

DEVON BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

**THE 49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE BRANCH
WILL BE HELD ON**

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 2014 at 2pm

At HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, HATHERLEIGH, OKEHAMPTON EX20 3HB



67m wind turbine in the Devon countryside 2014

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 20th 2013
3. To receive and approve the Annual Report
4. To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2013
5. To appoint the Independent Examiner
6. Chair's address
7. Election of Officers (President and Vice Presidents) Trustees and Executive Committee
8. Announcements
9. Any Other Business Refreshments

GUEST SPEAKER

Michael Morpurgo O.B.E. 'Children and the Countryside'

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MINUTES OF THE 48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2013
AT KENTISBEARE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Sir Ian Amory (President) Robin Hogg (Chairman) Geoffrey Sworder (Vice President and Vice Chairman) Tim Hale (Vice President and Vice Chairman) Anthony Milton (Incoming CPRE Chairman) Malcolm Avery (Research Director) Peter Cleasby (Projects Adviser) Hedley Hunter (Treasurer) Mrs Marion Trotter (Branch Secretary) Bob Barfoot (North Devon) Mrs Penny Riches Mills (Torrige and Publicity/PR) Mrs Julie Rudge (Mid Devon) Martin Taylor (West Devon) Mrs Carole Box (Torbay) Bob Harvey (Plymouth & South Hams) Mrs Pippa Wood, Mrs Laura Leigh (Country Land and Business Association) and other members of CPRE Devon

APOLOGIES: James Wyeth (Planning Specialist Adviser) Cllr Kelvyn Shantry (Newton Abbot Town Council) Tim Baker, Marion Minards-Gammell, Mr & Mrs Painton, Jennifer Harris, Nigel Speller, Mr & Mrs Hewertson, Jill Prideaux, Philip Ward-Green, Mrs Anne Frampton, Cllr D Key (East Devon District Council) Gerald Dinnage (Mid Devon) James Paxman (Dartmoor Preservation Association) Cllr David Worden (North Devon District Council) Mrs Diana Moyse (Best Kept Village organiser) Cllr Mrs G Tabor (Torrige District Council) Barry Lloyd (South Brent Action Group) Cllr John Squire (Mid Devon District Council) Philip Skinner (ex PPG) Dr Fern Clarke (ex PPG) Roberto Franceschini (ex PPG) Cllr Rod Hawes (Barnstaple Town Council/ DALC) Mrs Cathy Lamb

The President Sir Ian Amory opened the meeting at 2.30pm and welcomed the guests to the Annual General Meeting, and thanked them all for coming.

CONFIRMATION AND SIGNATURE OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting held on 17th March 2012 were signed by the President.

RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The President Sir Ian Amory presented the Annual Report. This was approved. Proposed by Mr N Waine and seconded by Mr Bob Harvey.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

These were received. Proposed and seconded from the floor

TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

It was proposed that John Wilson be the Independent Examiner as Keith Matthews has retired.

Proposed Dr Margaret Hall seconded Ms Ruth Watson. On behalf of the committee the President thanked Mr John Wilson and confirmed his appointment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President announced that he was stepping down this year and was delighted that Robin Hogg has agreed to become the President. This was proposed and seconded from the floor.

Robin Hogg thanked Sir Ian for his help in the background over the years. Were there a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal available for his Services, he would most certainly be eligible! Sir Ian had always "been there for CPRE Devon" and we were grateful for his support.

Sir Ian said that Robin has retired as chairman of CPRE Devon and thanked him for his enormous and energetic contribution and for identifying and dealing with a number of difficult challenges over the past three years.

Vice President: Mr Geoffrey Sworder, Mr Tim Hale. Proposed and seconded from the floor
Anthony Milton elected as the new Chairman, new trustee and member of the Executive committee
Proposed Bob Barfoot, seconded Dr Margaret Hall

Trustees and Executive committee to be re-elected en bloc: Anthony Milton, Geoffrey Sworder, Tim Hale, Bob Barfoot, Mrs Penny Riches Mills, Mrs Julie Rudge, Martin Taylor, Mrs Carole Box, Bob Harvey

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Each member present had a copy of the Chairman's address in front of them and it will be produced as part of the 2013 Annual Report in the usual way. The chairman, conscious that he did not want to delay the eagerly awaited presentation by Professor Winter, dwelled on only a few key points as follows:

- **The current Challenges we face.** These arise in part from our success as the countryside charity that is more than a "single-issue" lobby group. We try to see Government policies: the Localism Act, The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Growth and Infrastructure Bill in the round and to set out how we see the countryside can best be supported in every way: its economy, landscape and way of life. We increasingly use television, Radio, the print Media and our website to make our case.
- **There are real difficulties ahead.** We all had high hopes of the Localism Act and saw real opportunities for communities able to make use of the government's pledge to "deliver unprecedented power into the hands of communities to shape where they live". Subsequent policies, driven by the need for "Growth at almost any cost" have produced a very different reality on the ground.
- **The Unitary & District Councils without an Adopted Local Plan face demands for almost uncontrolled "Sustainable Development".** We are now seeing a tsunami of planning applications, particularly for sizeable blocks of housing, for wind turbines and solar farms. The former seek to build on Greenfield Sites wherever possible and the latter to farm the Government subsidies which you and I pay for through our electricity bills. Recent legislation means that Councils without a local plan or which are unable to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply of deliverable housing, are vulnerable to the Developer. Planning Applications, rejected by the local Authorities, risk appeals which will then be granted by the Planning Inspectorate; in short, the Government is clawing back the assumed benefits of "localism".
- **Housing.** Insofar as housing is concerned, we see the prospect of decent rural affordable housing, our number one campaign, as less and less likely. Take Sherford as an example (5,500 houses for 12,000 people on greenfield Land East of Plymouth). The original aim was for 50% affordable housing – it is now down to 17% or thereabouts. Looking at renewable energy: a glance at our website will show you that North Devon and Torridge are being swamped with wind turbines and solar farm projects.
- **The workload and the inevitable stress.** The more complex and controversial the planning application, the more difficult it is for us to handle our responsibilities for the wider countryside. The load on individual District Chairs is quite unreasonable and, thanks to Peter Cleasby's Report, we now have an Executive Management Group (XMG) headed up by our Research Director Malcolm Avery. These people marshal the facts and give us a better feel for what we can and cannot do. The cumulative effects of mass development in any field, whether housing or renewable energy, is slow to be felt by the general public and increasingly difficult to deal with.

We need your help in many ways:

- If you have a talent or experience in any field relevant to what we do we need your help. We do not need you to sit on committees or attend meetings but we do need help in getting our act together whether it is about a local matter or in the wider sphere.
- All this work costs money. Just travelling around this huge county to go on TV, to attend Council Meetings or just to provide a really useful website, not just for us but for others and the Media in particular, costs around £2,000 per year. We do not care how this comes in. Membership is the best, in that we can then keep you in touch with what might affect you personally. However, a Fiver in support of our work somewhere near you is hugely helpful. If each one of you could just get one more member or donation, in gratitude for where we have been helpful, that would be great.
- Intelligence. We cover this huge county as best we can. Early warning of some dodgy or difficult planning application is very helpful to your District chairs.

At the end of the day we are there to support you and those who live and work in the countryside. These are indeed testing times. This is all about LAND USE: whether it is to produce food, to burn rubbish, to generate electricity or to provide better infrastructure. We are indeed fortunate to have Professor Michael Winter to tell us more this afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President formally thanked Stover School for our continued use of the school for our meetings.

Mike Coleman, a Vice president of the County Branch Forum (CBF) provided a short resume of Tim Hale's work in forming the CBF, at a time when the relationship between the national office and the membership of CPRE was at an all-time low. In acknowledgement of his achievements and in recognition of the great benefits that had accrued to the wider CPRE nationally, the CBF had agreed that Tim Hale should be made an Emeritus President of the CBF. Sir Ian then presented Tim Hale with a framed certificate. The CBF, made up of CPRE county chairmen, meets 3 or 4 times a year to exchange expertise and discuss best practice.

The chairman thanked Mrs Elizabeth Cummings for her catering and announced a short tea break before Professor Michael Winter's talk.

GUEST SPEAKER

Sir Ian introduced the guest speaker, Professor Michael Winter, who spoke on "Future Land Use in Devon". The two main purposes of the talk were to examine recent and contemporary drivers of change in Devon's land use and to consider some of the challenges and possibilities that emerge from these changing factors.

From about 1870 – 1890, taking the parish of Exbourne as an example, cereals covered nearly half the acreage of Exbourne parish. This declined and then peaked during the 2nd World War, whilst forest and maize production increased. We also saw a shift from arable to dairy farming. Hedges were put in and horses were used for ploughing, provided the renewable energy of their day.

50% of land in the South West is permanent grass and there are a high proportion of organic farms. There was a sharp increase of yields in the 60's and 70's then it plateaued due to less intensity and less investment funding. The level of self-sufficiency peaked in the late 80's. There had been a policy change with a shift towards agri-environmental farming. This shift saw a rapid decline in farm birds, one big factor being the decline of winter stubble. There has also been a bad record of soil degradation.

Professor Winter covered a number of diverse subjects. What is driving future change in the global sense? World population has increased with people eating more dairy, milk products and meat. Brazil and the USA are having a major policy push towards biofuels. There are pressures on key resources such as oil, water, nitrates and phosphates. 50% of the world population now live in urban areas. There is a declining growth in agricultural policy and development pressure on the land. There is a demand to use land for energy production. There are new animal and plant diseases; changing weather patterns and battle lines drawn over emotional and political issues such as wildlife management and genetic modification.

The two big challenges are sustainable intensification where we have to feed people and ecosystem services – how do we value that? Provisioning services are totally dependent on the natural environment. At present the policy focus is on Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) opportunities particularly for land-based businesses. For Defra such payments represent "an innovative mechanism for capturing the value of the natural environment".

UK has a long tradition of not intervening with landowners. Good land gets split up. Do we intervene? We do not have a good land ownership policy and we should have some credentials to deal with this. It is very frustrating for good farmers to go to auctions and see land bid up that will not be used for agricultural purposes. In short we need a "land use policy" in this country.

Sir Ian Amory thanked Professor Winter for his wide-ranging and expert overview of both the historical and current situation with regard to land use. He agreed with his proposition that we needed a Government policy on land use and asked the Professor to take questions from the floor. There then followed a lively discussion with the audience across the whole range of land use in Devon. Sir Ian thanked Professor Winter warmly for his talk and closed the AGM for another year at 4.20pm.

REPORTS FOR 2014 AGM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Penny Mills

This has been one of the busiest years that CPRE Devon can remember. Never has our English countryside been under so much unrelenting pressure and from so many varied and powerful interests. As for our unique and precious Devon countryside, we find ourselves in the eye of this particular storm. A glance at our new website www.cpredevon.org.uk will give you a feel for the situation. Put in your postcode to find out what is happening near where you live or work, and use the “Help Desk” to get a briefing on a particular topic that interests you. You can also find out who to call in your local District.

2013 has been a time of real change for all of us. The Government's National Planning Policy Framework and the Growth and Infrastructure Bill have produced a tsunami of planning applications for wind turbines and solar farms and more recently for a mass of housing applications, many of which threaten our green spaces and open fields. All this has placed enormous pressure on our District chairs and our volunteers. We have also seen many changes at CPRE Devon. Tony Milton has handed over the Chair to me, and we are all very grateful for Tony's efforts. We are looking for a replacement for our Branch Director, Malcolm Avery, whose hard work and many skills over the last year have enabled us to transform our approach to the work we do. He will be a very hard act to follow and if you know of anyone who would like to take on this crucial role please let us know. We also welcome two new District Chairs: Rebecca Bartleet for West Devon, and Peter Finch for Teignbridge. We shall also look forward to welcoming Sir Simon Day as our new President who will take over from Robin Hogg at the AGM.

We should not forget that all these people are volunteers, and we are all hugely grateful for their dedication and enthusiasm. However we do need more people to give us a hand. We are not asking for people to attend committee meetings, but there is much that you can do to help your local District. If you would like to get more involved, please contact any of us. Also, we are a charity and have to reduce our costs, particularly of printing and postage, so please let us have your email address so that we can keep in touch with you in future by email. You can do this by letting Hedley Hunter, our Membership Secretary, have your email details - contact him at treasurer@cpredevon.co.uk or by calling him on 01752 872237.

As you will have noticed, hardly a week goes by without the Western Morning News or the BBC mentioning CPRE Devon, and the Media is increasingly coming to us for briefing and help on countryside matters. We have also received two very helpful legacies this year; one to be devoted to helping children understand and appreciate the countryside, and another to help us in any way we wish. That we are grateful would be an understatement.

And finally. A date for your diaries.... This year we are thrilled to have the **world famous author and local resident, Michael Morpurgo**, joining us to talk about the relationship between children and the countryside at our AGM. The author of *'Warhorse!'*, and the founder of 'Farms for City Children' will be hugely engaging, and the afternoon is a real 'must'. **The date for this event is Thursday 17th April 2014 at the Hatherleigh Community Centre, Bowling Green Lane, Hatherleigh, Nr Okehampton EX20 3HB. The AGM begins at 2pm, and Michael Morpurgo's talk will start around 2.30pm and afternoon tea and cake will be available. All welcome - your support at the event would be truly appreciated.**

TREASURER – Hedley Hunter

The draft Income and Expenditure Account and a draft Balance Sheet have been prepared for the year ended 31st December 2013. These can be found at the end of this Annual Report.

DISTRICT REPORTS

MID DEVON

Julie Rudge

Mid Devon CPRE has a good working committee group of 7 members all of whom contribute towards commenting on the different issues which have arisen in the past year.

Whilst supporting small scale renewable energy projects, the committee is alarmed at the growing number of large scale wind turbine and solar applications. The latter are often proposed on valuable productive land which is important for a sustainable approach to reducing food miles and the country's self-sufficiency. An Inspector has recently refused an appeal for a large wind turbine in Thelbridge Parish which is good news.

We have responded to Mid Devon's documents and in particular to the Tiverton Eastern Urban expansion, including a further phase which has come forward to which we will respond. Members have attended various MDDC Planning committee meetings, the latest of which was the MDDC Cabinet meeting for further development to the year 2033 - a somewhat frightening prospect. Public consultations started on January 24th through to March 24th with public exhibitions early in the process. Garden development and other planning issues have also been commented on.

One committee member has moved out of the area and we welcome a new member. As secretary I would like to warmly thank all our committee members including our long participating Treasurer and the CPRE members in the district, especially those who have been helpful in contacting us. All good wishes for the forthcoming year. Your thoughts and input are always very welcome.

TORRIDGE

Penny Mills

Once again our workload has been dominated by renewable energy proposals throughout the Torridge district. There has been no let-up in applications for large commercial wind and solar schemes. At the time of writing there are 4 wind farms approved/operational with another 4 currently in planning; 56 single turbines approved/operational; 28 currently in planning; 13 at appeal; and dozens in scoping and screening. Torridge residents are now living in a giant wind farm, which nobody asked for and only a handful benefit from!

More and more solar farms have been approved on agricultural land now totalling 445 acres. Not only do these schemes have a large visual impact, with their thousands of ground mounted panels, generator buildings, security fencing etc, but the loss of traditional farmland previously used to produce food is a concern, with the loss of associated biodiversity, wildlife etc. The cumulative effect of so many wind and solar schemes in this district is now fundamentally changing the landscape – from an unspoilt, tranquil, rural farmscape, to one resembling an industrial renewable energy landscape. We will continue to oppose these large schemes.

In November we organised a very successful seminar held in Holsworthy Memorial Hall, on Understanding Wind & Solar Power and the Planning Process and we were delighted that our local MP for Torridge & West Devon, Geoffrey Cox QC was able to join us and provide a Government update and answer questions. Dr Phillip Bratby gave a presentation on the technology of wind and solar power and Bob Barfoot explained the planning process. 250 people attended and, after deducting costs, £250 for CPRE Devon was raised from donations and refreshments which was much appreciated.

We are also seeing a significant rise in large housing proposals, particularly in Bideford and surrounds. With hundreds and hundreds of houses proposed, we fear an urban sprawl.

Our committee here comprises Rosemary Jessel, Chris Hassall, Ivan Buxton and Anna Grabis, and I would like to thank them for all their sterling efforts. We continue to meet regularly to discuss the ever increasing issues in this rural district and we warmly welcome new members – if you are interested in becoming more involved please contact us – you would be made very welcome at our meetings and our events.

TORBAY

Carole Box

Torbay CPRE has had yet another busy year with members involved across the bay working on Neighbourhood Plans. Considerable concern has been raised by long-suffering members of the three Torbay NP Forums about the huge amount of work expected of Torbay wide volunteers. Also expectations - would local views be listened to and how would these plans be funded? Money allotted from the government is simply insufficient for these plans to be processed to the required standard. Perhaps more importantly, deep concern remains about the number of houses being imposed (8000 – 10,000) despite continued fall in inward migration and lack of employment.

There are several highly contentious planning applications around Torbay which include Wall Park Brixham, Edginswell Tesco, Churston Golf Course and Collaton St. Mary. All of which are either in the application or appeal stage. Scotts Meadows which was lost at appeal to Cavanna Homes in 2012 is expecting shortly a detailed planning application for 155 dwellings. Local residents in these areas have concerns about the damage to tourism, change of character and greenspace, loss of local trade and overloading of the infrastructure.

CPRE Torbay continues to speak up about the importance of food security and land use, support for local produce which plays an important part in food tourism. There is growing interest in the South West Coast path, AONB and Global Geo Park which attracts visitors to the area to explore the natural beauty threatened by constant development.

There is a pressing need for active volunteers to assist with the workload for the District Chairman. In particular updating the website, taking minutes, writing letters, attending meetings, researching planning, bringing in new members and fundraising. If you are able to help, please contact me.

PLYMOUTH & SOUTH HAMS

Bob Harvey

Just when you think it can't get worse – it does! P&SH is deluged in applications for industrial turbines and solar farms as the central area between Dartmoor to the North and the AONB to the South is a soft target for developers. Fortunately we have built up a good network of objectors, some CPRE and some not, so information is quickly circulated. We have had some welcome refusals by SHDC, but it's still a perpetual battle. In general, the AONB which has a management plan which purports to protect the 'setting' of the AONB is Goose Boo, and has now appointed a 'consultant' to advise it. I have made our CPRE views to the Director very, very clear. It is good to have TCP 2013/2932 to help consultation on turbines – but where is the same for solar??

The future of P&SH continues to exercise my mind and this will be discussed at a special committee meeting on 24th March. We have a reliable Treasurer but we have no Secretary and I intend to step down at our AGM on 2nd May, so we will need a new Chairman. A number of members are active in the turbine/solar area, with Peter Coates concentrating on housing issues, but unfortunately none of them wish to join the Committee. So watch this space. We held a very successful evening debate on Land Use Strategy in Totnes on 7th March, with Professor Michael Winter, Dr Sarah Wollaston MP and local councillor Michael Hicks.

NORTH DEVON

Bob Barfoot

We are still struggling to attract new members. The membership is still dwindling as the number of new members is less than those that we lose each year for various reasons. We desperately need more members if we are to continue to exert the influence that we do at the moment.

Any of our existing members who feel able to help with the issues that confront us would be very welcome. Most of our work is conducted by email so there is little need for anyone to travel. We need more expertise and we also need “eyes and ears” throughout the North Devon district to alert us to problems, mainly with planning applications.

The Inspector issued his decision over the Batsworthy Cross windfarm in October 2012 and allowed the appeal along with the grant of planning permission. That decision was challenged through the courts but the challenge failed, meaning that the way is now open for the project to be constructed.

We are now seeing large number of applications for large scale solar PV and for single wind turbines which are often over 200 feet high. North Devon Council consults us over all of these applications and we have objected to many of them on the grounds of unacceptable impact on the landscape and on neighbouring dwellings.

We are increasingly concerned over the use of good quality agricultural land for large solar arrays, especially when all the indications are that we will be facing increasing food shortages and consequent ever increasing rises in food prices.

Although much of our time is taken up with dealing with renewable energy applications, as these are the most contentious issue facing North Devon at the moment, we continue to be consulted by North Devon District Council and individual CPRE members on planning applications.

We continue to work with CPRE Devon and other county branches on a broad number of issues which affect our countryside and our rural way of life. All in all it has been a very busy year, but a fulfilling one. I would like to thank our committee and our members in North Devon for their support in these difficult times.

TEIGNBRIDGE

We are in the process of reviving the Teignbridge district group and to this end, we ran a very successful seminar on February 21st at the Newton Abbot racecourse where we launched our campaign Land Use and Food Security. We were delighted that local MP Anne Maris Morris joined us and over 100 people attended.

WEST DEVON

Martin Taylor/Rebecca Bartleet

2013 has been a busy year for West Devon, predominantly dealing with renewable energy projects and an upsurge in housing applications from developers. The latter perhaps to be expected in the light of recent government directives. Thanks to Penny Mills for her very useful update on the current wind turbine situation in our area. There are now eighteen approved applications for turbines throughout West Devon. Four at Appeal and eighteen proposals at the screening stage. Many of these are for single turbines, but in questionable locations. Solar farms appear to be less popular. However, the comparative use of farming land is far greater, resulting in a considerable defacement of the countryside.

Redrow and a Tavistock based company Trand, are chasing green field sites on the edge of the town for large developments of a hundred plus units. These numbers have not been accounted for in the Core Strategy and resistance is strong. CPRE West Devon has been involved with this struggle from the beginning.

In Okehampton, Tesco's were refused permission to build on industrial land. The refusal coincided with the Group's dramatic fall in profit and many believe they will re-apply when their financial situation begins to improve. Meanwhile, the proposed redevelopment of the Hatherleigh Market site has been approved.

Dartmoor National Park has recently released a Supplementary Planning Guidance paper dealing with Affordable Housing, on which public views are sought. An application for a farm complex in the centre of iconic landscape adjoining the open moor at Sampford Spiney, was successfully rejected. The launch of the Revised National Park Management Plan is to be on February 24th and CPRE have been invited to be part of the 'Sustain' steering group. Others are, 'Enjoy' and 'Prosper'. Plans to extend a working quarry on the fringe of the Park near Yelverton are highlighting the conflict between Dartmoor as a recreational wilderness and the commercial requirements of its traditional industries. An issue yet to be resolved.

**CPRE DEVON BRANCH
DRAFT BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31 2013**

	31/12/2013	31/12/2012
ASSETS		
M&G Charifund	5,257	10,500
M&G Charibond	11,000	-
M&G Revaluation	5,772	8,158
Cash floats with Districts	956	1,000
Principality Building Society 2 year bond	10,000	10,000
Scottish Widows deposit account	26,764	36,586
Barclays Bank current account	20,377	13,506
Barclays Bank Wendy Lawrenson account	110,294	-
Fixed assets	-	398
TOTAL ASSETS	190,419	80,148
LIABILITIES AND RETAINED FUNDS		
Retained funds		
Unrestricted funds	64,352	77,262
Restricted funds	110,294	- 6,178
Total retained funds at December 31 2013	174,646	71,084
Memorial fund	-	101
Current liabilities		
Provision for unrealised profit on investment	5,772	8,158
East Devon loan	-	805
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RETAINED FUNDS	180,418	80,148

**CPRE DEVON BRANCH
DRAFT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

INCOME	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year 31/12/2013	Year ended 31/12/2012
Subscriptions from National Office	16,752	-	16,752	15,068
Affiliated members and donations	1,810	-	1,810	464
Donations for Two moors campaign	0	20,904	20,904	9,350
Bequest from Wendy Lawrenson deceased	-	110,000	110,000	-
Best Kept Village sponsoring	-	1,800	1,800	1,800
Profit on Charifund transaction	5,757	-	5,757	-
Interest and investment income	1,721	294	2,015	1,873
TOTAL INCOME	26,041	132,998	159,039	28,555
EXPENDITURE				
Campaigns and Activities				
Grant to The Two Moors	2	20,904	20,906	5,000
Subscriptions and donations	157	-	157	131
Website support and maintenance	4,664	-	4,664	1,450
Best Kept Village costs	962	1,800	2,762	2,492
Total Campaigns and Activities	5,784	22,704	28,488	9,073
Branch Running Costs				
Research director's fees	9,000	-	9,000	4,875
Secretary's salary and costs	8,481	-	8,481	8,134
Postage annual report	776	-	776	1,857
Printing annual report	1,196	-	1,196	2,192
Advertising - Landsman and Zara Media	1,432	-	1,432	2,843
Mileage	2,507	-	2,507	1,970
Meetings	1,064	-	1,064	949
Publications - WMN and reference books	348	-	348	467
Insurance	363	-	363	360
Office supplies and computer maintenance	748	-	748	404
Secretarial expenses	-	-	-	844
Communications - Utility Warehouse and BT	676	-	676	537
Depreciation	398	-	398	227
Total Running Costs	26,988	-	26,988	25,659
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	32,773	22,704	55,477	34,732
DEFICIT / SURPLUS	- 6,732	110,294	103,562	- 6,177
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2012	71,084	-	71,084	77,261
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	64,352	110,294	174,646	71,084

CAMPAIGNING STRATEGY 2013-2014

Our mission is to protect the Devon countryside in a way that underpins the local economy whilst maintaining all that is best in the balance between necessary development and a tranquil, productive and beautiful environment

Devon is a place where people work and live and where communities need services, jobs and housing if they are to survive and thrive. It is also a place of exceptional beauty and tranquillity, which draws visitors who contribute to our local economies.

CPRE Devon's approach is this:

- We support an evidence-based planning system which balances the need for development against any harm that might be caused to this beauty and tranquillity, and to the responsible tourism industry that depends on it.
- We recognise that the planning system in England has recently been under sustained assault. Instead of being a mechanism for balancing competing claims on our land the government has turned it into an unbalanced instrument biased towards promoting economic growth. This dash for unplanned growth will have long term consequences that will irrevocably damage the character of Devon.
- We have become increasingly conscious that there has been insufficient debate about the land use implications of new developments, particularly the loss of land to agricultural production. For example, unsuitably located wind turbines and industrial scale solar panels damage the natural beauty of Devon, as well as disrupt communities, businesses and individuals, and we continue to campaign against them.
- We are aware that renewable energy structures are not the only cause of land being lost from farming. Housing, roads and waste management facilities all need new land.
- We do not oppose any of these developments on principle. On the contrary, we recognise all too well the necessity to attack the housing shortage, secure our energy supplies for the future, enable people to travel and dispose of our necessary waste. It is *how* these goals are achieved that divides opinion.

For generations, the visible function of most undeveloped land has been to provide food, particularly so in an agricultural county such as Devon where locally produced food is an important element in the way of life. In an increasingly unstable world we question the wisdom of randomly destroying our domestic food production capacity by allowing more and more land to be taken out of agricultural use. Yet discussion on this vital issue has so far been confined to think-tanks and academics

Over the coming year, CPRE Devon will work to raise awareness of the risks to our food supplies caused by the loss of agricultural land to development which is either unnecessary or which would be better located on land which has no agricultural value.

This aim will inform our work in examining individual proposals for development as well as our public campaigning voice.



Devon

Campaign to Protect Rural England

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