there was, nonetheless, much to be commended in the proposals, CPRE had significant concerns in some areas and in particular objected to the specific items mentioned above.



The consultation on the revised NPPF was closely followed by, and potentially compromised, the next stage of the evolution of the Rutland Local Plan, which was released in October for its Regulation 19 consultation; this is the stage prior to submission for external examination, when the Planning Inspectorate will consider all the documentation prepared by Rutland County Council and also all of the responses made through the consultation. In its response, CPRE Rutland identified a number of areas of unsoundness and possible legal non-compliance in the draft plan. These included concerns about the lack of a realistic strategic vision, inconsistencies amongst many of the policies, apparent shortcomings in taking account of comments made at earlier stages and confusion over the need to align with the revised NPPF. The plan has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination, which is expected to take place later in 2025.

At a parochial level, we have provided representation on the Neighbourhood Plan Subgroup currently considering the updates to the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan to address the examiner's comments earlier in the year.

Much of this work may be seriously compromised by the recently announced plans to restructure local government and the consequent uncertainty regarding which authority will eventually have responsibility for their delivery. These proposals are giving rise to confusion over the evolution of local and neighbourhood plans for the county and to questions as to how much further effort should be devoted to them.

8. Sustainability

Rutland County Council has appointed its first Sustainability Officer who has met with CPRE Rutland and is to produce the county's first council led Sustainability Strategy. Contact details of our new Lincolnshire colleague Andrew Jenkins have been shared with her with a view to some collaborative dialogue. On the possibility of a first initiative on the issue in the widened Branch area Andrew reports that

Alongside the ongoing initiative to expand our coverage and become CPRE Rutland & Lincolnshire discussions have taken place to investigate how wider environmental and social sustainability could be incorporated into our agenda. This could be achieved through the active participation of our members and pilot projects aimed to deliver sustainable outcomes.

Increasingly communities raising concerns about inappropriate or damaging developments are labelled as “blockers” or even “Nimbies”. Promoting a positive approach to sustainability in our communities would address this challenge by developing forward thinking alternative approaches to issues such as transport, waste or energy production, build confidence with Government and policy makers, and attract new members to the charity.

Some examples of initiatives that could be developed include:

- Local partnerships to encourage initiatives such as small scale solar energy on roofs and over car parks in line with CPRE’s Rooftop Solar Campaign.
- Identifying and facilitating local recycling initiatives geared to meet the needs of rural communities and local industries such as horticulture in South Lincolnshire
- Improving inclusivity and access to the countryside to demonstrate the wellbeing and mental health benefits of maintaining unspoilt everyday landscapes

We are actively investigating setting up a series of “round tables” to hear communities’ views, suggest ideas and discuss this positive approach to sustainability and countryside protection.

9. Partnerships

A significant development during the year has been the extension of partnership working. Collaborative effort is now evident at RCC’s Strategic Partnership at which CPRE is privileged to hold a seat; the Rutland Quarry Forum (who will be speaking at this year’s Annual Lunch); the Rutland Water Partnership, which the charity currently hosts and chairs; and, most recently, the Rutland Countryside Access Forum, with which the charity has held initial joint discussions regarding future collaborative effort.

10. Rutland County Council Strategic Partnership

The Leader of Rutland County Council Cllr Gale Waller and her Chief Executive, Mark Andrews, lead this half yearly partnership meeting with the venue rotating around partners’ premises. Organisations and representatives at the table include RCC Officer Leads on Environment, Place and Planning, for tourism ‘Discover Rutland’, the Army, the Police, the Prison Service, Business Representatives, the Wildlife Trust, Citizens Advice and Volunteer Action Rutland. The collective object is to share data, experience and research in the interest of a safe, productive and sustainable county community. The county council is to be applauded for creating such interaction.

11. Rutland Quarry Forum



Membership of the Forum includes local parish councils and parish meetings, County Council Planning and Enforcement Officers, community experts and CPRE. Chair of the Forum, David Baker, of Greetham reports that.....

We are all aware and appreciate Central Government’s continuing hard push for the development of the Country’s infrastructure to help boost our economy. One direct consequence of this is higher levels of mineral working and increasing numbers of quarries within and around Rutland. These increased levels of mineral workings bring an increased level of potential risks which need to be understood and controlled

During the past 12 months Rutland Quarry Forum has continued to raise awareness of the potential risks associated with the emission of quarry dust containing levels of harmful PM10 particles. The World Health Organisation and other medical institutions, including the UK National Health service have shown there to be direct links between these particles and serious respiratory diseases such as COPD and lung cancers.

As a consequence, the UK Government has detailed the level which such emissions should not exceed within the UK Air Quality Regulations 2010. It is important to note that the size of the individual particles is microscopic and the amount of PM10 particulates in air deemed safe by the Government is at a level invisible to the naked eye.

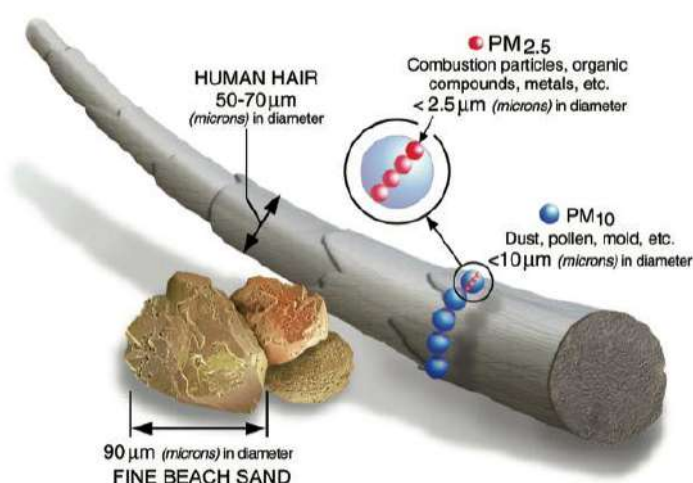
Despite this, there remains no regulatory requirements for the mineral industry to monitor emissions of these particles. So, the simple question needed to be answered is *‘without proper scientific monitoring how can emissions from quarries be shown to be at levels which will not cause harm to local residents and the environment?’*

For the past 40 years the mineral and quarry industry has needed only to ‘mitigate’ such emissions. The accepted custom and practice has been for the damping down of dust emissions from stockpiles and haul roads within the quarry and when crushing the stone. Oddly, neither the quarry operator nor the regulators require any monitoring to determine the effectiveness of such mitigation. They appear to have blind faith in such measures.

Local Public Protection officers advise they only investigate when there is an actual breach of the legal limits!

That then leads to the question, *‘without proper scientific monitoring, how would they know there has been a breach of emission levels not visible to the naked eye?’*

Frustrated at this level of complacency of regulatory control, one local Parish Council contracted air quality specialists, Ricardo Ltd, to independently monitor PM10 emissions from a local limestone quarry. Early results from this monitoring exercise indicates damping down, if carried out properly at site, can help control emissions from site. However, the results also show that as damping down is only undertaken during operational hours there is little or no control during the remaining periods. This is particularly so late evenings and early mornings during the period late spring to early autumn and the entire duration of weekend and bank holidays.



Although this seems entirely logical it is a serious concern that it has only now been shown to be so and this from independent works commissioned by a local Parish Council, rather than by Public Protection or other regulatory authorities. During subsequent discussions with the site operator, Heidelberg UK Ltd, it was reassuring to find they took such information seriously and agreed to continue the PM10 monitoring themselves.

What is very clear is that regulators, industry and local residents are lacking knowledge and information relating to this potential harmful emission. We now need all operators and regulators taking this issue seriously to enable better understanding of the risks of such emissions. Once properly known then more effective control measures can be developed thereby ensuring this vital industry can ensure their operations are safe and do not affect the health and wellbeing of local residents.

CPRE is being asked to support a campaign to this effect. Quarry Forum Chair David Baker will be delivering a presentation to the CPRE Annual Lunch which follows the 2025 AGM.

12. Rutland Water Partnership

Following a request from Rutland County Council over two years ago, and thanks to the commitment of CPRE Rutland Administrative Officer and Trustee Geoff Clyde, CPRE Rutland now hosts and chairs this quarterly Forum. It brings together organisations which share an interest in the activities and environment in, on and around the county's major reservoir and tourism attraction, Rutland Water. Partners include Anglian Water, Rutland County Council Members and Officers; Parish Council and Parish Meeting Officers from around the reservoir, Discover Rutland, the Wildlife Trust, Rutland Sailing Club and the Fly Fishing Club. Environmental matters lie at the heart of most debates in this group. Presentations have included a preview of a major ground based solar farm application, a history of water authorities and their investment challenges, the changing water environment and a fascinating insight into the art of fly fishing.

13. Rutland Countryside Access Forum

CPRE Rutland has recently entered into discussion on joint activity with the Rutland Countryside Access Forum. Countryside Access Forums are groups of volunteers who provide independent advice on ways to improve public access to land. This ranges from issues like public access to private land and disability routes, through to environmental initiatives and planning applications that affect parks and open spaces. The Rutland Forum meets up to four times a year and is particularly interested in hearing from landowners and farmers with an interest in public access around the county as well as people with disabilities, walkers, cyclists and horse riders

Members of the Rutland Countryside Access Forum are required to have a good knowledge of countryside issues in Rutland and be willing to discuss possible solutions to agreed local issues. These could include:-

- public access to private land such as Rutland Water, Eyebrook Reservoir or Forestry Commission land
- countryside for all, including disability routes and events
- public Rights of Way policy, diversions and upgrades
- planning applications that affect access to areas such as parks, open spaces and public rights of way
- new environmental initiatives and incentives
- loss of public rights of way

Forum members decide the topics of discussion, meeting times and chairperson. A public rights of way officer and county councillor normally attend meetings.

The possibility of a joint project creating a smart phone app to replace the CPRE owned Rutland Round Walk booklet has been explored.

14. Development Control and Planning Application Matters

The branch has the good fortune to have much of its development control work led by committed Trustee and retired Planning Officer Carolyn Cartwright ably supported by Parish Officer and CPRE member Cliff Bacon.

Rutland Planning Lists and the progress of the county's new Neighbourhood Plans and the related County Council Local Plan are being monitored.

An independent consultant led analysis of the new Lincolnshire Local Plan was funded by CPRE



in 2024. Given its written consultation response, the branch is preparing to attend the expected Planning Inspectorate review of the now submitted Rutland Local Plan.

Planning objections this year have included the Anglian Water and Exton Solar Farm applications and a number of oversized housing applications in Rutland. The four housing and employment site developer applications in the 2025 Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan have been supported, given the lack of brownfield land available and the extensive community consultation and parish council support for the initiative.

Last year's support and funding for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm Action Group has been followed up with a successful objection and deputation in support of rural communities and parishes in Lincolnshire opposing an oversized and commercially inspired Anaerobic Digester. This was the first branch deployment of Artificial Intelligence to help overrule an inappropriate officer recommendation for approval by the local planning committee given that the application breached several policies in the authority's own Local Plan.

The Charity Chair is a government appointed Neighbourhood Planning Champion and still responds to a wide range of enquiries in addition to referrals from the national charity Locality and local parish councils.

15. Devolution and the Save Rutland Campaign

CPRE Rutland and Lincolnshire will eventually be impacted by the final outcome of the government devolution and local government reorganisation proposals in the region. The charity has attended both Rutland and Lincolnshire based community consultation meetings organised by Alicia Kearns MP and a meeting organised by RCC. It has also signed the 'Save Rutland' campaign petition intended to protect the county's historic boundary and Lieutenancy.

Depending upon reorganisation outcomes, it may be appropriate to review again the charity's constitution in say three years' time.



16. Community Engagement and Media

Charity representatives have spoken at a number public meetings regarding CPRE policy and have been seen twice in the year on Regional TV and once on national TV.

A major media initiative will follow the AGM with Lincolnshire member gatherings to inform about, and promote the newly enlarged branch.

The CPRE Christmas Quiz, now online, remains popular thanks to its content created by Quizmaster Philip Riley. We will be able to expand its customer base into Lincolnshire for 2025.

Charity representatives again attended the Rutland based International Women's Day breakfast event organised by Rotary.

17. Future Projects and Activity Under Consideration

A busy year is planned. In addition to supporting the national charity when appropriate, local activity will include:-

- Approval of the updated charity constitution by the Charity Commission post AGM
- A new Rutland and Lincolnshire website
- A Centenary Year Project
- A Sustainability Proposal
- The creation of Lincolnshire Round Tables

- A Market Town Mayors Event
- Further development of the use of AI to achieve the charity's objectives
- Recruitment of a member of staff
- A presence at both the Lincolnshire and Rutland Country Shows by 2026

All this will be in addition to the routine planning, partnership and climate action activity expected of CPRE.

18. Postscript

CPRE branch activity to date has only been possible thanks to the hard work of its dedicated volunteers and Trustees. Leadership is effortless when it is empowered by such commitment and support. There are so many to thank for what we have all achieved together. This includes our new President, Dr Sarah Furness, the Trustee Board and the Branch Executive.

Excellence is best served by quality contractors and partners with local commitment and sound business principles. Our customary meeting venue, The Falcon Hotel, has provided the branch with a heritage setting for our regular gatherings, presenting a challenge to now find a Lincolnshire equivalent. Our website and IT contractor Cube Purple has supported us well to date and is ready to help expand our online imagery, our presence and our projects.

Now it is time to change up a gear and move on. Lincolnshire here we come!

Ron Simpson BEM CPRE Rutland Chair 2024/25

Approved by CPRE National Board - March 2025

TRANSPARENCY, CODE OF CONDUCT AND INTERESTS

All Trustees and Executive Members of The Charity shall comply with its adopted policies with regard to financial regulations, transparency of operation, its code of conduct and declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

1. NAME

The name of the charity shall be CPRE Rutland & Lincolnshire, hereafter called The Charity.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of The Charity shall be to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement, protection and preservation of the Rutland & Lincolnshire countryside, its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment.

3. POWERS

In furtherance of the said objects but not otherwise The Charity may

- a) Stimulate and educate public opinion on the foregoing topics.
- b) Act as a centre for advice and the collection and dissemination of information upon any matters affecting the planning, improvement and protection of the countryside and landscape
- c) Employ and pay a person or persons not being a member or members of the Trustee Board hereinafter mentioned to supervise, organise and carry on the work of The Charity and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to, or on behalf of, employees and their widows/widowers and other dependants
- d) Undertake, execute, manage or assist any charitable trusts which may be undertaken, executed, managed or assisted by The Charity
- e) Purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights or privileges necessary for the promotion of the said objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary for the work of The Charity
- f) Make regulations for any property which may be so acquired
- g) Subject to such consents as may be required by law, sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of The Charity
- h) Subject to such consents as may be required by law, borrow or raise money for the said objects and accept gifts on such terms and on such security as shall be deemed to be necessary PROVIDED THAT in raising such funds The Charity shall not undertake any permanent trading activities
- i) Invest the monies of The Charity not immediately required for the said objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law.
- j) Form and dissolve Committees and Subcommittees in accordance with Clause 8 of this constitution
- k) Do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the said objects.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership of The Charity shall only be open to any individual or organisational member of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (hereinafter called 'CPRE') being, either a resident of Rutland or Lincolnshire, or expressing a wish to be a member of the Charity who is interested in furthering the work of the Charity and who has paid the annual subscription as laid down from time to time by CPRE
- b) The Charity Trustees (hereinafter called 'The Board') shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to recommend the termination of the membership of any individual or organisation PROVIDED THAT the individual member concerned or the individual representing such an organisation (as the case may be) shall have the right to be heard by The Board before a final decision is made

5. NOMINATIONS

- a) Nomination of Trustees of The Charity shall be on the recommendation of a Nominations Committee appointed by The Board, and approved in the interim by The Board as and when required, and then subject to the retrospective approval of the membership at the subsequent Annual General Meeting of The Charity. Honorary Officers of The Charity shall be appointed by The Board as and when required and then subject to the retrospective approval of the membership at the subsequent Annual General Meeting of The Charity
- b) The Charity Board shall meet at least 4 times per year and consist of not less than 5 and no more than 11 Trustees principally drawn from the counties of Rutland and Lincolnshire, reflecting as far as practicable the geography, heritage, and level of skillset required to maintain charity activity in both counties.
- c) A Trustee term of office shall be three years and he/she may seek re-election for a maximum of three terms (nine years)
- d) In the event of a time served (9 Years) or vacant Trusteeship, any member of The Charity may nominate a member for consideration by The Nominations Committee and subsequently The Board. A member may also give notice of such a person at an AGM for subsequent consideration by The Nominations Committee and The Board. Such a nomination must be made in writing and given to the Charity's Admin Officer at least 24 hours before the Annual General Meeting of The Charity.

6. HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

Nomination of The President and up to Three Vice Presidents (at least one from each county) of The Charity shall be on the recommendation of a Nominations Committee appointed by The Board, approved in the interim by The Board as and when required, and then subject to the retrospective approval of the membership at the subsequent Annual General Meeting of The Charity.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a) The Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Administrative Officer and Planning Lead) appointed by The Board shall form an Executive Committee to deliver the day to day operation of The Charity. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for transacting the business of The Charity and for the conduct and administration of its affairs
- b) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee shall be the Chair and Vice Chair of The Charity
- c) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than six times each year. At any meeting of the Executive Committee three members shall form a quorum
- d) The Executive Committee shall have the power to enter into agreements with other organisations for the formation of any joint committees calculated to promote the said objects
- e) The Chair, Vice Chair, Admin Officer and Treasurer shall together, whenever possible, deal with important urgent matters which in their reasonable view cannot wait until the next full meeting of the Trustee Board, subject to a report of such action being made to the next meeting of Trustees
- f) The Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt and issue Standing Orders and/or Rules for The Charity and all its Committees and Subcommittees. Such Standing Orders and/or Rules shall come into operation immediately PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT they shall be subject to approval by The Board and shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution
- g) The Executive Committee shall have power to fix the remuneration of all such staff (not being members of the Committee or the Board of Trustees) as may in their opinion be necessary
- h) The Executive Committee may appoint one of its members to represent The Charity and Branch at national meetings of CPRE and vote thereat
- i) A member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she is absent without the permission of The Board from all its meetings held within a period of six months and the Executive Committee resolves that his or her office be vacated
- j) Any member of the Executive Committee for the time being who is a solicitor, accountant or other person engaged in a profession may charge and be paid all the usual professional charges for business done by him or her or his or her firm when instructed by the other members of the Executive Committee to act in a professional capacity on behalf of The Charity PROVIDED THAT at no time shall a majority of the members of the Executive Committee benefit under this provision and that a member of the Executive Committee shall withdraw from any meeting at which his or her own instruction or remuneration or that of his or her firm is under discussion.

8. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S POWERS

- a) The Executive Committee may delegate any of its powers or the implementation of any of its resolutions or decisions to any Subcommittee consisting of such persons as the Executive Committee may determine
- b) When making any such delegation, the Executive Committee shall specify the financial limits within which any Subcommittee shall function
- c) The deliberations of any such Subcommittee shall be reported regularly to the Executive Committee and any resolution passed or decision taken by any such Subcommittee shall be reported forthwith to the Executive Committee and for that purpose every Subcommittee shall appoint a Secretary
- d) All delegations under this clause shall be revocable at any time
- e) Subject to Clause 7 hereof the Executive Committee may make such regulations and impose such terms and conditions and give such mandates to any such Subcommittee as it may from time to time think fit
- f) For the avoidance of doubt the Executive Committee may, subject to clause 11 c) hereof delegate all or any financial matters to any other Subcommittee
- g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this clause **FIRSTLY** no meeting of any Subcommittee constituted in accordance with sub-clause a) of this clause shall be quorate unless at least one member of the committee shall be present and **SECONDLY** no resolution of any such Subcommittee shall be passed unless the member or members of the Committee present (or a majority of them if more than one) shall vote in favour of the resolution concerned in addition to a majority of the Subcommittee as a whole
- h) The meetings and proceedings of any Subcommittee shall be governed by the provisions of this constitution regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Subcommittee so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations made by the Subcommittee.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE CHARITY

- a) All members of The Charity shall be entitled to vote at the General Meetings of The Charity
- b) At any General Meeting of the Charity, 10% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is the lesser, shall form a quorum
- c) Not fewer than 21 days' notice in writing of the holding of a General Meeting of the Charity with particulars of the business to be transacted, shall be sent to those persons entitled to attend and vote at such meetings. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt of such notice by a person or body entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate the proceedings of any such meeting
- d) The President, or in his/her absence, a Vice President, or in their absence the Chair or another of the Charity Officers (to be chosen if more than one present by agreement between them) shall preside at any General Meeting of the Charity
- e) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Charity may be convened at any time (subject to the notice prescribed in clause 9 c) hereof) by the Trustees or Executive Committee or on the request of 40% of the membership, such request to be communicated to the Chair of the Charity over the signatures of the members requesting the meeting
- f) Save as otherwise herein provided, all questions arising at any General Meeting of the Charity shall be decided by simple majority of those present and voting thereat. No person shall exercise more than one vote, but in the case of equality of votes the Chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote
- g) Minutes shall be kept by The Board and all other Committees and the appropriate Secretary or Administrative Officer shall enter therein a record of all proceedings and resolutions.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Charity which shall be held not more than 6 months after the end of the financial year, at such time as the Executive Committee or Trustees shall decide
- b) The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting of the Charity shall include
 - (i) Receipt of the annual statement of account and report presented by the Trustees in accordance with clause 12 hereof
 - (ii) The election of Trustees
 - (iii) Consideration of such other matters as may from time to time be necessary.

11. FINANCE

- a) The Board shall receive all income of The Charity and may from such income incur such expenditure as shall be lawful and necessary for promoting the said objects **PROVIDED THAT** nothing herein contained shall prevent (i) any payment in good faith in accordance with clause 3 and 7 hereof or (ii) the repayment

to members of the Executive Committee, Board or any other Committee or Subcommittee of the Charity of reasonable out of pocket expenses properly and necessarily incurred

- b) A bank account shall be opened in the name of The Charity at a bank to be nominated by The Executive Committee and subsequently approved by The Board
- c) The Executive Committee and Board shall nominate and authorise in writing Honorary Officers and staff to operate banking systems and authorise payments on behalf of The Charity in compliance with The Charity's Financial Regulations.

12. ACCOUNTS

- a) The Trustees shall comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 2022 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act) with regard to:
 - (i) The keeping of accounting records for The Charity
 - (ii) The preparation of annual statements of account for The Charity
 - (iii) The auditing or independent examination (as the case may be) of the said statements of account and their transmission to the Charity Commissioners
 - (iv) The preparation of an annual report and an annual return and their transmission to the Charity Commissioners.
- b) The Board shall present each year to the Annual General Meeting of The Charity the said statements of account and report and shall send a copy of the accounts to CPRE.

13. ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

- a) Any alteration of this Constitution shall receive the assent of not fewer than two thirds of the persons at the meeting and entitled to vote in accordance with Clause 9 hereof PROVIDED THAT notice of any such alteration shall have been received by the Admin Officer in writing not fewer than 42 clear days before the meeting at which the alteration is to be proposed. At least 21 clear days' notice in writing of such meeting, setting forth the terms of the alteration, shall be sent by the Admin Officer to each member of The Charity PROVIDED THAT no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing The Charity to cease to be a Charity at law
- b) This constitution will be reviewed every three years by The Charity and the opportunity given to the CPRE membership resident in Rutland and Lincolnshire to review The Charity's geographic boundary of operation covering both counties.
- c) Amendments to this constitution approved for submission to The Charity's AGM must have the prior approval of CPRE.

14. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHARITY

If The Board by a simple majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve The Charity it shall call a General Meeting of the Rutland and Lincolnshire CPRE membership with no fewer than 21 days' notice stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed thereat. If such a decision shall receive the assent of not fewer than two thirds of the persons at the meeting and entitled to vote in accordance with clause 9 hereof, The Board shall have the power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of The Charity. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to CPRE, PROVIDED THAT any part of such remaining assets representing money other than subscriptions and which shall have been given to The Charity for a specific activity or activities in Rutland or Lincolnshire may, at the discretion of The Charity and within a reasonable period of time of the resolution to dissolve The Charity, be given or transferred to another Rutland or Lincolnshire (as appropriate) charity of its choosing.

15. NOTICES

Any notice may be served by The Charity's Admin Officer on any member either personally or on its appointed representative as the case may be, via email or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his, her or its last known address in the United Kingdom and any letter or email so sent shall be deemed to have been received within ten days of posting.

To be approved at the CPRE Rutland 2025 AGM 11.4.2025

CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND - RUTLAND BRANCH

Accounts for the Year to 31st December 2024

<u>Income & Expenditure Account</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>31/12/2024</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>31/12/2023</u>
INCOME			
Subscriptions : Branch Share	3,114.81	2000	7,562.94
Fundraising & Sales			
Rutland Round *	0.00	50	290.14
Christmas Quiz	160.30	200	190.20
AGM + Miscellaneous	1,953.57	100	703.38
Project Grants/Refunds	117.50	1000	1,000.00
Gift Aid	0.00		0.00
Bank Interest	360.93	300	230.51
Total Income	5,707.11	3,650.00	9,977.17
EXPENSES			
Admin Expenses/Meetings	209.50	500	379.71
Insurance	429.37	450	405.32
Travel Expenses	220.50	100	63.25
AGM/EGM	1,055.00		242.20
Annual Lunch	0.00	300	0.00
Website	374.74	360	288.00
Misc.inc President Retirement etc.	1273.17	500	1246.05
Bank Charges	67.20	100	68.40
Project:- Rutland Show	167.50	1000	3,835.80
Lincolnshire	0.00	0	0.00
Quiz	135.79		46.94
Total Expenditure	3,932.77	3,310.00	6,575.67
Deficit(-)/Surplus	1,774.34	340.00	3,401.50
 Balance Sheet as at: 31st December 2024	 31/12/2024		 30/12/2023
Bank: Current Account	37.32		362.98
Savings Account	20,100.00		18,000.00
Net Assets	20,137.32		18,362.98
Represented by:			
Reserves Brought Forward	18,362.98		14,961.48
Current Year Deficit/Surplus	1,774.34		3,401.50
Reserves	20,137.32		18,362.98

***Note:** Stock is held at Nil value due to the uncertainty of the timing of future sales.

Accounts for the Year to 31st December 2024

In accordance with the charity's financial regulations
all transactions for the previous period are witnessed
by the Board of Trustees at their regular meetings.

Ron Simpson BEM

Date: 10.01.2025

Signature: *Ron Simpson*

Branch	Total 30 June 2024	Current Total 31 March 2025	Standard Members	Life Members	Converted Members	Net change in Membership July 2024 - Now	Net change in Membership July 2024 - Now (%)	Total members recruited since 1st July 2024	Number recruited by branch	Percentage recruited by branch since 1st July 2024	Number recruited by National CPRE	Percentage recruited by National CPRE since 1st July 2024	Number recruited as shared	Percentage shared recruitment since 1st July 2024
Avon & Bristol	384	372	317	22	33	-12	-3.1%	14	4	29%	4	29%	6	43%
Bedfordshire	245	238	217	4	17	-7	-2.9%	9	2	22%	2	22%	5	56%
Berkshire	326	310	239	24	47	-16	-4.9%	15	3	20%	8	53%	4	27%
Buckinghamshire	331	325	239	17	69	-6	-1.8%	11	2	18%	8	73%	1	9%
Cambridgeshire	308	304	249	16	39	-4	-1.3%	22	6	27%	11	50%	5	23%
Cheshire	395	380	326	15	39	-15	-3.8%	15		0%	12	80%	3	20%
Cornwall	207	198	167	9	22	-9	-4.3%	10	4	40%	6	60%		0%
Derbyshire	153	164	146	4	14	11	7.2%	22	8	36%	13	59%	1	5%
Devon	697	711	627	24	60	14	2.0%	76	36	47%	16	21%	24	32%
Dorset	598	595	515	37	43	-3	-0.5%	43	14	33%	20	47%	9	21%
Durham	76	71	60	1	10	-5	-6.6%	2	1	50%	1	50%		0%
Essex	476	456	373	31	52	-20	-4.2%	19	2	11%	9	47%	8	42%
Friends of the Lake District (Cumbria)	84	77	68	7	2	-7	-8.3%	2		0%	2	100%		0%
Gloucestershire	600	588	495	41	52	-12	-2.0%	29	9	31%	16	55%	4	14%
Hampshire	878	842	705	36	101	-36	-4.1%	35	7	20%	18	51%	10	29%
Herefordshire	194	190	161	8	21	-4	-2.1%	7	3	43%	4	57%		0%
Hertfordshire	726	703	564	70	69	-23	-3.2%	36	9	25%	17	47%	10	28%
Isle of Wight	83	80	66	4	10	-3	-3.6%	4		0%	4	100%		0%
Kent	1,168	1,168	1,016	50	102	0	0.0%	85	15	18%	49	58%	21	25%
Lancashire	462	448	323	84	41	-14	-3.0%	12	2	17%	6	50%	4	33%
Leicestershire	193	188	155	8	25	-5	-2.6%	8	3	38%	2	25%	3	38%
Lincolnshire	87	85	60	5	20	-2	-2.3%	3	1	33%	1	33%	1	33%
London	1,061	1,015	698	124	193	-46	-4.3%	31	5	16%	20	65%	6	19%
Norfolk	471	486	414	29	43	15	3.2%	55	22	40%	28	51%	5	9%
North & East Yorkshire	463	457	372	26	59	-6	-1.3%	15		0%	12	80%	3	20%
Northamptonshire	312	300	271	3	26	-12	-3.8%	24	7	29%	7	29%	10	42%
Northern Lincolnshire	52	57	53	1	3	5	9.6%	7		0%	6	86%	1	14%
Northumberland	137	132	109	8	15	-5	-3.6%	7	2	29%	4	57%	1	14%
Nottinghamshire	140	143	123	7	13	3	2.1%	9	5	56%	4	44%		0%
Oxfordshire	680	665	556	32	77	-15	-2.2%	30	3	10%	17	57%	10	33%
Peak District/South Yorkshire	422	406	344	34	28	-16	-3.8%	13		0%	12	92%	1	8%
Rutland	71	70	58	2	10	-1	-1.4%	5	3	60%	1	20%	1	20%
Shropshire	295	287	256	11	20	-8	-2.7%	19	4	21%	11	58%	4	21%
Somerset	401	393	345	11	37	-8	-2.0%	27	6	22%	13	48%	8	30%
Staffordshire	195	196	170	5	21	1	0.5%	14	4	29%	6	43%	4	29%
Suffolk	433	419	307	53	59	-14	-3.2%	15		0%	12	80%	3	20%
Surrey	782	734	606	47	81	-48	-6.1%	26	3	12%	19	73%	4	15%
Sussex	1,051	1,015	824	56	135	-36	-3.4%	59	16	27%	31	53%	12	20%
Warwickshire	399	379	304	34	41	-20	-5.0%	19	3	16%	9	47%	7	37%
West Yorkshire	216	215	163	9	43	-1	-0.5%	11	2	18%	8	73%	1	9%
Wiltshire	460	456	349	55	52	-4	-0.9%	21	7	33%	10	48%	4	19%
Worcestershire	249	244	190	21	33	-5	-2.0%	12	1	8%	9	75%	2	17%
No Branch/National Office	146	143	89	45	9	-3	-2.1%	7	2	29%	4	57%	1	14%
Total supporters	17,107	16,705												