Charity Number 1174989

The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

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Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

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Trustees during the period 1 January 2020 - December 2020 and at the date of signing the report

Mr Stuart White Mr Ron Healey Mrs Katie Atkinson	Chair (Resigned 1 October 2020)
Mrs Gail Simmons	(Resigned 30 November 2020)
Mrs Francesca Evans	(Resigned 18 November 2020)
Mrs Jan Arger	Acting Chair (Appointed 14 January 2020)
Mrs Rosy Eaton	(Appointed 19 November 2020)
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Trustees' Report For the year ended 31 December 2020

Structure, governance and management

How our charity is constituted

The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (referred to as CPRE North Yorkshire or CPRE NY within these financial statements) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The CIO was registered at the Charity Commission on 4 October 2017 under a Trust Deed dated February 2017.

On 1 January 2018 the assets, liabilities and funds of The Campaign to Protect Rural England North Yorkshire Branch (an unincorporated registered Charity, reference 500333, which subsequently became inactive although remains registered) were transferred to this Charity. The two Charities have the same objects and beneficiaries, and a number of common Trustees.

Trustees

Trustees may serve for a period of 6 years and the Chair can serve for a period of up to 9 years.

CPRE North Yorkshire Trustees operate a Nominations Committee to approve candidates for the trustee board - the Trustee Board is moving towards skill-based recruitment of suitable Individuals. Trustees coopted in 2020 were both known for their professional experience both within and out with the charity. Both Trustee's were considered by the existing Trustees to have skills that would be beneficial to CPRE North Yorkshire and would fill roles that were considered 'gaps' at that time which would aid the remit of the charity.

Financial review

The Charity made an overall surplus in the year of £39,539 (2019: £51,176), which included spending £5,463 (2019: £4,640) of the restricted funds brought forward. At the year end there were £193,302 (2019: £148,300) of unrestricted funds and £93,742 (2019: £99,205) of restricted funds.

Our Reserves Policy

In March 2017 CPRE NY Trustees approved a Reserves Policy produced with National Office guidance.

The CPRE NY policy is that the level of cash and investments in unrestricted funds should be sufficient to cover planned and unforeseen variations in operational income and expenditure on a rolling two year basis. This is to be reviewed during every budget cycle with consideration of operational risks and external factors. The year end target for CPRE NY opening and closing unrestricted cash will be £15k for working capital and between £45k and £75k of cash and/or investments to cover the risks in CPRE NY's sources of income and expenditure over the following 24 months (a total of £60k to £90k). The £15k working capital cash balance reflects the amount required to ensure the peaks and troughs of cash flow requirements during the course of an annual operating cycle can be met. In order to respond to new opportunities and threats CPRE NY will hold a further £20k to £50k in its strategic investment fund which will be used to finance specific programmes of activity over future periods. In total, this creates a target unrestricted reserves range of £80k to £140k. If unrestricted reserves are below £80k the objective will be to reach this minimum level, as soon as is practicable, subject to competing interests. The level of unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2020 was £193,302.

Restricted Reserve Funds will be held to ensure that monies subject to a restricted legacy are used for the purpose specified by the testator.

Funds held as a custodian trustee on behalf of others The charity owns no land or property.

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Insurance

In the opinion of the trustees, the charity has adequate insurance cover to help mitigate the financial impact of a range of risks and liabilities to the charity's assets.

Objectives and Activities Our charitable objects:

"To promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of North Yorkshire and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment".

The Trustees have referred to current guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit in producing this report and when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning our future activities. In particular the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Our Vision

To create one CPRE North Yorkshire managed professionally to enable this charity to protect, enhance and ultimately promote the North Yorkshire countryside, its rural towns and villages and ensure that we enable the right kind of development, in the right place, at the right time, for the right reasons and prevent ill-conceived and inappropriate development. We also wish to highlight the importance of tranquillity, food and farming and light pollution across this county.

Activities and services provided

We campaign actively on all issues relating to planning, the protection, promotion, enhancement and awareness of the countryside. We provide expert help where required and moral support to those who face the minefield known as planning. We have responded to an unprecedented rise in requests for help from both members and non-members and assisted local groups and parish councils.

We work to protect, enhance and promote the 3500 square miles of North Yorkshire.

Our achievements and performance in 2020

DONATIONS/LEGACIES

1 Serena Moore nee Denholm-Young Legacy

In 2016 we were notified of a large legacy left to National Office with the wish that it be used for or towards the future protection of the landscape of North Yorkshire. The sum total of that legacy was six hundred thousand pounds. The trustees remain grateful for the legacy and will do their best to use the funds to protect and enhance the North Yorkshire landscape. We have and will continue to honour the wish that funds not be used for administration purposes. In 2020, we received the final payment of £87,000 from the national CPRE body who hold the funds. This money has and will continue to be used for the protection of the countryside and has been carefully budgeted to last us for a number of years.

CAMPAIGNS

CPRE North Yorkshire is a campaigning organisation. The three principal ways we achieve our objects are:

- 1. Influencing government policies and legislation that affect the countryside.
- 2. Influencing planning decisions that affect the countryside at local and national levels.
- 3. Initiating and supporting activities that directly improve the countryside and rural communities.

Our values

We believe that a beautiful, tranquil, diverse and productive countryside is fundamental to people's quality of life, wherever they live.

We believe the countryside should be valued for its own sake.

We believe the planning system should protect and enhance the countryside in the public interest.

We strive to be competent, constructive and to act with integrity.

We use our resources where they are likely to have the most effect.

The continued existence and quality of so much of the English landscape is a testament to almost 90 years of successful campaigning.

CPRE led the early campaigns to create the town and country planning system, National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and Green Belts.

Even so, the countryside continues to face a multitude of threats. CPRE North Yorkshire campaigns to protect and enhance our landscape heritage for the benefit of all.

Support local campaigning groups

We increased liaison and support of local campaigning groups across the county including within areas of the country where we have not reached before.

Media/PR/Competitions

2020 saw interest across the website, Instagram and Facebook increase dramatically. Facebook has increased by 30% in 2020, Instagram has seen double the number of followers in 2020.

The Photography competition was continued. Awards will be presented at the AGM in May 2021.

Links with other charities:

We work closely with the other charities where our aims are similar.

In addition, our planning work has dramatically increased, to levels never achieved in the past by CPRE in North Yorkshire.

Planning including Local Plans

It has officially been 3 years since CPRE North Yorkshire (CPRENY) restructured and the new planning regime introduced. In that time, CPRENY has prepared 187 planning representations across the county including to requests for help or advice from individual members of the public and Parish Councils and have provided both written and oral evidence at a number of appeals (without Rule 6 status). Specifically, in the last calendar year, CPRENY has responded to 71 different consultations and enquiries.

2020-21 proved another challenging year with the loss of 3 Trustees (Gail Simmons and Fran Evans – Trustees and Stuart White - Chair) and our President, due to relocation and retirements. We are pleased to have retained Fran Evans in her administration role which secures the proper management of the charity in line with our constitution. Following the departure of our Chair after the delayed Sept 2020 AGM, CPRENY has had a busy few months. On behalf of the Trustees, KVA Planning has prepared responses for several Policy consultations, Development Management applications and participated in various National Office 'OneCPRE' consultations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly impacted our ability to conduct site visits and meetings this year, however, whilst there has been a slight reduction in the number of applications made and policy consultations, towards the end of the year, once new protocols had been established and 'issues' solved, zoom-style meetings became the new norm, and consultations recommenced, including hybrid style appeal hearings and Examinations in Public (EiP).

Via both KVA Planning Consultancy and One Voyage (Heritage Consultant), CPRENY has responded jointly to 10 Policy Consultations since January 2020 including:

- Scarborough BC Issues and Options Local Plan Review;
- North York Moors Main Modifications to the Local Plan;
- 4x Redcar and Cleveland Supplementary Planning Documents;
- Selby DC Issues and Option Local Plan Review;
- Various Neighbourhood Plans across the county (inc. a Middlesbrough one we border); and
- CPRENY were also gave written evidence to the Hambleton Local Plan EIP.

It is anticipated that further policy representations on behalf of CPRENY will be required in the next year as Local Planning Authorities work through the latest COVID restrictions:

- Hambleton District Council Local Plan Main Modifications;
- Phase 1 of the EiP for City of York Local Plan Main Modifications;
- Phase 2 of the EiP for City of York Local Plan Development Management Policies;
- Selby DC Preferred Options/Publication Draft Local Plan;
- Scarborough BC Review Preferred Options/Publication Draft Local Plan;
- · Richmondshire Local Plan Review Preferred Options;
- Yorkshire Dales NP Issues and Options.

This is just a glimpse of our achievements in 2020, full details are available on the web site under news at www.cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

Strategic Management

The CPRE North Yorkshire Planning Register:

Including projects completed/in progress is now working effectively, it contains all planning comments made by the charity. Such a register instantly identifies trends. Any trends are then notified to the national CPRE enabling more effective influencing of government policies and legislation.

A Risk Assessment & Management policy which formed part of our forward plan in 2017 has been prepared and approved enabling the charity to manage risk in a professional manner. We conduct quarterly risk assessments. Additionally, the charity has a complaints policy and clear action guidelines.

Trustees continue to meet quarterly via zoom with weekly "operations conference emails" to ensure no application or issue slips through the net in between meetings.

Robert Nieri, is our legal council from Shoosmiths and continues to provide oversight and advice as required to the Trustees.

Forward Strategic Plan

Looking forward, we are still in a position to give our full attention to phase 2 of our five year plan 'Beyond Compliance – Towards Effective Campaigning'.

The Branch Trustees have created a forward plan to guide us through the next five years, a key aspect of which is the establishment of a budget which will underpin delivery.

The key aspects of the forward plan:

1. Increase membership to 1000 by 2030 by increasing awareness and donations

2. Increase effective campaigning across the 3500 square miles of North Yorkshire

3. Increase our media profile - through the press, show, competitions and internet.

4. Ensure the trustee board members are skill based as well as committed to the protection and enhancement of North Yorkshire's countryside.

and now include:

"Living your charity's values - it ain't just what you do, it's the way that you do it!"

Overview

The measures to ensure good governance are in place and set in stone, the strategic plan is ongoing, our finances are in a strong position to enable continuance of our work in the long term. The commitment and dedication of the trustees has ensured that we live our values. As we move forwards as a well governed charity, we are able to campaign effectively. We shall continue to increase our bank of planning experts to ensure we can meet the ever-increasing demand from our members, our local groups and the general public.

Jan Arger Acting Chair 28/9/2021

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities For the year ended 31 December 2020

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, applicable accounting regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England (County of North Yorkshire Branch)

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

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 13 October 2021

Saffery Champness LLP Mitre House North Park Road Harrogate HG1 SRX

Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	100,074	-	100,074	104,556
Investments	4	59	-	59	116
Total	-	100,133	-	100,133	104,672
Expenditure on:		<u> </u>			· · · ·
Charitable activities	5	54,931	5,463	60,394	53,734
Total		54,931	5,463	60,394	53,734
Net (loss)/gains on investments	-	(200)	-	(200)	238
Net income/(expenditure)		45,002	(5,463)	39,539	51,176
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	-	45,002	(5,463)	39,539	51,176
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		148,300	99,205	247,505	196,329
Total funds carried forward	11	193,302	93,742	287,044	247,505

All amounts relate to continuing activities within the United Kingdom.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

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As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Fixed assets		£	É
Investments	.7	2,989	
Current assets		2,303	3,189
Cash at bank and in hand		288,0 45	248,228
Other debtors – investment income due		.10	10
Creditors	8	(4,000)	(3,922)
Net current assets	·		
		284,055	244,316
Net assets		287,044	247,505
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds	9	93,742	99,20 5
Unrestricted income funds	10	193,302	148,300
Total funds	11	287,044	247,505

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The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of investments, in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015), (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, as the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are aware that the accounts are being approved during the Coronavirus pandemic but have reviewed the level of liquid assets available and expect to continue to be able to meet the charity's liabilities as they fall due in the coming year.

On 1 January 2018 the assets, liabilities and funds of The Campaign to Protect Rural England North Yorkshire Branch (an unincorporated registered Charity, reference 500333, which subsequently became inactive although remains registered) were transferred to this Charity. The two Charities have the same objects and beneficiaries, and a number of common Trustees. As such, in line with the requirement of the Charities SORP 2015 merger accounting was applied and comparative information was presented in the 2018 accounts, reflecting the activities of The Campaign to Protect Rural England North Yorkshire Branch.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for particular purposes with the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted activities. The main restricted funds relate to the Isabel Paton Estate, who left land to CPRE North Yorkshire in 2006. The land has now been sold and the proceeds are restricted to be used to fund activity in the Yorkshire Dales. As well as any directly attributable costs, the Trustees have allocated 2/9ths of the general running costs of the Charity to this restricted fund, being their estimate of the costs of the activity of the two branches in the Yorkshire Dales area.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are from donations, grants, sponsorship receipts, gift aid, and bank interest and are credited gross in the year in which they are receivable.

Resources expended

All expenditure is charged in the year in which it is incurred.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at mid-market value at the year end. Unrealised and realised gains and losses are shown net in the statement of financial activities.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and therefore is not liable for income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measure at their settlement value.

2 Comparative SOFA information

	Unrestricted General	Restricted Funds	2019 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	104,556	-	104,556
Investments	116	-	116
Total	104,672		104,672
Expenditure on:		······································	······································
Charitable activities	49,094	4,640	53,734
Total	49,094	4,640	53,734
Net gain on investments	238		238
Net income/(expenditure)	55,816	(4,640)	51,176
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	55,816	(4,640)	51,176
Reconciliation in funds:	• · ·	(,,- ,,,	31,170
Total funds brought forward	92,484	103,845	196,329
Total funds carried forward	148,300	99,205	247,505

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Quarterly share	11,880	-	11,880	13,179
Other donations and legacies	88,194	-	88,194	91,377
	100,074	-	100,074	104,556

4 Investment and other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	Ē
Bank interest receivable	1		1	35
Investment income	58		58	81
	59	- '	59	116

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5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Room hire	419	409
Photocopying & printing	60	897
Postage	1,343	537
Administrative expenses	9,743	4,517
Travelling	65	102
Stationery	1630	13
Telecommunications	290	.74
Independent examination	5,300	4,800
Insurance	1,239	1,150
Legal fees	3,628	5,514
Planning consultant fees	35,738	29,16 <u>1</u>
Competition prize money	686	300
Trustee costs	49	
Bank charges	130	174
Grants paid		144
Other expenses	-	5,000
	74	942
	60,394	53,734

Included in the above is restricted expenditure of £5,463 (2019: £4,640) (see the Fund Accounting policy).

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6 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The charity has no employees therefore there were no emoluments of more than £60,000 during the current or preceding year.

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Trustee costs	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Expenses paid to 1 Trustees during the year for travel and subsistence (2019: 1 Trustees)	49	-	49	174

7 Investment assets

	Carrying value at 1 January 2020	Additions	Disposals	(Loss)/Gain on revaluation	Carrying value at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
CAF UK equity fund	3,189	-	-	(200)	2,989

8 Creditors

	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Accruals	4,000	3,922

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9 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Restricted fund	Funds at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Funds at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds realised from Land and property – Paton Estate	87,574		(5,463)	-	82,111
Paton Estate	11,109	-	-	-	11,109
Harrogate area restricted	522	-	-	-	522
-	99,205	-	(5,463)	_	93,742

Comparative restricted fund movements

Restricted fund	Funds at 1 January 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Funds at 31 December 2019
	£.	£	£	£	Ê
Funds realised from Land and property – Paton Estate	91,714	2	(4,140)	-	87,574
Paton Estate	11,109		-	-	11,109
Harrogate area restricted	522	-	-	· -	522
Craven District area restricted	500		(500)	-	-
	103,845	-	(4,640)		99,205

The land and property and Paton estate funds relate to a parcel of land and barn in Horsehouse and Crakehall, part of the Isabel Paton Estate, who left the land to CPRE North Yorkshire in 2006, the proceeds of which are restricted to be used to fund activity in the Yorkshire Dales.

The Harrogate area restricted fund relates to a donation in Harrogate for the Charity's work in the green belt.

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10 Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	(Loss)/Gain on investments	Funds 31 December 2020 £
				£	
Unrestricted funds	148,300	100,133	(54,931)	(200)	193,302

11 Analysis of group assets between funds

	Fixed Assets	Cash at bank	Other net current assets	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Restricted funds	-	93,742	-	93,742	
Unrestricted funds	2,989	194,303	(3,990)	193,302	
	2,989	288,045	(3,990)	287,044	

12 Related party transactions

During the year the Charity made payments of £35,738 (2019: £29,161) to K Atkinson (a Trustee of the Charity) for planning consultancy services. These payments were made under section 6.2 of the Charity's Constitution. K Atkinson received no remuneration for her role as Trustee.