

Outlook

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Rural England
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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CPRE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our aims are to ensure that all developments in the County meet the following criteria:-

That proposals are not harmful to the environment

That our countryside is protected while our towns are revived and regenerated to make them more attractive places to live

There is reliable and affordable public transport and realistic alternatives to new roads

Democracy is put back into planning so that the voice of local communities is heard by local planners

Adequate infrastructure is provided in advance of all new developments

John Baylis County Secretary

The Hunt for Hush

On Thursday, 21 July 2005, BBC's Radio 4 "Today" programme reported on the CPRE's "Hunt for Hush", which is a nationwide online survey inviting the public to tell us about the countryside places in which they find tranquillity.

You can find the details on the national website – www.cpre.org.uk - with a link from the home page.

The main aim of this survey is to raise CPRE's profile in order to attract support and membership. It should also hopefully serve to build support for our future campaigning on protecting tranquillity of the countryside.

Please support this by logging on to the national website shown above.

Thank you.
Sally Hanrahan Development Officer

The CPRE Northants' Forward Plan: What is it?

The *Forward Plan* is a document that sets out what the Executive of CPRE Northants wants to achieve in the coming year, and how we will do it. The format and content has been developed over the last several years by a group of volunteers led by Peter Pollak. The Plan is reviewed at Committee meetings during the year, to ensure that we are continuing on the right track.

It is divided into nine *Core Activities*: the first four detail how we will implement our policies on the issues we care about, and the next five outline what we have to do as an organisation to function effectively. Against each *Core Activity* there are one or two *Objectives* that set out where the Activity will lead us, and a number of *Actions* – task details – spelling out what people have to do to make it all happen. Each Activity has an *Indicator* defined: this defines how will we know when the Action has been completed. The Plan also shows who will work on the Activity and when, and what resources – money and people – will be required.

Over the page are the nine *Core Activities* in summary. We hope to have the *Forward Plan* document on our website soon, but in the meantime please contact us if you would like clarification on any point (email Sue.Baylis@cprenorthants.org).

Peter Pollak and Peter Hopkins

Will you trust us with your email address?

Different members have different needs and wants from their CPRE membership. For some, enjoyable and stimulating social events are all they seek. Others want to challenge plans for a harmful local development and to counter a specific threat to a much loved area of countryside. Some are concerned about changes to the planning system that will have a great impact on both towns and countryside throughout Northamptonshire and indeed England. And still others are content to support CPRE financially by renewing membership subscriptions, so that others will thus be enabled to protect the countryside that they love.

Whatever you seek from your membership, the more you know about what is going on in all of these areas, the more you will benefit from your contributions, both financial and your precious time. We want you to hear more about what's going on in Northants – provided that's what you want too. Of course the best way to do this is by email: it is very low cost to CPRE and it allows our members to delete the item immediately or to read with interest, depending on its significance to them.

For many people, email has been an integral part of daily communication for some years now; this is as true of CPRE members as it is for the world in general. Of course not everyone uses it, and for this reason we will not stop communicating with our members by post. Nowadays more and more people of all ages and backgrounds are online, and the numbers are growing daily. Our problem is that we do not have many email addresses in our membership database.

If you are happy to receive occasional emails from us, please email info@cprenorthants.org with your name, ideally quoting the number on your membership card, but if that's not to hand, your address will do fine.

Thank you
Peter Hopkins Email Project Manager

What we care about - Core activities 1-4

1 Minimise land take and maximise the quality of housing developments

We will seek to influence the various planning authorities and support Parish Councils on specific village development issues.

2 Reduce the effect on the countryside of new roads and traffic growth and promote new alternatives

We will work with transport bodies and others to minimise disruption to the aspect and tranquillity of the countryside.

3 Engage in Development Plan Reviews and comment on planning applications within the Local Development Framework (LDF)

We will make ourselves aware of all planned development in the county so that we can put forward alternative plans whenever the countryside – or indeed the urban environment – is threatened.

4 Champion Landscape Character and Rural Tranquillity

We will lobby local planning groups to promote tranquil areas, quiet lanes and to track progress on specific initiatives (such as the Nene Valley Regional Park).

How we will remain effective:- Core activities 5-9

5 Clearly communicate our purpose and campaigns, building a positive profile for CPRE

We will communicate with our members and others to raise their awareness of countryside protection issues and of CPRE as an organisation.

6 Value and support CPRE's volunteers and staff and increase the number of volunteers

We will look after our most valuable assets and help them to be even more effective.

7 Communicate and work effectively, internally with District Groups, Regional Groups, National Office and externally with other bodies

We will ensure that everyone within CPRE is working well with people in other parts of our organisation, and with appropriate outside organisations.

8 Recruit more members and develop more sources of income

We will grow our membership and fund our campaigning.

9 Provide a clear direction, based on good governance, to secure branch objectives.

We will manage ourselves effectively.

HOW TO CONTACT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Local CPRE office contact telephone number 01858 433136

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for 2005 is once again to be held in Parsons Memorial Hall, Great Houghton, Northampton – Monday, 28 November 2005 at 3.00 pm.

We are delighted to have Roger Mendonça as our speaker. He is the Deputy Chief Executive of West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC).

WNDC is the local delivery partnership managing the growth planned for Northampton, Daventry and Towcester. As such it is clearly a body with which CPRE Northants must engage. WNDC has the powers of an urban development corporation and will include bringing land and buildings into effective use, encouraging the development of existing and new industry and commerce, creating an attractive environment and ensuring that housing and social facilities are available to encourage people to live and work in the area.

WNDC is now established and its board is operational. WNDC has development control powers within its designated area, but it does not have development planning powers. Its powers to determine planning applications are expected to come into force late in 2005.

I do hope you will be free to come and join us on 28 November and hear Roger address some of the important issues that will affect all of us who live in Northamptonshire and love its countryside.

Please do let us know if there is any issue you would like to raise at the AGM – contact details shown below.

Thank you.

John Baylis County Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All Northamptonshire CPRE events are open to both members and non-members. Please email or telephone Sue Baylis – Sue.Baylis@cprenorthants.org or 01858 433136 – for information on any events.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 28 November 2005 at 3.00 pm - Parsons Memorial Hall, Great Houghton – speaker Roger Mendonça, acting Chief Executive, West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC).

Christmas 2005

Thursday, 8 December 2005 at 7.30 pm
Carols, mince pies and wine - Chartlands, Cherry Tree Lane, Great Houghton, Northampton.
Tickets £10.00 each. Come and join the carol singing with a local choir!

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

... have provided this list of certified markets, the NAFM members selling produce within the recommended criteria.

BRACKLEY Location:

Market Place 3rd Saturday monthly
9.00am - 1.00pm

DAVENTRY Location:

High Street 1st Saturday monthly
9.00am - 1.30pm

HIGHAM FERRERS Location:

Market Square Last Sunday monthly
9.00am - 2.00pm

NORTHAMPTON Location:

The Market Square 3rd Thursday
monthly 9.00am - 1.30pm

OUNDE Location:

The Market Square
2nd Saturday monthly
8.30pm - 1.30pm

TOWCESTER Location:

Richmond Road Car Park
2nd Friday monthly
9.00am - 1.30pm

WELLINGBOROUGH Location:

Market Place
Last Thursday monthly
9.00 - 1.30pm

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