CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND
SHROPSHIRE BRANCH
(Registered charity no 1184133)

Report and Financial Statements

31st December 2025

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees of CPRE Shropshire present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025, together with the independently examined financial statements, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Objects

CPRE Shropshire (the Shropshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England) is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Under that constitution our charitable objects are "to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement and protection of the English countryside and in particular that of Shropshire and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment". Our registered address is c/o Stags Head, New Invention, Bucknell, SY7 0BS.

Trustees and organisation

The charity is run by its volunteer trustees, with the help of one part-time paid Branch manager and a volunteer management committee. The trustees who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, were Sarah Bury (resigned July 2025), Peter Day, Charles Green, Elizabeth Jones (resigned March 2026), Susan Lockwood, Selby Martin (died April 2026), Greg Sinclair (resigned July 2025), Sue Steer, Robin Thompson (resigned July 2025) and Stella Voysey. Trustees are recruited from the active membership of the charity.

CPRE is a federation of independent charities. National CPRE, based in London, has paid staff who concentrate on national issues. There are also Branches representing each English county, each a separate charity, of which CPRE Shropshire is one. Within CPRE Shropshire there are also active District Groups, based on the old pre-unitary District Council areas.

Activities

Our regular activities include planning and heritage related work, liaising with and supporting other like-minded organisations, issuing printed newsletters to our members, issuing other publicity via social media and our website, attending shows and events, giving talks, providing sponsorship and donations, and responding to national CPRE initiatives and campaigns . All of this has the public benefit of standing up for the countryside when its effects in helping the climate and biodiversity crises and mental health are increasingly recognised.

For the last five years we (and other County Branches) have been running the very successful and popular Hedgerow Heroes project, with funding via national CPRE from a generous donor. To date, CPRE Shropshire has planted 24km of native hedgerows in the Shropshire countryside with the help of an army of volunteers and run many hedge-related training and art courses and workshops and carried out engagement with primary schools.

Also this year we have run the well-received Sense of Place photographic exhibition, with associated workshops. The printed entries will remain a legacy resource. A small deficit has been funded from unrestricted reserves.

We are planning for events celebrating the centenary of the founding of CPRE nationally in 2026 and have begun work on a series of "Geology Walks through time in Shropshire" and associated art courses and school talks, and on a Hedgerows in the Hills two-day special event in autumn 2026. The rich geology of Shropshire (which underpins the beauty of the countryside) is also celebrated with Dr Sally Green's annual on-line lectures for CPRE Shropshire; the 2025 lecture (the fifth in this series) was on Vulcanism in Shropshire.

Financial review

The financial effect of our regular activities is shown in the "Unrestricted Funds" items of the financial statements. Income is derived mainly from our Branch share of membership subscriptions as paid to

national CPRE, augmented by generous donations and bank interest. Much of our expenditure, as is the case with all organisations, results from running the day-to-day administrative tasks. Added to that is the cost of our Shropshire Voice newsletters, planning consultancy work, our AGM, attendance at shows and events, and sponsorship and donations.

The "Restricted Funds" represent specific projects straddling more than one financial year, or funds held for others. These are expected to be neutral to our overall financial position.

For the last few years we have operated at a small loss which has been funded from our still-healthy reserves. Our policy is to invest as much of our funds as is sensible for cash flow purposes into a bank deposit account, and to continue to maintain our reserves at a healthy level.

Funds held as a custodian trustee

CPRE Shropshire acts as banker for CPRE West Midlands Regional Group and for two of the District Groups.

Approved by the Trustees on ..... 14/5/26 ..... and signed on their behalf by:

S. P. Lockwood
.....
Susan Lockwood
Chair

C Green
.....
Charles Green FCA
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND – SHROPSHIRE BRANCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity 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 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.

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 give 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.

Signed: 

Date: 14/5/2026

Jonathan Rimmer FCA

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st December 2025

	Page	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
RECEIPTS					
Branch share of membership subscriptions		11,558	-	11,558	11,303
Donations		3,417	1,289	4,706	5,006
Workshop contributions		-	66	66	-
Branch contributions		-	500	500	533
Interest		1,274	-	1,274	1,266
Transfers		-	-	-	200
Main funding		-	31,333	31,333	46,920
Additional funding		-	3,621	3,621	11,865
Income from courses		-	1,660	1,660	2,840
Total receipts		16,249	38,469	54,718	79,933
PAYMENTS					
Management		8,736	19,518	28,254	49,534
Office costs		421	-	421	411
IT		362	-	362	459
Meeting costs		453	1,563	2,016	556
Insurance		183	-	183	178
Independent examiner		840	-	840	360
Volunteer expenses		270	-	270	135
AGM net expenses		716	-	716	725
Shropshire Voice		2,519	-	2,519	855
Promotion		-	2,719	2,719	2,956
Shows and events		393	-	393	447
Sponsorship		500	-	500	250
Planning - consultant		1,435	3,485	4,920	11,405
- volunteer expenses		-	-	-	76
Equipment		-	-	-	202
Donations		500	200	700	2,000
Hedge creation		-	16,646	16,646	14,188
Courses		-	6,647	6,647	9,734
Workshops		-	540	540	-
Total payments		17,328	51,318	68,646	94,471
Net (payments) / receipts for the year		(1,079)	(12,849)	(13,928)	(14,538)
Transfers between funds		(73)	73	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,152)	(12,776)	(13,928)	(14,538)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total cash funds brought forward		42,164	45,538	87,702	102,240
Total cash funds carried forward		41,012	32,762	73,774	87,702
Represented by:					
Lloyds Bank - Treasurer's Account				1,382	6,507
Lloyds Bank - 32-day notice account				52,392	81,195
Lloyds Bank - Fixed term deposit account				20,000	-
	5			73,774	87,702
Reserves made up of:					
Unrestricted Funds - General reserves	6			41,012	42,164
Restricted Funds - Hedgerow Heroes	7			19,730	32,696
Restricted Funds - West Midlands Regional Group				9,355	12,580
Restricted Funds - South Shropshire District				63	117
Restricted Funds - Shrewsbury District				126	145
Restricted Funds - Sense of Place				-	-
Restricted Funds - Centenary project				3,488	-
				73,774	87,702

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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	Page	2025 £	2024 £
ASSETS			
Lloyds Bank - Treasurer's Account		1,382	6,507
Lloyds Bank - 32-day notice account		52,392	81,195
Lloyds Bank - Fixed term deposit account		20,000	-
	4	73,774	87,702
LIABILITIES			
Delayed invoices		8,724	-
Independent examiner's fee		870	840
		9,594	840

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FUNDS RECONCILIATION STATEMENT
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	Page	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted:						
General reserve		42,164	16,249	(17,328)	(73)	41,012
Total unrestricted funds	4 & 7	42,164	16,249	(17,328)	(73)	41,012
Restricted funds:						
Hedgerow Heroes Project	4 & 8	32,696	31,973	(44,939)	-	19,730
CPRE West Midlands Regional Group	4	12,580	500	(3,725)	-	9,355
CPRE South Shropshire District	4	117	-	(54)	-	63
CPRE Shrewsbury District	4	145	-	(19)	-	126
Sense of Place	4	-	1,085	(1,158)	73	-
Centenary Project	4	-	4,911	(1,423)	-	3,488
Total restricted funds		45,538	38,469	(51,318)	73	32,762
Total funds	4	**87,702**	**54,718**	**(68,646)**	**-**	**73,774**

Comparative 2024

		Balance at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
Unrestricted:						
General reserve		45,996	15,773	(19,528)	(77)	42,164
Total unrestricted funds	4 & 7	45,996	15,773	(19,528)	(77)	42,164
Restricted funds:						
Hedgerow Heroes Project	4	36,967	62,778	(66,839)	(210)	32,696
CPRE West Midlands Regional Group	4	19,277	1,158	(7,855)	-	12,580
CPRE South Shropshire District	4	-	19	(189)	287	117
CPRE Shrewsbury District	4	-	205	(60)	-	145
Total restricted funds		56,244	64,160	(74,943)	77	45,538
Total funds	4	**102,240**	**79,933**	**(94,471)**	**-**	**87,702**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
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	Page	2025 £	2024 £
UNRESTRICTED RECEIPTS			
Branch share of membership subscriptions		11,558	11,303
Donations		3,417	3,204
Interest		1,274	1,266
Total unrestricted receipts		16,249	15,773
UNRESTRICTED PAYMENTS			
Branch manager		8,736	8,736
Office costs		421	411
IT		362	459
Meeting costs		453	442
Insurance		183	178
Independent examiner		840	360
Volunteer expenses		270	135
AGM net expenses		716	725
Shropshire Voice		2,519	855
Promotion		-	177
Shows and events		393	447
Sponsorship		500	250
Planning - consultant		1,435	6,075
- volunteer expenses		-	76
Equipment		-	202
Total unrestricted payments		17,328	19,528
Unrestricted Funds net (payments) / receipts for the year		(1,079)	(3,755)
Transfers between funds		(73)	(77)
Net movement in Unrestricted Funds		(1,152)	(3,832)
Reconciliation of Unrestricted Funds			
Unrestricted Funds brought forward		42,164	45,996
Unrestricted Funds carried forward	4	41,012	42,164

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RESTRICTED FUNDS - HEDGEROW HEROES PROJECT
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	Page	Total £	2025 £	2024 £	2023 £	2021-2022 £
PHASE 5						
Receipts						
Main funding		26,422	26,422			
Income from courses		1,660	1,660			
Donations		250	250			
		28,332	28,332			
Payments						
Courses		6,199	6,199			
Promotion / videos		342	342			
Management		5,590	5,590			
		12,131	12,131			
Phase 5 net receipts / (payments)		16,201	16,201			
PHASE 4						
Receipts						
Main funding		46,920	-	46,920		
Additional funding		4,757	3,621	1,136		
Income from courses		2,840	-	2,840		
Donations		688	20	668		
		55,205	3,641	51,564		
Payments						
Hedge creation - materials (net)		17,092	16,646	446		
Courses		8,338	448	7,890		
Promotion / videos		2,417	2,026	391		
Management		23,813	13,688	10,125		
		51,660	32,808	18,852		
Phase 4 net receipts / (payments)		3,545	(29,167)	32,712		
PHASE 3						
Receipts						
Main funding		50,000	-	-	50,000	
Additional funding		10,729	-	10,729	-	
Income from courses		1,973	-	-	1,973	
Donations		591	-	485	106	
		63,293	-	11,214	52,079	
Payments						
Hedge creation - materials (net)		17,907	-	13,742	4,165	
Courses		13,832	-	1,844	11,988	
Promotion / videos		3,053	-	2,253	800	
Management		38,159	-	30,148	8,011	
		72,951	-	47,987	24,964	
Phase 3 net receipts / (payments)		(9,658)	-	(36,773)	27,115	
PHASES 1 and 2						
Receipts						
Main funding		82,500	-	-	16,667	65,833
Additional funding		24,835	-	-	22,235	2,600
Income from courses		4,601	-	-	-	4,601
Donations		1,935	-	-	466	1,469
		113,871	-	-	39,368	74,503
Payments						
Hedge creation - materials (net)		36,719	-	-	15,277	21,442
Courses etc		22,770	-	-	5,624	17,146
Talks		248	-	-	-	248
Promotion / videos		20,487	-	-	960	19,527
Management		24,005	-	-	11,293	12,712
		104,229	-	-	33,154	71,075
Phases 1 and 2 net receipts / (payments)		9,642	-	-	6,214	3,428
TOTALS						
Receipts		260,701	31,973	62,778	91,447	74,503
Payments		240,971	44,939	66,839	58,118	71,075
Total net receipts / (payments)	4	19,730	(12,966)	(4,061)	33,329	3,428