

The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire
(Registered charity, number 213481)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2015

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**The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2015**

Full name The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire

Other names by which the charity is known

Council to Protect Rural England (Nottinghamshire) (old name)
Nottinghamshire CPRE
Notts CPRE

Registered charity number 213481

Principal address

Oakdean, 7A Pelham Crescent, The Park, Nottingham NG7 1AR

Trustees

Frederick Cook, Chair
Elena Gilbert, Treasurer
Peter Holland

Secretary and Policy Adviser

Bettina Lange

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, 7 Mansfield Road,
Nottingham, NG1 3FB

Governance and management

The charity was established in 1947 and now operates under the rules of the constitution adopted on 12 June 2013. The trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Casual appointments to vacant positions may be made by co-optation between Annual General Meetings but election would be required at the next AGM.

Aims and objectives

To promote and encourage, for the benefit of the nation, the improvement, protection and conservation of the countryside of the county of Nottinghamshire and its towns and villages including the City of Nottingham, and the better development of the rural environment.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

- Make representations on planning matters to local planning authorities;
- Encourage neighbourhood planning;

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- Organisation of the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition and other award schemes to encourage quality restoration of buildings and community initiatives to improve local environments;
- Stimulate and educate public opinion;
- Act as a centre for advice and the collection and dissemination of information upon matters affecting the planning, improvement and protection of the countryside and landscape;
- Organise public meetings to enable expressions of opinion; encourage the improvement of local environments any various awards to communities.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

- Ran a successful Best Kept Village Competition awarding certificates and monetary prizes to various parish councils both encouraging and recognising community efforts to improve their environment and providing funds for further improvements to community assets;
- Helped prevent the construction of anaerobic digesters in inappropriate sites, including one that would have prevented the public enjoyment of the countryside adjacent to the Robin Hood Way;
- Helped prevent the ruination of quality agricultural land by the installation of inappropriate solar parks;
- Helped prevent permission being given to enlarge a travellers' site to come within the bounds of a conservation area;
- Raised the profile of the need to protect the Green Belt both generally and in particular locations.

The charity's policy on reserves

It is CPRE Notts policy to maintain balances to maintain the restricted fund (for the Valerie Gillespie Award) for community initiatives to improve the environment and to maintain sufficient unrestricted monies to enable the charity to finance its current activities for the foreseeable future, in case any of the risks inherent to the continuance of existing voluntary funding sources crystallise. CPRE Notts will reduce its reserves to a prudent degree if ways can be found to finance sustainable expansions of its charitable activities.

Summary of the main risks faced by the charity

Our income does not match our current expenditures. We face the risk that if this continues for a time into the future any shortfalls cannot be covered by our reserves. The other financial risk is loss of sponsorship of the Best Kept Village Competition.

Acknowledgements

We remain grateful to our members for their support and to Wilkinsons for their generous sponsorship of the Best Kept Village Competition.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Frederick Cook, Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire for the year ended 31 December 2015

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed _____ Date _____
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, DChA
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

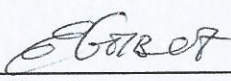
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2015

2014			Unrestricted	Restricted	2015
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	Receipts				
5188	Members' subscriptions		7040	-	7040
1155	Donations		596	-	596
3500	Best Kept Village Competition	7	3485	-	3485
167	Bank interest		10	-	10
37	Give as you live		35	-	35
2340	Reimbursement from Derbyshire CPRE		1616	-	1616
406	Sundry receipts		210	-	210
<u>12793</u>	Total receipts		<u>12992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12992</u>
	Payments				
78	Subscriptions, affiliations & donations		33	-	33
2979	Best Kept Village Competition	7	2768	-	2768
224	Valerie Gillespie Award		-	204	204
112	Hall hire & refreshments		368	-	368
305	Travel expenses		452	-	452
10622	Salary & associated costs		8544	-	8544
1444	Suppliers & miscellaneous	6	3100	-	3100
<u>15764</u>	Total payments		<u>15265</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>15469</u>
	Net receipts/(payments)		(2273)	(204)	(2477)
(2971)			28360	1619	29979
<u>32950</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>26087</u>	<u>1415</u>	<u>27502</u>
<u>29979</u>	Cash funds at end of this period				

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2015

2014			2015
£		Note	£
29969	Cash assets		27492
10	Bank accounts		10
<u>29979</u>	Cash in hand		<u>27502</u>
	Other monetary assets		
3447	Debtors & prepayments	3	3256
<u>3447</u>			<u>3256</u>
	Liabilities		
(438)	Creditors	4	(2060)
<u>(438)</u>			<u>(2060)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 03.06.2016
Elena Gilbert, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2015

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Valerie Gillespie Award	1619	-	(204)	1415
	<u>1619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(204)</u>	<u>1415</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	28360	12993	(15266)	26087
	<u>28360</u>	<u>12993</u>	<u>(15266)</u>	<u>26087</u>

3. Debtors

	£
Reimbursement from Derbyshire CPRE	1616
Members Subscriptions (Quarter 4 2015 Share)	1484
Insurance prepayment	156
	<u>3256</u>

4. Creditors

	£
Suppliers & miscellaneous: printing	194
Suppliers & miscellaneous: Independent examination	336
Salary & associated costs (Oct - Dec 2015)	1530
	<u>2060</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, a total of £269 was reimbursed to one trustee for travel expenses incurred.

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6. Suppliers & miscellaneous

	£
Consultancy: Planning and Transport Advice	770
Printing	630
Postage & stationery	510
Independent examination (2014)	288
Insurance	238
Equipment hire & purchase	232
Sign moves prior year BKV	200
Telephone costs	157
Video for AGM	75
	<hr/> 3100

7. Best Kept Village Competition

	£
Best Kept Village Competition Receipts	
Sponsor	3250
Entrance fees	235
	<hr/> 3485
Best Kept Village Competition Payments	
Cash prizes	1900
Travel of judging panel	537
Sign moves	200
Stationery, postage etc.	131
	<hr/> 2768

8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.