

Charity registration number: 211974

Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch
Charity registration number	211974
Principal office	15 Hillcrest Close Glue Hill Sturminster Newton Dorset DT10 2DL
Trustees	Mr R Nicholls Mr S G Howard (Resigned 4 December 2015) Rear Admiral R Heaslip CB Dr J A Larkin Mr R H Norman Mr P Neal Mrs S Brown
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 10 South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1BT
Accountant	Scott Vevers Ltd Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 65 East Street Bridport Dorset DT6 3LB

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Trustees' Report

Trustees Report

Objectives

The objects of the Branch shall be seek to improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public, the countryside and the market towns and rural villages of the County of Dorset. To meet this objective the charity seeks charitable donations and subscriptions from the public. The Charity is regulated by a Constitution dated 2014 and approved at the Branch AGM on 21st November 2015 and is constituted as an un-incorporated association.

Branch Trustees

The following officers of the charity held office at 31st August 2016:

Rear Admiral Richard Heaslip	Vice-President
Mr Richard Norman	Treasurer
Mr Richard Nicholls	Chair of Trustees
Mr Stephen Howard	Resigned 4th December 2015
Dr John Larkin	
Mr Peter Neal	Vice-Chair of Trustees
Mrs Sandra Brown	

The Trustees are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The Chair of Trustees is elected at the first Trustees Meeting following the AGM.

Organisation

The Charity is an autonomous branch of the London based Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisational structure has up to seven Trustees dealing with the finances, administration, and our responsibilities to the Charity Commission and CPRE National Office. In the Countryside Forum, countryside specialists and invited experts focus on detailed problems and priorities. The Secretary runs the office and is recruited by the Branch Trustees on a self-employed basis.

Grants were provided for the following projects:

- Lychett Minster Planning Watch	£1,500
- Worth Matravers Planning Group	£200
- Capability Brown 300th Anniversary Festival	£1,000
- Vale of Allen Group Parish Council	£100 Fingerposts
- DWT Rampisham Down Appeal	£200
- Chickerell Litter Group, Litter Picking equipment	£100
- Buckland Newton Residents Group	£500
Richard Buxton for Appeal Letter	
- Best Village Shop Prizes	£150
- Dorset Community Action Retail Seminar	£145

Dorset CPRE will consider giving money to causes other than campaigns that oppose something. An important criterion is that the funding requests must meet our charitable objectives. We set aside up to £20k per year for grants and fund requests.

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An Open Day was held on 10th July at Waterston Manor to raise funds in aid of CPRE to assist local campaigns. Just under £7,500 was raised. Proceeds from the fundraiser totalling almost £3,300 went to Dorset CPRE after deducting costs, clearing No Slyers Lane Turbines' account balance and Mapperton Preservation Group's legal costs. Due to Katharine Butler winning the Judicial Review, that quashed planning permission for the proposed Mapperton Solar Park, our possible exposure was turned into a gain due to Katharine's generosity.

Review of Activities and Future Development

The statement of financial activities for the year and the balance sheet are set out on the attached pages. This last year has been another active and successful one and may be summarised as follows:

1. Dorset CPRE remains fully supportive of renewable energy – but not at any price. It continues to object to planning proposals that would be unacceptably damaging to our highly valued landscape, heritage, agricultural and amenity assets.

Campaigners led by NLST (No Slyers Lane Turbines) and supported by Dorset CPRE were triumphant after West Dorset District Council's development control committee rejected on 28th January 2016 the plan to erect six giant turbines on the outskirts of Dorchester. The developer Broadview Energy did not appeal the decision.
2. The West Dorset CPRE Group assisted local residents in opposing the Sadborow solar farm application located on a prominent site near Thornecombe on the East Devon border. The application was refused by West Dorset District Council at the end of April 2016.

On 28th June 2016 the High Court of Justice quashed planning permission for the proposed Mapperton Solar Park following a Judicial Review on 18th May in the High Court in London. The residents who formed Mapperton Preservation Group (MPG) were ably supported by Dorset CPRE in objecting to the vast solar farm (covering 106 acres with 90,000 solar PV panels) as it is located in an Area of Great Landscape Value, which is a protected landscape, as well as on grounds of visual intrusion, adverse impact to amenity and heritage assets, and the use of grade 3a good arable land.
3. On 1st October 2015 Dorset Community Action organised a successful Seminar for Village Shops on “Rural Retailing – 2015 and Beyond”, sponsored by Dorset CPRE who are campaigning to help them and are aware of the importance of training, good practice and networking. Retailing in the UK is changing at a rapid pace, presenting a range of challenges and opportunities for rural retailers. In particular they face relentless competition from the supermarkets.
4. Local residents in Buckland Newton, after a campaign that had lasted for at least five years and following a letter from the solicitor Richard Buxton to West Dorset District Council, have at last seen the WDDC Enforcement Department and the Environment Agency take action against a local company that is on a regular basis destroying areas of the AONB, as well as polluting a local stream. Dorset CPRE contributed £500 toward solicitor fees.
5. The proposal for a new National Park for Dorset and East Devon, supported by Dorset CPRE, continues to attract growing interest and support.
6. Our District Group responded to the Poole Local Plan and Purbeck Local Plan consultations in August 2016.
7. Total membership is steady at 1,351 and includes 29 organisations / Parish/Town Councils. The majority of our members are based in West Dorset.
8. Vigorous local groups raise their own funds and operating their own websites contest unsuitable applications. Julien Turner wrote a one page guideline document on how to setup an Action Group based on his experience. The guidance for forming and fighting an effective Action Group against planning applications are sent to residents who want to lead and fund their own campaigns.
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11. Dr David Peacock's continues to update his report on projections for renewable energy generation in Dorset. It can be used as an evidence-base for informing and updating renewable energy policy and for assisting the determination of planning applications for renewable energy installations. The applications for turbines in Dorset have come to a halt.
12. Derek Gardiner wrote a policy document on Flooding. The prime focus of Dorset CPRE's flooding policy is to help protect rural communities from being flooded by supporting measures which reduce flood risk to both urban and rural communities.
13. Dr John Larkin collated comments and reports from Members throughout the County and made a submission on the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Draft Minerals Sites and Waste Plan on behalf of the Dorset CPRE. We now await the assessment of these Consultations and the publication of the final versions of these Plans.
14. CPRE National Office announced a new focus for the CPRE Volunteer Awards. This year is CPRE's 90th Anniversary and we will present awards at the annual Branch AGMs. We encourage Groups to discuss nomination at their meetings and have also asked for nomination from our Membership.
15. Dorset CPRE sponsored for the third year running the class 'Best Village Shop', in the Best Dorset Village Competition run by Dorset Community Action. Village shops face relentless competition from the supermarket chains and discounters. It is not surprising the number of Dorset village shops has fallen by a third to about 150 outlets now from 224 in 2006. This is a shocking figure with a lot due to Post office closures. The figures prepared by Dorset Community Action, includes all shops or outlets selling food in settlements under 1,000 population. We encourage our membership to support their village stores.
16. Dorset CPRE continues to chair The Dorset Campaign Against Litter (DCAL) Meetings. There are now plans to create 'Litter Free Dorset' a countywide group to help tackle the problem of litter in Dorset. A new part time post will be recruited and managed by Dorset Coast Forum with financial support, over 3 years, from Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP). Dorset CPRE will work with DWP to source additional funding from other public/private sector companies and charitable fund bids.
17. We supported the 'Green Week' at Poole Grammar School with a stand at the school during lunch time on 5th May to answer questions on CPRE and make available a handout with a 'Green' theme.
18. We now invite a guest speaker to give a talk at our Countryside Forum Meetings, topic discussed include Planning, Farming, Local Plans and Health. We continue to aim to bring in more active people into the Countryside Forum and this in turn may help to find new Trustees for the future.
19. We hold our Trustees and Countryside Forum Meetings in village halls in market towns and rural villages throughout Dorset.
20. Over 700 Followers on Twitter help us to engage with a new audience and increase our presence on social network sites. Dorset CPRE's website provides useful reference information and updates on current campaigns and events.
21. Members continue to be kept informed of our work through the bi-annual Dorset Review journal, social media, e-newsletters and press releases.
22. The branch finances remain healthy.

The Trustees would like to record their thanks to Stephen Howard for serving as a Trustee for many years. Stephen Howard was elected Vice-President.

A great contribution is made by member volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers spent replying to planning applications, consultations and assisting with campaigns.

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees continually review the Charity's major risks and are confident that there are systems set up to mitigate them. The Trustees review the reserves at regular intervals to ensure the long term survival of the charity. All trustees give their time voluntary and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 November 2016 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr R Nicholls
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Campaign to Protect Rural England Dorset Branch

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2016, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Mr. M. J. Cridland B.A. (Hons) F.C.A.
Scott Vevers Ltd
Independent examiner
14 November 2016

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	27,059	27,059	32,605
Activities for generating funds	3	6,747	6,747	2,860
Investment income	4	5,165	5,165	6,354
Total incoming resources		<u>38,971</u>	<u>38,971</u>	<u>41,819</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	5	20,556	20,556	23,888
Charitable activities	5	6,495	6,495	19,016
Total resources expended		<u>27,051</u>	<u>27,051</u>	<u>42,904</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses		11,920	11,920	(1,085)
Other recognised gains/losses				
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		<u>12,089</u>	<u>12,089</u>	<u>(660)</u>
Net movements in funds		24,009	24,009	(1,745)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>234,103</u>	<u>234,103</u>	<u>235,848</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>258,112</u></u>	<u><u>258,112</u></u>	<u><u>234,103</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2016

		2016		2015	
Note	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		137,460		120,371
Current assets					
Stocks and work in progress		-		50	
Cash at bank and in hand		121,702		114,582	
		121,702		114,632	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	10	(1,050)		(900)	
Net current assets			120,652		113,732
Net assets			258,112		234,103
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Revaluation reserve			46,064		33,975
Unrestricted income funds			212,048		200,128
Total unrestricted funds			258,112		234,103
Total charity funds			258,112		234,103

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Approved by the Board on 14 November 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

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 Mr R H Norman
 Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 12.

Incoming resources

Donations are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line basis
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Investments

Fixed asset investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the statement of the financial activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities based on the market value at the year end.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

2 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Donations and legacies			
Appeals and donations	3,724	3,724	8,570
Subscriptions			
Subscriptions	23,335	23,335	24,035
	<u>27,059</u>	<u>27,059</u>	<u>32,605</u>

3 Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Costs of generating funds			
Fund raising activities	<u>6,747</u>	<u>6,747</u>	<u>2,860</u>

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Income from listed investments	66	66	1,670
Income from other unlisted investments	2,413	2,413	3,394
Bank interest	920	920	1,290
(Gain)/loss on investment assets	1,766	1,766	-
	<u>5,165</u>	<u>5,165</u>	<u>6,354</u>

5 Total resources expended

	Costs of generating funds £	Charitable activities £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Direct costs				
Sponsorship and donations	-	68	68	818
Advertising	-	686	686	-
Shows and functions	-	1,341	1,341	2,348
Campaigns	-	4,400	4,400	15,850
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,495</u>	<u>6,495</u>	<u>19,016</u>
Support costs				
Subcontract cost	9,832	-	9,832	10,348
Travelling	955	-	955	901
Insurance	707	-	707	696
Telephone and fax	112	-	112	291
Room hire	666	-	666	596
Printing, postage and stationery	1,737	-	1,737	3,660
Branch news letter	4,096	-	4,096	3,886
Other expenses	171	-	171	513
Accountancy fees	900	-	900	900
Legal and professional fees	1,380	-	1,380	1,782
Depreciation	-	-	-	315
	<u>20,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,556</u>	<u>23,888</u>
	<u>20,556</u>	<u>6,495</u>	<u>27,051</u>	<u>42,904</u>

Support cost

Accountancy fees

Basis of allocation

Wholly in respect of an independent examination.

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6 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

7 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2016	2015
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	315
Profit on disposal of investments	(1,766)	-
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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost or Valuation	
As at 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	7,327
Depreciation	
As at 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	7,327
Net book value	
As at 31 August 2016	-
As at 31 August 2015	-

9 Investments held as fixed assets

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Market value			
As at 1 September 2015	4,015	116,356	120,371
Revaluation	210	13,639	13,849
Additions	-	15,000	15,000
Disposals	-	(11,760)	(11,760)
As at 31 August 2016	4,225	133,235	137,460
Net book value			
As at 31 August 2016	4,225	133,235	137,460
As at 31 August 2015	4,015	116,356	120,371

All investment assets were held in the UK.

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10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016	2015
	£	£
Other creditors	150	-
Accruals and deferred income	900	900
	1,050	900

11 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

12 Analysis of funds

	At 1 September 2015	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Other recognised gains/losses	At 31 August 2016
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Designated fund	58,768	-	-	-	58,768
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	175,335	38,971	(27,051)	12,089	199,344
	234,103	38,971	(27,051)	12,089	258,112

13 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2016	Total Funds 2015
	£	£	£
Investments	137,460	137,460	120,371
Current assets	121,702	121,702	114,632
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,050)	(1,050)	(900)
Net assets	258,112	258,112	234,103