

**The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire**  
(Registered charity, number 213481)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2016**

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**The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 December 2016**

**Full name** The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire

**Other names by which the charity is known** 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  
Dr Peter Holland

**Independent examiner**

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

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 12 June 2013.

We advertise for new trustees through recognised charity volunteers websites and by local communication with the membership and other groups. New trustees can be appointed on co-option to the executive committee but are then subject to annual election by the membership at each Annual General Meeting.

**Objectives and activities**

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**

- 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;
- Make representations on planning matters to local planning authorities;
- Encourage neighbourhood planning;
- Stimulate and educate public opinion;

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- 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.

A beautiful and living countryside is one of England's greatest assets. It is a much loved and vital part of our national identity. CPRE is its principal champion. We deliver public benefit by standing up for that part of the English countryside that is Nottinghamshire in a way that is passionate, evidence-based and effective.

The three principal ways in which we achieve our objectives to benefit the public are:

- 1) Initiating and supporting activities that directly improve the countryside and rural communities in Nottinghamshire;
- 2) As part of the wider CPRE, influencing policies to maximise the benefit and minimise the damage to the countryside;
- 3) Influencing local plans, supporting appropriate developments and preventing development that would unnecessarily damage the countryside.

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

- We wrote to every Parish Council in the county to advertise the Best Kept Village Competition 2016; the Valerie Gillespie Award 2016 – for the best community project to improve the local environment and to advertise what CPRE can do to help and in an attempt to encourage membership;
- We participated with CPRE Lincolnshire in the local ACRE Neighbourhood Planning event and which promoted the benefits of neighbourhood planning to parish councillors and others;
- We wrote to Government ministers and the local MP pressing the case in support of an extension to the Robin Hood Line from Shirebrook to Ollerton, with intermediate stations at Warsop and Edwinstowe. We believe that a re-opened line would be a great benefit to local communities, especially in improving access to employment in Ollerton, Mansfield and Nottingham;
- We contributed to the consultation on the draft of the County Council Minerals Plan;
- We influenced planning arrangements for shale gas exploration in regard to the placement of conditions on the use of heavy goods vehicles on rural roads;
- We successfully objected, in support of local people, to a solar park at Sookholme that would have led to the loss of good agricultural land, an adverse impact on landscape and amenity without the possibility of mitigation;
- We contributed comments to a Newark & Sherwood Local Plan Preferred Approach consultation, expressing concern about the proposal to develop the former Thoresby colliery which could mean missing an opportunity to enhance biodiversity in an area which could contribute to an integrated Sherwood Forest landscape area;
- We submitted comments on the Mansfield District Council Local Plan Consultation Draft, pointing out that the proposed and unattainable housing target figures endanger valued landscapes that need to be protected together with the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. We expressed concern about a particular

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possible development site in Market Warsop – about which we received some support from local people;

- Separate events were held to present awards in the successful Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition and the Harry Johnson Award.

### **Financial review**

Although the account for the calendar year 2016 shows a modest increase in cash funds, appearances can be deceiving. Cash receipts and donations for consultancy work involving costs that were yet to be met at the year-end and other costs that had yet to materialise are not reflected in the cash account. Moreover our membership, subscriptions from whom form our main income source, has declined and continues to do so. Our annual expenditure has exceeded our income for some years now. A major item of expenditure comprises salary and associated payments in respect of our employment of our policy advisor. In the absence of volunteers to carry out her work, this financial impost may continue to deplete our financial reserves. Those reserves are of course not inextinguishable and the present position is not sustainable into the longer term.

### **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.

### **Financial risks**

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 Mr A Wilkinson, past chairman of Wilkinsons for his 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 2016**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

### **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  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**The Campaign To Protect Rural England - Nottinghamshire  
Receipts & payments account  
for the year ended 31 December 2016**

2015			2016
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted
Funds		Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£
			Total
			Funds
			£
<b>Receipts</b>			
7040	Members' subscriptions	6171	-
596	Donations	947	-
3485	Best Kept Village Competition	7 3452	-
10	Bank interest	10	-
35	Give as you live	20	-
1616	Reimbursement from Derbyshire CPRE	-	-
-	Consultancy	1194	-
210	Sundry receipts	-	-
12992	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11794</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
33	Subscriptions, affiliations & donations	33	-
2768	Best Kept Village Competition	7 2571	-
204	Valerie Gillespie Award	-	-
368	Hall hire & refreshments	145	-
452	Travel expenses	219	-
8544	Salary & associated costs	6120	-
3100	Suppliers & miscellaneous	6 1669	-
15469	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10756</b>	<b>-</b>
(2477)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	1038	-
29979	Cash funds at start of this period	26087	1415
27502	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>	<b>27125</b>	<b>1415</b>
			<b>28540</b>

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Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 December 2016**

2015		Note	2016
£	<b>Cash assets</b>		£
27492	Bank accounts		28530
<u>10</u>	Cash in hand		<u>10</u>
<u>27502</u>			<u><b>28540</b></u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
<u>3256</u>	Debtors & prepayments	3	<u>1782</u>
<u>3256</u>			<u><b>1782</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<u>(2060)</u>	Creditors	4	<u>(2166)</u>
<u>(2060)</u>			<u><b>(2166)</b></u>

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Elena Gilbert, Trustee

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**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2016**

**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 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Valerie Gillespie Award	1415	-	-	1415
	<b>1415</b>	-	-	<b>1415</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	26087	11794	(10756)	27125
	<b>26087</b>	<b>11794</b>	<b>(10756)</b>	<b>27125</b>

The restricted fund is to finance the Valerie Gillespie Award – for the Best Community Project to improve the local environment and to advertise what CPRE can do to help and in an attempt to encourage membership.

**3. Debtors**

	<b>£</b>
Members' Subscriptions (Quarter 4 2016 Share)	1697
Insurance prepayment	84
	<b>1782</b>

**4. Creditors**

	<b>£</b>
Suppliers & miscellaneous: Independent examination	336
Suppliers & miscellaneous: Printing	175
Salary & associated costs (Oct - Dec 2016)	1530
Best Kept Village Competition (travel, postage, stationery)	125
	<b>2166</b>

**5. Trustees' remuneration**

During this period, a total of £101 was reimbursed to one trustee for travel expenses incurred.

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**6. Suppliers & miscellaneous**

	£
Printing	507
Insurance	246
Independent examination	336
Miscellaneous	100
Stationery	383
Hospitality	96
	<u>1669</u>

**7. Best Kept Village Competition**

	£
Best Kept Village Competition Receipts	
Sponsor	3250
Entrance fees	202
	<u>3452</u>
Best Kept Village Competition Payments	
Cash Prizes	1850
Travel	521
Sign moves	200
	<u>2571</u>

**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.