

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 2022

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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

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Trustees during the period 1 January 2022 - December 2022 and at the date of signing the report

Mrs Jan Arger, Chair
Mrs Katie Atkinson, Vice-Chair
Mr Ron Healey
Mrs Rosy Eaton Resigned 12 November 2022
Ms Clair Jones, Treasurer
Mr Morris Charlton
Mr Christian Mackintosh
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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 and East 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 to local and national plans and related legislation on behalf of members, non-members, local groups and parish councils and making sure that land is dedicated to green space and nature and otherwise used appropriately and efficiently;
- We **promote rural life**, by raising awareness 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 enjoy, promote, enhance and protect the 6,900 square miles of North and East 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

In 2022, we responded to 65 different planning consultations and enquiries, including following requests for help or advice from individual members of the public, community groups and parish councils. We also provided both written and oral evidence at a number of appeals, including in a more formal role in official inquiry procedures.

Also in 2022, we responded to 16 policy consultations, with the professional support of our Planning and Heritage Consultants, including:

- Craven District Council – various Supplementary Planning Documents;
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Local Plan Review;
- Hambleton District Council – various Supplementary Planning Documents;

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- Harrogate Borough Council – Maltkiln New Settlement Masterplan;
- Middlesbrough Council – Local Plan Scoping Review, Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan and the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Area Designation;
- Richmondshire District Council – Catterick Town Centre Masterplan;
- Ryedale District Council – Local Plan Sites;
- Scarborough Borough Council – Local Plan sites;
- Selby District Council – Local Plan Review including New Settlement Masterplan;
- North York Moors National Park – 5-year Management Plan;
- Yorkshire Dales National Park – Local Plan Preferred Options.

We anticipate the need for further responses to policy consultations in 2023 as Local Planning Authorities across our 'area of interest' continue to work towards adopting their Local Plans, including in North Yorkshire as it prepares to transition to the one unitary authority.

Anticipated policy workstreams include:

- City of York – Post Examination Modifications;
- East Riding - Publication Draft Local Plan;
- Hambleton District Council - Local Plan Adoption;
- Harrogate Borough Council – New Settlement Masterplan;
- Middlesbrough Council – Interests and Options Draft Local Plan;
- Ryedale District Council – Preferred Options Local Plan;
- Scarborough Borough Council – Preferred Options Draft Local Plan;
- Selby District Council - Publication Draft Local Plan and Examination in Public;
- Richmondshire District Council - Publication Draft Local Plan;
- Yorkshire Dales National Park – Publication Local Plan.

Promoting rural life

We were delighted to once again work alongside the Yorkshire Post on its second (but first in-person) Country Week Conference and Rural Awards in 2022. In addition to delivering a keynote speech at the conference and sponsoring the Best Farm Shop, we were able to engage with a wide local audience with diverse rural interests, including members of the public, farmers, landowners, business leaders, politicians 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 2022 with various community stakeholders to campaign for appropriate development in the most appropriate location. These stakeholders included parish councils, Neighbourhood Plan steering groups and local community groups which requested advice and support in their specific area, including Save Our Craven Countryside, Greenstuff Middlesbrough

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and Beyond, Fossil Free East Yorkshire, Flamborough Residents Association, and Thirsk Friends of the Earth.

Having extended our 'area of interest' to include the East Riding, we joined the East Riding Rural Partnership and added our voice to other key stakeholders and non-governmental organisations working together to promote rural life for local resident and business communities.

We collaborated with local interest groups and non-governmental organisations on a number of controversial issues, including:

- Fracking in response to changing political opinion across North and East Yorkshire;
- Dredging activities in the River Tees which appear to be linked to a serious pollution event and its detrimental impact on sea life, crustaceans, coastline ecosystems and – potentially - lives and livelihoods in the nearby communities.

We also collaborated with a publisher and author to initiate an education programme for primary school children about the impact of climate change in rural areas, and specifically the importance of water and how small changes in our everyday lives bring about positive change.

Growing our capacity

We continued to steadily increase and diversify our profile in 2022.

Our membership increased from 454 at the end of 2021 to 509 at the end of 2022. The increase is in large part due to members, including individuals, Parish Councils and Local Interest Groups, from the former CPRE East Yorkshire (and Hull) which ceased its activities in 2021 agreeing to join our Charity.

We organised three competitions across North and, for the first time, East Yorkshire in 2022. Ten churches entered our Best Churchyard competition and children from two schools shared what they love about the summertime countryside in our School Writing competition. We changed the format of our Photography competition so that winners are selected every month from across our social media platforms to compete for the annual prize.

Our social media followers across Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/cpreney>), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/cpreney>) and Instagram (<http://www.instagram.com/cpreney>) numbered 1,444 at the end of 2022 (an increase of almost 10% compared with the end of 2021).

Our current Trustees now have a diverse range of expertise, including planning, conservation, farming and landscape, dark skies, as well as management and charity governance. Given the turnover in Trustees in 2022, a skills-based recruitment process was initiated at the end of 2022.

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Financial review

In 2022, expenditure on charitable activities totalled £62,928 (2021: £64,941) and income totalled £45,773 (2021: £21,113). At 31 December 2022, the Charity held funds totalling £226,319 (2021: £243,605).

Our reserves policy requires that unrestricted funds should be sufficient to cover planned and unforeseen variations in operational net expenditure on a rolling two-year basis. The Charity's unrestricted funds at the end of the year of £141,744 (2021: £154,470) comply with its reserves policy. The Trustees note the need for continued robust analysis of the Charity's activities and projected income and expenditure.

The Charity's restricted funds at the end of the year of £84,574 (2021: £89,135) will be held for use in compliance with the restrictions established by the donors.

The Charity also works closely with CPRE, the national charity, to ensure the appropriate use of a designated fund reported in the accounts of CPRE for North Yorkshire. The fund, totalling £283,598 at 31 December 2022, comprises the balance of a legacy gift from the estate of Serena Moore, née Denholm-Young.

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 and East Yorkshire or CPRE NEY 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 two common Trustees.


On 18 February 2022, the Charity extended its 'area of interest' to include East Yorkshire and welcomed a majority of members from the former CPRE East Yorkshire (and Hull) which ceased its activities in 2021.

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.

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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

17/05/2023

Date

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

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 The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, 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 CIO'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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.



Elaine Alsop ACA DChA FCIE
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17 May 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	18,248	-	18,248	12,972
Charitable activities	4	2,000	2,500	4,500	7,500
Investments	5	60	-	60	65
Other	6	22,965	-	22,965	576
Total		43,273	2,500	45,773	21,113
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	55,867	7,061	62,928	64,941
Total		55,867	7,061	62,928	64,941
Net gain/(loss) on investments		(131)	-	(131)	389
Net income/(expenditure)		(12,725)	(4,561)	(17,286)	(43,439)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,725)	(4,561)	(17,286)	(43,439)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		154,470	89,135	243,605	287,044
Total funds carried forward	15	141,745	84,574	226,319	243,605

All of the Charity's activities are continuing.

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

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2022

	<i>Notes</i>	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	-	3,378
Current assets			
Debtors	11	3,661	590
Cash at bank and in hand		223,484	246,937
Creditors	12	(826)	(7,300)
Net current assets		226,319	240,227
Net assets		226,319	243,605
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	13	141,745	154,470
Restricted funds	14	84,574	89,135
Total funds	15	226,319	243,605

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 April 2023 and signed on its behalf



Mrs Jan Arger
Chair

17/05/2023

Date

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

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. Cost are allocated directly to the activity to which they relate.

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.

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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.

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 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	12,972	-	12,972
Charitable activities	2,500	5,000	7,500
Investments	65	-	65
Other	576	-	576
Total	16,113	5,000	21,113
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	55,334	9,607	64,941
Total	55,334	9,607	64,941
Net gain/(loss) on investments	389	-	389
Net income/(expenditure)	(38,832)	(4,607)	(43,439)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(38,832)	(4,607)	(43,439)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	193,302	93,742	287,044
Total funds carried forward	154,470	89,135	243,605

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Regular donations	16,900	-	16,900	12,400
Other donations	1,348	-	1,348	572
Legacies	-	-	-	-
	<u>18,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,248</u>	<u>12,972</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants	2,000	2,500	4,500	7,500

Two grants were received from the CPRE Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Group. A grant of £2,500 was restricted for the Charity's sponsorship of the Yorkshire Post Rural Awards and the Yorkshire Post Country Week Conference in 2022. A second grant of £2,000 was unrestricted.

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Investment income	60	-	60	65

6. Other income

Having extended its 'area of interest' to include East Yorkshire, the Charity received £22,965 from CPRE, the national charity, representing the balance of funds (all unrestricted) held by the former CPRE East Yorkshire (and Hull) when it ceased its activities in 2021.

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

		2022	2021
		£	£
<i>Connecting People & Countryside / Empowering Communities</i>	Planning Consultation Activities	33,670	35,375
<i>Promoting Rural Life</i>	Yorkshire Post Country Week Conference	6,202	6,673
	Competitions	2,531	2,163
	Social media, website, newsletter	2,454	-
	Other activities	618	-
	<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>11,805</i>	<i>8,836</i>
<i>Growing Our Capacity</i>	Governance	8,505	6,400
	Administration	8,948	14,330
	<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>17,453</i>	<i>20,730</i>
		62,928	64,941

Included in total expenditure is restricted expenditure of £7,016 (2021: £9,607).

Also included in total expenditure are independent examination fees of £800 (2021: £3,240).

8. Trustee expenses

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Travel expenses paid to 2 Trustees during the year (2021: 1 Trustee)	483	-	483	122

Trustee indemnity insurance was arranged at a cost of £252 (2021: £1,242).

9. Employee expenses

The Charity has no employees and no key management personnel.

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10. Investments

	1 January 2022 £	Additions £	Disposals £	Revaluation Gain/(Loss) £	31 December 2022 £
CAF UK Equity Fund	3,378	-	3,247	(131)	-

11. Debtors

	2021 £	2021 £
Prepayments & accrued income	3,661	590
	<u>3,661</u>	<u>590</u>

12. Creditors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	20	5,894
Accruals	806	1,406
	<u>826</u>	<u>7,300</u>

13. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

Current year

	1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain/(Loss) On Investments £	Transfers £	31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted fund	154,470	43,273	(55,867)	(131)	-	141,745

Comparative for prior 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

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14. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Current year

	1	Income	Expenditure	Gain/(Loss)	Transfers	31
	January			On		December
	2022			Investments		2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Paton Estate	88,613	-	(4,561)	-	-	84,052
Harrogate Area	522	-	-	-	-	522
Regional Group	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-
	<u>89,135</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(7,061)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,574</u>

Comparative for prior year

	1	Income	Expenditure	Gain/(Loss)	Transfers	31
	January			On		December
	2021			Investments		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>

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 2022.

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15. Analysis of assets between funds

Current year

	Fixed Assets	Cash at Bank	Other net current assets	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	138,910	2,835	141,745
Restricted funds	-	84,574	-	84,574
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 223,484	<hr/> 2,835	<hr/> 226,319

Comparative for prior 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
	<hr/> 3,378	<hr/> 246,937	<hr/> (6,710)	<hr/> 243,605

16. Related party transactions

The Charity contracted and received planning consultancy services during the year with a total cost of £33,670 (2021: £35,075) 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. At the 31 December 2022, none of these payments were outstanding (2021: £4,185).