



Campaign to Protect  
Rural England

## **CPRE – THE HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY**

### **Who are we and What do we do?**

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We are the county branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, one of the country's leading environmental groups with over 59,000 supporters nationwide.

**Our purpose is to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural Hertfordshire by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.**

Founded in 1928, CPRE – The Hertfordshire Society is a registered charity, staffed mainly by volunteers and funded entirely through membership subscriptions, legacies and fundraising activities.

CPRE is a powerful combination of effective local action and national campaigning, widely respected for our knowledge and good sense. We don't just campaign *against* damaging policies – we campaign *for* positive practical alternatives and we are getting results.

#### **In Hertfordshire we campaign to:**

- Protect and enhance the local countryside and safeguard the Green Belt
- Promote regeneration and better use of land within existing urban areas
- Support rural communities and local services
- Improve rural public transport and reduce traffic
- Limit expansion of airports and increases in night flying
- Encourage farming policies that benefit the countryside
- Minimise the environmental impact of waste
- Resist new applications for mineral extraction
- Control light pollution
- Promote greater public awareness and participation in environmental planning issues affecting Hertfordshire

#### **What do we do?**

- We operate through the planning system, screening planning applications throughout Hertfordshire and raising the alarm where the countryside is threatened
- We influence planning policy through the development plan consultation process
- We offer advice and support to individuals and local groups who are fighting their own planning campaigns
- We lobby for sustainable transport policies and safer country lanes
- We organise the Hertfordshire Village of the Year Competition
- We provide a members' discussion forum and make sure that our collective 'voice' is heard where it matters most.

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