



The countryside charity  
Hertfordshire

# Annual Review 2020/21



## President's welcome



One of the most important outcomes of the pandemic has been the widespread appreciation of the countryside. For everyone fortunate enough to have green spaces nearby, getting out into the open air has been a blessing. I very much hope all of our members have been able to enjoy the countryside despite the recent restrictions.

We have had a lovely spring after a mild winter, and the Hertfordshire countryside has, as always, been beautiful. There has been a notable lack of aircraft noise, so it's been easier and wonderful to hear birdsong and the buzz of bees. We are ever conscious of proposals for airport expansion and campaign

for greener travel with less car dependency.

Once again, I emphasise the importance of protecting the Green Belt. More housing is needed but we advocate for the regeneration of previously developed (brownfield) land to meet local needs. Unfortunately, developers prefer building on greenfield sites to maximise their profits. I hope members will continue to alert us to these proposals at the earliest stages, where we can do the most to influence the outcome.

Thank you for your ongoing support, which is very much appreciated.

**Sir Simon Bowes Lyon KVCO**  
President

Aldbury Nowers view across Tring Salient Photo: E Hermann



Front Cover photo: Haymaking in Nettleden by Liz Hamilton

## A view from the Chair



This is my final view from the Chair as I relinquish this role in September at our AGM.

First, I want to thank all of the staff and volunteers who have helped me, including the current and past trustees and other honorary officers of the charity. Allan McNab, currently Vice Chairman of the charity, is now Chairman-designate and, subject to the members' approval at our AGM, is ready to become my successor. I am absolutely confident that he will find that we have a great team of people who are striving to deliver our objectives and are supportive of each other as they do this.

The first two years of my time in the chair were taken up very much with the review of strategy and branding that the national charity CPRE – The Countryside Charity, lead. I got to know most of the senior people there, all of whom gained my respect.

I have represented CPRE Hertfordshire at meetings of the East of England Regional Group comprising six local CPREs, at meetings of the County Branch

Forum, an unofficial but influential get together of local CPREs from across the country and to various ad hoc meetings, often of other local CPREs facing similar issues to those that affect us such as water and loss of Green Belt. Again, I have met and got to know a lot of people at these meetings and enjoyed and found very stimulating the discussions that took place.

With the lockdown came virtual meetings. Whilst seeing people only on the screen is not the same as seeing them in the flesh, more people were able to attend, usually from the local CPREs further away from London. This has been useful too.

Back in the office so to speak although everybody has been working from home since March last year, 2020 was as busy a year as ever despite the lockdown. The planning team, led by Tim Hagyard until the turn of the year, when Chris Berry took over from him, dealt with responding to local plans as well as to planning decisions. I am pleased to report that our voice continued to be welcomed and respected throughout.

The Awards 2020 took place in the constrained circumstances of the pandemic lockdowns. I am very grateful to judges and to all of the other people who helped so much.

Kevin FitzGerald, our long-term Honorary Director, stood down at

the AGM last year and I thank him and I know many, many others who join me in this.

Most of the activities of the charity are now in the hands of or under the direction of our Chief Executive, Martin Varco. He joined us in his current role at the beginning of April. I am very pleased with what he is doing and welcome the new ideas and ways of working that he is bringing to the charity.

Finally, I want to thank Gill Bryant, office manager and lynchpin of the charity. I could not have performed to the extent that I have without Gill's help and support.

**Richard Bullen**  
Honorary Chairman

### AGM

OUR ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING  
Is to be held this year on

**Saturday 11  
September  
At 3.00pm**

Coronavirus restrictions  
permitting, it will held  
in person at

**Woolmer Green  
Village Hall**

If not, it will be held virtually  
See insert for more details

## A message from our chief executive

It is an exciting and challenging time for me to be joining the team of part time staff and volunteers at CPRE Hertfordshire. My first impression was the shared passion and energy everyone has to help protect our precious countryside while sharing stories about the many special places to visit around Hertfordshire.

Behind the scenes there is a lot of work ongoing to modernise the way the charity works and efforts are also under way to build a stronger connection with our members.

By the time you read this Annual Review, our new website will be live. The new site reflects a more modern and vibrant public face for the charity. It will also help us to tell our story in a more compelling way which in turn will hopefully attract more members and volunteers.

In the next few months, we will be starting to pilot new digital applications to help us manage memberships and volunteers more effectively and efficiently.

As part of our plan to build a stronger connection and affinity with our members we are planning to launch an e-newsletter. This will enable us to keep you up to date with the



work we are doing and to highlight the challenges and areas that we need your support on.

Events of the past year have highlighted how important the countryside is for our physical and mental wellbeing. It is also becoming clear that the countryside has a critical role to play in addressing the climate emergency. However our precious countryside is under threat.

Seven of the ten district councils in Hertfordshire are in various stages of adopting Local Plans. Once adopted a Local Plan becomes the framework for housing development for years to come.

A big focus for the charity over the next 1 – 3 years therefore, is working with other local campaign groups to ensure that these local plans build the right sorts of houses in the right

places and that the local plans are built around addressing the climate emergency and protecting the countryside.

We will keep you updated on our work on Local Plans via our website, our Facebook page and our soon to launch e-newsletter.

So, in closing my focus for the coming year is to; grow our membership, increase our income through fund raising and donations, build partnerships with like-minded campaign groups across Hertfordshire and build a constructive dialogue with the various local authorities, all with a view to help protect and promote our precious countryside.

I hope you enjoy reading our new look Annual Review and I look forward to meeting many of you at our AGM. Thank you for your membership and support of our charity.

**Martin Varco**  
Chief Executive

## There is no hope without action...

It was an unprecedented year in my life for so many reasons.

**21st May 2020.** It's 5:35am, on furlough, in lockdown and awake early yet again. A dawn chorus breakfast in the garden has become a regular thing and I feel so alive and aware of the world around me. The stillness is breath-taking as I try not to move a muscle and just dwell in the nature surrounding me. No other human presence disturbs nature's calming blanket of bird song, freshness, sparkling dewdrops and breaking sunrise.

**6th June 2020.** The connection is more real than ever. I have always loved nature but I am definitely observing it more closely now. Each insect I spy seems new to me, so I 'Ecosia' it and discover amazing facts about its life cycle. The online course about our Universe has blown my mind and the wonder of the vast and the microbial is simply awe inspiring.

**19th June 2020.** It is the revelation of plastic litter that affects my senses more than anything. 9%. That is the amount of plastic that is RECYCLED, so 91% of plastic is NOT recycled and therefore goes to landfill or pollutes the sea or litters the countryside. And most plastics can only be recycled once. Recycling plastic is like emptying a bath with a teaspoon whilst the tap is still turned fully on, the madness of it!

So I observed more and I researched more, and the more I researched the more I observed.

I educated myself on our food chain, planetary boundaries, oceans, Kate Raworth & doughnut economics, our natural environment, how ethical are my financial investments and other issues around sustainability.

I watched monoculture agriculture being sprayed with pesticides, but I also watched two beautiful foxes mating in our garden. I watched suburban lawns adorned with sprinklers wasting hundreds of litres of tap water, but I also watched a local youth group carrying out a litter pick through the village. I observed the military precision of the early morning start up of exhaust fumes from the domestic boilers in our street heating our water, but I also saw more people walking and cycling.

I feel a sense of despair that our society is fixated with consumption and GDP, therefore climate change mitigation and biodiversity loss is beyond my control, but I also feel a sense of wonder of our natural

environment that I want to enjoy forever and pass on to the generations that come after me.

So I have concluded that there is no hope without action and that has spurred me on to eradicate synthetic chemicals from our household, use less water, grow more food at home, keep my clothes for longer, carry out kitchen cupboard audits to identify the damaging foods I consume and then change to more sustainable items, and read my utility meters regularly so I fully appreciate my usage and hence identify how I can use less. I also became a CPRE Hertfordshire trustee. And thus the journey continues for I can do so much more and as I marvel with my children at the nature around us I am humbled and know for certain that I must at least try to make all the difference I possibly can.

**By Terry Over**



Terry in his garden

## Would you like to join our friendly volunteer team?

Our volunteers are at the heart of all our work, and we're always keen to welcome new volunteers to the team. We'll provide induction, training and support, and you'll gain the satisfaction of knowing you are making a direct contribution to the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside. As we go to press, the following highly flexible part-time roles are available.

### Excel Database specialist.

Help us reach new audiences by creating and managing an Excel database of local community and environmental groups, climate organisations and grassroots campaign groups. Circa 3 hours per week from home, in your own time.

### Administrative volunteer.

Encourage young children and their families to connect with the environment by helping to coordinate our annual Children's Art Competition. This role is also 3 hours per week, but it's a mixture of being in our Welwyn office on either a Monday or Thursday, and working at home.

### Planning team volunteer.

Learn about land use planning and do a weekly online trawl and preliminary research on development proposals in a specific area. You don't need any



Volunteers' and Staff "Thank You" Party, June 2017, before the pandemic and social distancing. Photo: Paul Munns

previous experience but having some previous exposure to the planning system may be helpful, and you should be comfortable handling complex information. Only 1 to 2 hours per week, from home, at any time that suits you.

**Fundraising lead.** Help our charity grow and have even greater influence and impact for the benefit of everyone who loves the countryside. Use your experience and creativity to consider new ways of generating income alongside our countryside campaigns. Circa 3 hours per week from home, in your own time.

If you'd like to find out more, please see the detailed role descriptions on our website or get in touch with us for an exploratory conversation. Just send an email to [office@cpreherts.org.uk](mailto:office@cpreherts.org.uk). We'd love to hear from you.

# CPRE Herts Awards/Children's Art Competition



Artwork by Jennifer B, age 11

Due to pandemic restrictions, 2020 saw us conducting both our Awards scheme and Children's Art Competition completely virtually. We were delighted to receive a good response to both and to be able to recognise the Award nominees for the difference they make in promoting rural life and protecting communities and the schoolchildren for their amazing artwork. Information about these events can be found in recent newsletters and on our website.

## Awards

These are not being run during 2021 as we are currently conducting a full review to consider how we can better align them to our aims and objectives. We plan to announce the outcome of the review in the autumn.

## Children's Art

We aim to encourage primary school aged children and their families to connect in a personal way with the Hertfordshire countryside. Following a review the competition timetable has been adjusted to bring it in line with the academic school year. We will be sending outline details to schools before they break up for the summer with full details being sent at the start of the September term, we aim to receive all entries by the end of the winter term and to complete judging and prize giving during the spring term.



## Join us

Without CPRE our countryside wouldn't exist as we know it – and CPRE wouldn't exist without people like you to support us.

If you are reading this and you are already a member, thank you! But if you are not already a member then please do join us. Becoming a member of CPRE is one of the best ways to celebrate and protect the county you love and membership starts at just £3 a month for individuals.

To join, go online at [www.cpreherts.org.uk](http://www.cpreherts.org.uk) or email us at [office@cpreherts.org.uk](mailto:office@cpreherts.org.uk)

## Highlights: a year in review

### Jul 2020

Four months into the pandemic: although the office is closed our staff and volunteers are working effectively from home and getting to grips with remote meetings on Zoom, with the benefit of less time spent travelling.

We are horrified by a planning application for 800 new houses on a greenfield site within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at Chorleywood in Three Rivers District, and we submit a comprehensive objection based on planning policy and legal precedent for which we receive plaudits from local residents.

We join with local campaigners in successfully urging East Herts District Council to issue an Article 4 direction on 'plotlands' at Box Wood, east of Stevenage, after successfully urging similar action in Digswell and Little Gaddesden earlier in the year. This prevents the erection of fences and temporary buildings without a planning application. Estate agents are marketing small sites for housing, and effectively misleading potential buyers in protected areas, and we need to be vigilant to prevent this inappropriate behaviour.



Proposed development  
site at Chorleywood  
Photo: E Hermann

### Aug 2020

We use social media to reach hundreds of concerned local people about a damaging large-scale development proposal in the Green Belt at Hertingfordbury.

Chairman Richard Bullen and Planning Manager Tim Hagyard correspond with all Hertfordshire MPs (and meet with five of them on Zoom) regarding planning and sustainability concerns and urging greater protection of the Green Belt.

We join with CPRE colleagues across England to fight the government's new proposed planning reforms in the 'The Planning White Paper', which if implemented will favour developers and limit the ability for local people and local democracy to influence what happens within their own communities.

### Sep 2020

We successfully hold our first ever virtual AGM on Zoom.

Kevin FitzGerald stands down as Hon. Director after serving 18 years in the role and is made Hon. Vice President of the charity.

## Oct 2020

Completion of 2020 Children's Art Competition which had 200 entries and will have hopefully generated greater environmental awareness for these children and their families. Our volunteer filmmaker Henry Mitchell creates a brilliant video showcasing the winning artworks.

We hold a land use planning Q&A session on Zoom for our members.

## Nov 2020

Completion of 2020 CPRE Hertfordshire Awards programme, recognising the achievements of local volunteers in restoring a wildlife site at Hemel Hempstead, a nature reserve at Ashwell, and a public recreation ground at Hare Street; we also recognise local people at Tewin and Birch Green for operating village stores in support of their rural communities, an especially crucial service during the pandemic.

We publish our analysis of the latest Office of National Statistics (ONS) based housing projections, showing large reductions in forecasted growth versus the previous ONS projections on which the government's 'mutant' algorithm and housing targets are based.

We conduct our annual tally of threats to the Hertfordshire Green Belt, and are appalled to find that over 55,000 new houses are currently proposed to be built on Green Belt land, not including another 17,000+ houses proposed for land that has only recently been taken out of the Green Belt via the adopted Local Plans in East Herts, Broxbourne and Stevenage.



Artwork by Milo M, age 8

## Dec 2020

Our CPRE Hertfordshire Christmas cards are a big hit, selling nearly 1000 cards.

Former Trustee Dorothy Abel Smith retires after 44 years of volunteering for CPRE Herts primarily in marketing and fundraising, and former Chairman David Irving retires after 16 years of volunteering in our planning team – both are now Hon. Vice Presidents of the charity.

We finish the year with 40 new members, 14 new volunteers, and a doubling of our social media followership from 900 to 1800.

## Jan 2021

New Planning Manager Chris Berry joins, as previous Planning Manager Tim Hagyard retires but stays on as a volunteer.

The final public hearings into the proposed North Herts Local Plan and Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan are held in early 2021 and we participate, again urging the Planning Inspector to uphold both national planning policy and repeated government statements that give protection to the Green Belt.

We make continuing representations to East Herts District Council on the huge new residential developments proposed north of Harlow which are ‘badged’ as new garden villages, but are nothing of the sort. We make connections with local campaigners.

We alert members to the sale by Herts County Council of Astonbury Wood near Stevenage, and offer help to local residents and the parish council. (Update: Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust are crowdfunding a bid to buy it.)

Several submissions are made to Broxbourne Council on planning applications to replace redundant glass-houses with housing estates. The Local Plan permits this in certain circumstances but the applications vary in scope and often damage the Green Belt considerably.

Liaison with a local group in Sandon on a proposed re-wilding project for open agricultural land in the north of the county. The proposal is supported by Natural England and the Wildlife Trust, but there are some concerns due to the need for stock fencing to control deer movements.

## Feb 2021

Our campaign on the proposed Dacorum local plan culminates after 3 months of full-on work, reaching 100s of local stakeholders and more than a dozen community groups, in which we object to inflated house building targets and the proposed loss of 746 hectares of Green Belt land for development.

We submit our response to the proposed Herts countywide ‘Sustainability Strategy’ on climate change mitigation, urging the county to be more ambitious.

We object, again, to the proposed expansion of Luton Airport which threatens the tranquillity of a large swathe of northern Hertfordshire.

We also object to a planning application for a huge solar farm on 130 hectares of Green Belt land in Hertsmere. We support many renewable energy initiatives but there is no need to use protected areas like the Green Belt.

Trustees approve the Three Year Strategic Plan and Annual Operating Plan.

Local campaigners alert us to activity in the former Butterfly World site in Chiswell Green, south of St Albans where the Green Belt is being badly degraded by a truck recovery company and other commercial activities. We visit the site and write to St Albans Council which has initiated enforcement action.

We object to proposed development on Green Belt at Sewell field north of St Albans and support a local campaign group in urging the Council to think again about allocating this valuable open space for housing.



Proposed development site in the Green Belt at Northchurch, in Dacorum  
Photo: Donna Atkinson

## Mar 2021

We continue to object to Taylor Wimpey's proposed de-registration of common land at Woodcock Hill, Borehamwood, and are supporting the Woodcock Hill Village Green Society in their campaign to save this highly valued recreation space for the community. We have registered to appear at the upcoming public hearing.

We object, again, to a massive proposed Motorway Services Area to be sited within the Green Belt in Three Rivers District.

We submit our response to the proposed "Herts County Waste Local Plan" urging greater protection of the countryside and challenging the future population figures on which the draft plan is based.

We join with local campaigners in successfully urging Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to issue an Article 4 direction on still more 'plotlands', this time in the Green Belt at Northaw.



Plotlands at Northaw

## Apr 2021

New Chief Executive Martin Varco joins.

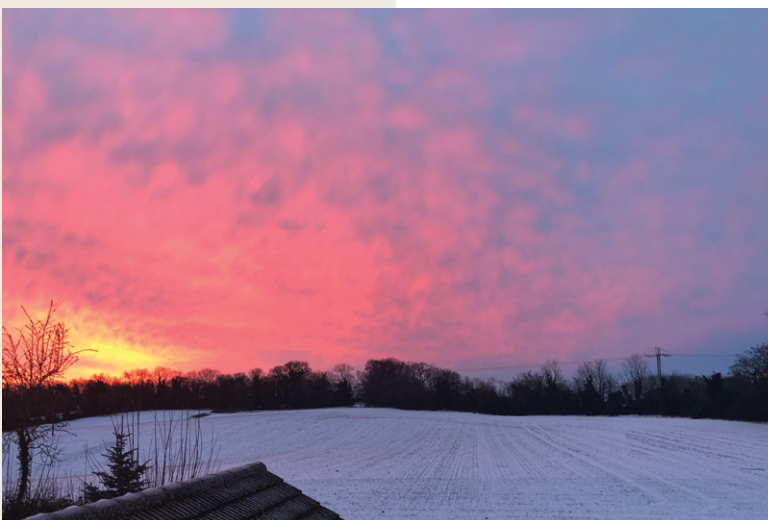
We object to a large-scale speculative planning application for 280 houses in the rural area at Barkway Road in Royston, in the wake of our earlier objections to other large-scale development proposals at Briary Lane in Royston and at St Ippolyts, Therfield and Hitchin.

We submit our comments on the Herts Eastern Area Growth and Transport Plan, urging much greater emphasis on public transport, cycling and walking, and coordination with Local Plans which take account of climate change, carbon reduction and related issues.

We meet with the Sustainability team at Herts County Council, following our February response to the Sustainability Strategy. They indicate the scope and activities of the team at County level and we agree to work together to achieve robust and effective strategies for both the County and District councils.

Together with local residents at Holwell, we request that North Herts District Council takes urgent enforcement action regarding the unnecessary destruction of 150 metres of an ancient hedgerow on Waterloo Lane.

We exchange correspondence with Sir Mike Penning MP and senior officers at Dacorum Borough Council regarding the accuracy of the evidence base for the proposed new Local Plan.



Proposed development site at Barkway Road

## May 2021

We assess the outcomes of all planning applications on which we have commented since year start 2018 and we are delighted to find that circa 70% have been refused, withdrawn or dismissed on appeal.

We meet with the Planning Officers at Dacorum Borough Council, urging a rethink of their proposed new Local Plan and placing much greater emphasis on the protection of the environment and the countryside.

We're delighted to welcome two new marketing volunteers, Nina San and Julien Deamer, and we run our 4th CPRE Herts induction programme on Zoom.

We respond to the planning application by Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon for up to 1500 houses west of Stevenage. The site is allocated in the Stevenage Local Plan, despite CPRE and others' historic opposition, but the proposals are poor, car dominated, and take no effective account of climate change and biodiversity issues.

Continued representations are made to Dacorum Council regarding inappropriate development in Green Belt plotlands east of Bovingdon airfield.

## Jun 2021

We use the occasion of national Volunteers' Week to say a massive "thank you" to all of our wonderful volunteers.

After a prolonged gestation, our new and improved CPRE Hertfordshire website goes 'live'.

Our office at 31a cautiously re-opens after 15 months.

We launch our campaign on the proposed Three Rivers new Local Plan, which proposes massive amounts of new housing development on Green Belt land. We reach out to our members, local residents and community groups to urge them to respond to the public consultation.



## Jul 2021

Former Chairman Liz Hamilton writes her 100th article for Hertfordshire Life magazine, helping publicise CPRE Hertfordshire to many thousands of readers.

As we go to press, we were looking forward to celebrating the lifting of pandemic restrictions with our Volunteers & Staff "Thank You" party on 31 July. Unfortunately we feel it is best to postpone but as soon as lock down restrictions are fully lifted, we will plan a social event to thank our staff and volunteers – watch this space!

Proposed development  
site at Abbots Langley,  
in Three Rivers  
Photo: E Hermann

## Planning ahead

The Annual Review is always a good time to look forward to next year's activities and try to forecast what we will be tackling so that we direct our efforts for greatest effect. Since I joined CPRE Hertfordshire at the beginning of the year, the focus has been increasingly on intervening as early as possible in the local planning process, and that means making representations at the gestation stages of Local Plans for the Boroughs and Districts in our County.

This way we can challenge our local planning authorities on their policies and of course site allocations for housing and other uses where these conflict with our values and priorities. We continue to fight the fight at Welwyn Hatfield and North Herts and depending on what the Inspectors recommend, we may need to challenge them further as we feel that both Inspectors may be exceeding their powers by including housing sites in Local Plans which the Councils themselves have not promoted. They are under immense pressure from central government of course, but that's no excuse for them to bend the rules in our opinion, and we will be exploring how we can take the necessary action, hopefully with national support.

We are already in discussion with Dacorum Borough Council as they begin to prepare their submission draft Local Plan, and Three

Rivers, Hertsmere and St Albans are not far behind (Stevenage, Broxbourne and East Herts have adopted Local Plans and Watford has no issues for us). We have also started increasing our attention on climate change and biodiversity issues and will be pressing Herts County and the districts in these vital areas, so we have a busy year ahead.

The elephant in the room is of course last year's Planning White Paper and the forthcoming Planning Bill which threatens to trample its way through the present planning system and provide huge uncertainty for Council planning teams. Few doubt the need for reform but the White Paper and Queens Speech herald the effective demolition of a system which enshrines local participation and involvement.

At a time when environmental issues are rising up the political agenda it seems perverse, to say the least, to be suggesting a top-down zoning type planning system which will provide a developer's charter. Opposition

is growing and we are part of that movement, both nationally and locally, and now is the time to lobby your local MP.

As well as our Local Plans and sustainability work, we will continue to respond to planning applications and there is the growing menace of huge solar farms in protected areas and speculative housing applications on unallocated sites. We will concentrate our resources on the larger and most damaging applications but there are many occasions where we can intervene at a much smaller scale, for example, on the removal of permitted development rights and enforcement matters, including hedgerows and common land.

It's a full and varied agenda which affects peoples' lives and we are always keen to welcome new volunteers to our committed and talented CPRE Herts planning team!

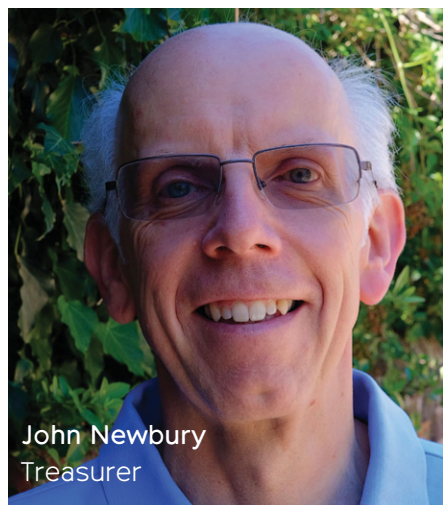
**Chris Berry**  
Planning Manager



River Rib at Latchford Photo: E Hamilton

# Treasurer's Report

Year ended 31 December 2020



John Newbury  
Treasurer

In 2020, the charity had net income of £24,921. The unrealised gain in the value of investments was £12,878, giving a net increase in funds for the year of £37,799. During the year, we received two generous legacies totalling £39,000.

## Financial Summary

Wagstaffs have agreed the financial summary on page 15 as being consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. These were prepared in accordance with the applicable Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice).

### Income

The total income for 2020 was £92,384. In common with all other charities, income was impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to the legacy, membership subscriptions, donations (including periodic appeals), investment income and fund-raising events continue to be our key sources of income. These are hugely important and enable the charity to continue to undertake its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

### Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2020 was £67,463. This was in line with expectations and slightly higher than 2019. The increase in 2020 was mainly related to spend on attending Examinations in Public.

### Funds

From an initial review, we believe that the separate trust deed for the Jubilee Appeal Fund has been superseded such that these funds could be considered as unrestricted. This review will be concluded during 2021.

### Outlook

We continue to be vigilant in monitoring costs and ensuring we achieve value from the income we receive. We will further develop plans to use the legacies received, to ensure the sustainable future of the Charity. We will review and update our branch strategy following the work done by the national charity. For the first time, we will appoint a Chief Executive to help focus, deliver and grow our charitable activities.

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full annual accounts and the independent examiner's report on those accounts should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from CPRE Hertfordshire. The accounts were approved by the Executive

on 4 May 2021 and have been submitted to The Charity Commission.

**Richard Bullen, Hon. Chairman**

**John Newbury, Hon. Treasurer**

**Independent Examiner:** J E Fox,  
Wagstaffs, Richmond House,  
Walkern Road, Stevenage,  
SG1 3QP.

	Year Ended 31.12.20	Year Ended 31.12.19		Year Ended 31.12.20	Year Ended 31.12.19
Income			Expenditure		
DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Donations	19,347	12,810	Personnel costs	41,464	39,107
Legacies	39,000	12,629	Office expenses	15,020	12,327
Subscriptions	24,390	25,325	RAISING FUNDS		
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	2,626	2,697	Publicity	6,239	7,595
INVESTMENT INCOME			SUPPORT COSTS		
Deposit a/c interest	743	1,597	Premises	2,640	2,782
Investment Fund income	6,278	6,156	Accounting & legal fees	2,100	1,920
Total Income	92,384	61,214	Total Expenditure	67,463	63,731
Surplus (Deficit)	24,921	(2,517)			
Balance Sheet			31.12.20 31.12.19		
FIXED ASSETS			Represented by:		
Freehold Property	115,000	115,000	General Fund	420,643	398,777
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,000	1,000	Jones Legacy	174,486	161,940
Investments	225,803	204,925	Davis Memorial	33,381	30,602
Net Current Assets	294,923	278,002	Jubilee Appeal Fund	8,216	7,608
Total Net Assets			Total Funds		
	636,726	598,927		636,726	598,927

## CPRE Hertfordshire officers and staff as at July 2021

**President:** Sir Simon Bowes Lyon, KCVO

**Honorary Life Vice Presidents:** Dorothy Abel Smith, MBE, Nicholas Halsey, TD, DL, Dr Mervyn Miller, James Clappison, Anthony Eastwood, Stephen Pollock-Hill, David Irving, Elizabeth Hamilton

**Honorary Vice Presidents:** Ralph Abel Smith, Richard Smith, the Countess of Verulam, Peter Waine, Kevin FitzGerald

**Officers:** Hon. Chairman: Richard Bullen, **Vice Chairs:** Allan McNab and Alison Young, **Hon. Treasurer:** John Newbury

**Executive Committee:** Richard Bullen, John Newbury, Allan McNab, Alison Young, Terry Over, Priya Grant, Elizabeth Hamilton

**Staff:** **Chief Executive:** Martin Varco, **Planning Manager:** Chris Berry, **Planning Assistant:** Linda Brookes, **Office Manager:** Gill Bryant

CPRE Hertfordshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

**Registered charity number:** 1162419.

**Bankers:** Barclays Bank plc, Welwyn Garden City

## CPRE Hertfordshire Merchandise

Every item you purchase helps us to achieve our mission to protect, promote and enhance Hertfordshire's countryside for everyone's benefit. All profit goes towards funding the work we do. When you send Christmas or greetings cards you also help raise our profile as our details are printed on each and every one.

Please support us by placing an order today, a form is enclosed with this review or you can download one from our website: [www.cpreherts.org.uk/shop](http://www.cpreherts.org.uk/shop) £3 p&p per order

### Christmas Cards

New images have been added this year, giving a new selection of beautiful Hertfordshire scenes to choose from. Cards are A6 Landscape or 13cm square.

Pick'n'Mix, 70p each with a minimum order of 5 cards - you choose how many of each image.



### Blank Greetings Cards — perfect for every occasion

Four each of 2 exclusive Hertfordshire scenes per pack. Measuring approx. 15 cm square they are Spring Bluebells and Winter Sunset or Summer Meadows and Autumn Mists. £8 per pack or £15 for any two packs.



### Tote Bags - NEW

Just arrived, our heavy cotton tote bag measures approx. 36 x 41cms and has long handles to fit over the shoulder. £4 each or why not buy three for just £10.



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