

Charity Number 1174989

The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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**The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Reference and Administrative Details**

Name: Campaign to Protect Rural England (County of North Yorkshire Branch)
Registered Charity Number: 1174989
Address: PO Box 189, York, YO7 9BL
Website: cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

Trustees during the period 1 January 2021 - December 2021 and at the date of signing the report

Mrs Jan Arger, Chair
Mrs Katie Atkinson, Vice-Chair
Mr Ron Healey
Mrs Rosy Eaton
Ms Clair Jones, Treasurer
Mr Morris Charlton
Mr Christian Mackintosh
Mr George Firth

Appointed 25 February 2021
Appointed 16 March 2021
Appointed 16 March 2021
Appointed 30 April 2021, resigned 1 March 2022

Legal Counsel: Robert Nieri
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Objectives and activities

Our objectives

Our purpose, described in the Charity's constitution, is 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.

Our activities

To support this purpose, the Charity undertakes the following main activities:

- We **connect people and countryside**, by reviewing and responding – on behalf of members, non-members, local groups and parish councils - to local and national plans and related legislation and making sure that land is dedicated to green space and nature and otherwise used appropriately and efficiently;
- We **promote rural life, by communicating** and campaigning for a sustainable rural economy, robust and healthy rural infrastructure and services, new and sustainable models of farming, and countryside management which mitigates the impacts of the climate emergency;
- We **empower communities**, by engaging with the public and working with volunteers to raise awareness and campaign to enjoy, promote, enhance and protect the 3,500 square miles of North Yorkshire countryside and environment;
- We **grow our capacity**, by communicating to increase our profile, managing our Charity well, attracting more supporters and securing our long-term financial arrangements.

The Trustees acknowledge the current Charity Commission guidance on 'public benefit' and are assured that the Charity's objectives and activities are beneficial to the general public.

Achievements and performance

Connecting people and countryside

It has now been four years officially since we restructured the Charity and introduced our coordinated procedure for preparing and submitting planning responses.

In 2021, we responded to 74 different planning consultations and enquiries, including following requests for help or advice from individual members of the public, community groups and parish councils. We have also provided both written and oral evidence at a number of appeals, including in a more formal role in official inquiry procedures. Over the four years, we have now prepared in total 259 planning representations across North Yorkshire.

Also in 2021, we responded to 27 policy consultations, with the professional support of our Planning and Heritage Consultants, including:

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- Scarborough District Council - sites consultation;
- Ryedale District Council - Local Plan review;
- Craven District Council – various Supplementary Planning Documents;
- Hambleton District Council - Local Plan Main Modifications;
- Yorkshire Dales National Park - Local Plan Evidence Base;
- Richmondshire District Council – Local Plan Preferred Options;
- North York Moors National Park - Local Plan Main Modifications;
- Selby District Council - alternative sites review.

We anticipate the requirement for further policy representations in 2022 as Local Planning Authorities in the county work towards adopting their Local Plans prior to transition to becoming one unitary authority alongside the City of York Authority. Anticipated policy workstreams include:

- Hambleton District Council - Local Plan adoption;
- City of York - Local Plan Examination in Public (EIP) Phase 2 Development Management Policies;
- Selby District Council - Publication Draft Local Plan;
- Scarborough Borough Council - Review Publication Draft Local Plan;
- Richmondshire District Council - Publication Draft Local Plan;
- Yorkshire Dales National Park - Preferred Options Local Plan;
- Middlesbrough Council - Preferred Options Local Plan;
- East Riding - Local Plan Review.

Further, given the extension of the Charity's area of benefit (see below), projects within East Yorkshire may also be required.

Promoting rural life

We were delighted to work alongside the Yorkshire Post on its inaugural Country Week Conference and Rural Awards in 2021. In addition to delivering a keynote speech at the conference and sponsoring the Sustainability/Environment Award, we were able to engage with a wide local audience with diverse rural interests, including members of the public, farmers, landowners, business leaders and other charities. The associated newspaper editorials, advertising and social media promotions allowed us to reach even more of the Yorkshire Post readership and have led to subsequent requests for opinion pieces and other enquiries from the Yorkshire Post and other media outlets.

Empowering communities

We collaborated throughout 2021 with various community stakeholders, based on our planning work, to campaign for appropriate development in the most appropriate location. These stakeholders included parish councils and local community groups which requested advice and support in their specific area, including Save Our Craven Countryside, Greenspace Middlesbrough, Hampsthwaite Action Group and Thirsk Friends of the Earth.

We also worked with CPRE, the national charity, and three rural parishes to pilot a project to empower communities to consider the importance of their landscape and facilitate a transition to renewable energy. Workshops in the three parishes considered: important landscape features to preserve and protect; different types of scaled renewable schemes which might fit into the

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landscape; and where and what scale of scheme would the community support. We hope that the communities will now have the tools to take the transition to renewable energy forward, either in the planning process or via coordinated community-led renewable schemes.

Growing our capacity

We continued to steadily increase and diversify our profile in 2021.

We organised three successful competitions; nine churches entered our Best Churchyard competition, over 200 entries were received from both children and adults in our Photo competition and children from four schools shared what they love about North Yorkshire in the summer in our School Writing competition.

Visits to our website increased and our social media followers across Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/cpreney>), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/cpreney>) and Instagram (<http://www.instagram.com/cpreney>) almost doubled in 12 months.

We also continued our move towards skills-based recruitment of Trustees in 2021. Our current Trustees now have a diverse range of expertise, including planning, conservation, farming and landscape, as well as management and charity governance.

Financial review

In 2021, expenditure on charitable activities totalled £64,941 (2020: £60,394) and income totalled £21,113 (2020: £100,133). At 31 December 2021, the Charity held funds totalling £243,605 (2020: £287,044).

Our reserves policy requires that unrestricted funds should be sufficient to cover planned and unforeseen variations in operational income and expenditure on a rolling two-year basis. The Charity's unrestricted funds at the end of the year of £154,470 (2020: £193,302) comply with its reserves policy. The Trustees have noted the need for continuing robust analysis of the Charity's activities and projected income and expenditure.

The Charity's restricted funds at the end of the year of £89,135 (2020: £93,742) will be held for use in compliance with the restrictions established by the donors.

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.

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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 two common Trustees.

Towards the end of 2021, the members of CPRE East Yorkshire (and Hull) voted to cease activities and close the charity given a number of operational challenges. At the request of CPRE, the national charity, we sought legal advice about extending our 'area of interest' to include East Yorkshire and invited the members of the former CPRE East Yorkshire (and Hull) to join our Charity. Our Legal Counsel assured us that the proposed change is straightforward, and the members of our Charity approved the proposed change on 18 February 2022.

We are excited by the opportunity this expansion offers. It ensures that the landscape and coastal areas of East Yorkshire continue to be well represented. There are also many geographical similarities and cross-boundary interests between North and East Yorkshire. Expansion also serves to aid our sustainability as a Charity.

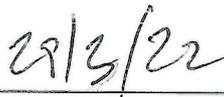
How our Trustees are appointed

Our Board of Trustees must have at least three and no more than ten Trustees, including the Chairperson, up to two Vice-Chairpersons and the Treasurer.

Trustees may serve for a period of up to six years. The Chairperson may serve for a period of up to nine years. Trustees are elected and re-elected at general meetings of the Charity but may also be co-opted by the Board between general meetings.



Mrs Jan Arger
Chair



Date

**The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

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.

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Chartered Accountants' Report to the Trustees on the preparation of the unaudited statutory
accounts of The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the year
ended 31 December 2021**

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 24 March 2022, we have prepared for your approval the financial information of The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprises of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and notes to the accounts from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 24 March 2022. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical release TECH08/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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7 April 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	12,972	-	12,972	100,074
Charitable activities	4	2,500	5,000	7,500	-
Investments	5	65	-	65	59
Other		576	-	576	-
Total		16,113	5,000	21,113	100,133
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	55,334	9,607	64,941	60,394
Total		55,334	9,607	64,941	60,394
Net gain/(loss) on investments		389	-	389	(200)
Net income/(expenditure)		(38,832)	(4,607)	(43,439)	39,539
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(38,832)	(4,607)	(43,439)	39,539
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		193,302	93,742	287,044	247,505
Total funds carried forward	14	154,470	89,135	243,605	287,044

All of the Charity's activities are continuing.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those reported above.

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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 Balance sheet
 As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	3,378	2,989
Current assets			
Debtors	10	590	10
Cash at bank and in hand		246,937	288,045
Creditors	11	(7,300)	(4,000)
Net current assets		<u>240,227</u>	<u>284,055</u>
Net assets		<u>243,605</u>	<u>287,044</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	12	154,470	193,302
Restricted funds	13	89,135	93,742
Total funds	14	<u>243,605</u>	<u>287,044</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 March 2022 and signed on its behalf



 Mrs Jan Arger
 Chair

Date 29/3/22

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
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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 Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)*, also known as the 'Charities SORP (FRS102)', and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The financial statements 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 financial statements are being approved during the ongoing 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.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds: These are funds which can be used at the discretion of the Trustees in accordance with the objects of the Charity.

Restricted funds: These are funds that can only be used for purposes which have been specified by the donor within the objects of the Charity.

Income

Income is from donations, legacies, grants, and interest on investments and is recognised gross in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure

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

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value. Investment income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investment assets are shown net in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments

The Charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities which qualify as 'basic financial instruments'. Basic financial instruments are recognised initially at transaction value and subsequently at settlement value.

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Taxation

The Charity is not required to pay tax on its income as this is used only to fund its charitable expenditure.

2. Comparative SOFA information

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	100,074	-	100,074
Charitable activities	-	-	-
Investments	59	-	59
Other	-	-	-
Total	100,133	-	100,133
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	54,931	5,463	60,394
Total	54,931	5,463	60,394
Net gain/(loss) on investments	(200)	-	(200)
Net income/(expenditure)	45,002	(5,463)	39,539
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	45,002	(5,463)	39,539
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	148,300	99,205	247,505
Total funds carried forward	193,302	93,742	287,044

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Regular donations	12,400	-	12,400	11,880
Other donations	572	-	572	-
Legacies	-	-	-	88,194
	<u>12,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,972</u>	<u>100,074</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grants	2,500	5,000	7,500	-

Two grants were received from the CPRE Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Group. A grant of £5,000 was restricted for the Charity's sponsorship of the Yorkshire Post Rural Awards and the Yorkshire Post Country Week Conference in 2021. A second grant of £2,500 was unrestricted.

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment income	65	-	65	58
Bank interest	-	-	-	1
	<u>65</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>59</u>

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6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Planning Consultation Activities	35,375	35,738
Promotion Activities - including work with Yorkshire Post	6,673	-
Competition Activities - including Prizes	2,163	686
Administrative Fees	10,245	9,743
Mileage	22	65
Internet/phone	431	290
Room Hire	1,132	419
Photocopying & Printing	292	60
Postage	1,326	1,343
Stationery	1,965	1,630
Subscriptions	170	-
Trustee Expenses	122	49
Accountancy	2,200	5,300
Insurance	1,242	1,239
Professional Fees - Legal, PR	1,040	3,628
Bank Charges	86	130
Other	457	74
	<u>64,941</u>	<u>60,394</u>

Included in total expenditure is restricted expenditure of £9,607 (2020: £5,463).

7. Trustee expenses

None of the Trustees received a remuneration for their role as Trustees.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Travel expenses paid to 1 Trustee during the year (2020: 1 Trustee)	122	-	122	49

8. Employee expenses

The Charity has no employees and no key management personnel.

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9. Investments

	1 January 2021 £	Additions £	Disposals £	Revaluation Gain/(Loss) £	31 December 2021 £
CAF UK Equity Fund	2,989	-	-	389	3,378

10. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments & accrued income	590	10
	<u>590</u>	<u>10</u>

11. Creditors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	5,894	-
Accruals	1,406	4,000
	<u>7,300</u>	<u>4,000</u>

12. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

Current year

	1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(Loss) On Investments £	Transfers £	31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted fund	193,302	16,113	(55,334)	389	-	154,470

Comparative for prior year

	1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(Loss) On Investments £	Transfers £	31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted fund	148,300	100,133	(54,931)	(200)	-	193,302

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13. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current year

	1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(Loss) On Investments £	Transfers £	31 December 2021 £
Paton Estate	93,220	-	(4,607)	-	-	88,613
Harrogate Area	522	-	-	-	-	522
Regional Group	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
	<u>93,742</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(9,607)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,135</u>

Comparative for prior year

	1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(Loss) On Investments £	Transfers £	31 December 2020 £
Paton Estate	98,683	-	(5,463)	-	-	93,220
Harrogate Area	522	-	-	-	-	522
	<u>99,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,463)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,742</u>

Paton Estate: This restricted fund relates to a legacy donation from the Isabel Paton Estate in 2006. The fund is restricted for use for the Charity's activities in the Yorkshire Dales. As well as any directly attributable costs of activity, the Trustees allocate 2/9ths of the administrative 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.

Harrogate Area: This restricted fund relates to a donation made for the Charity's activities in the green belt of Harrogate Area.

Regional Group: This restricted fund relates to a grant from the CPRE Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Group for the Charity's sponsorship of the Yorkshire Post Rural Awards and the Yorkshire Post Country Week Conference in 2021.

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14. Analysis of assets between funds

Current year

	Fixed Assets	Cash at Bank	Other net current assets	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	3,378	157,802	(6,710)	154,470
Restricted funds	-	89,135	-	89,135
	<u>3,378</u>	<u>246,937</u>	<u>(6,710)</u>	<u>243,605</u>

Comparative for prior year

	Fixed Assets	Cash at Bank	Other net current assets	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	2,989	194,303	(3,990)	193,302
Restricted funds	-	93,742	-	93,742
	<u>2,989</u>	<u>288,045</u>	<u>(3,990)</u>	<u>287,044</u>

15. Related party transactions

The Charity contracted and received planning consultancy services during the year with a total cost of £35,075 (2020: £35,738) from KVA Planning Consultancy, established by Mrs Katie Atkinson, a Trustee of the Charity. These services and the related payments are permitted by section 6.2 of the Charity's constitution.

16. Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

In early 2022, the Trustees of the Charity proposed and received approval from the Charity members to extend its 'area of interest' to include East Yorkshire and to invite the members of the former CPRE East Yorkshire (and Hull) to join the Charity. It is estimated that the Charity's membership, and related regular donation income, may increase by as much as 20%.

There were no other significant events occurring after the end of the reporting period.