

CPRE Hertfordshire

Annual Review

2024-25



The countryside charity
Hertfordshire

President's welcome



Your signature can help save the Green Belt!

The Government published the revised National Planning Policy Framework in December 2024. As you will read elsewhere in this Annual Review, the revisions have weakened long-standing protections for the Green Belt. In particular, the concept of 'grey belt' has been introduced to encourage more development.

But there is a problem. 'Grey belt' has been defined to include not just derelict land and disused car parks but in such a broad way that almost any area within the Green Belt is now potentially vulnerable to inappropriate development.

Of course CPRE Hertfordshire is in action fighting this most unwelcome situation. Our team has launched a national petition backed by the London CPRE office. Our petition calls for the Government to revise their 'grey belt' definition, to restore protections by ensuring that 'grey belt' proposals are judged against all five Green Belt purposes consistently, to balance development needs against the many benefits of conservation.

We must all, please, sign this petition. With 10,000 signatures, the Government must respond.

[Sign the petition here](#)

We emphasise that Hertfordshire has identified sufficient brownfield space for close to 30,000 new homes and these should be built before building on green fields in the countryside.

We are also supporting the legal challenge to Luton Airport's massive environmentally-damaging expansion. This is initiated by LADACAN and others through the Judicial Review process.

Our team is very busy and they are doing so much for the county. I want to thank all of our CPRE Hertfordshire members for your steadfast support, and ask that you please encourage others to also join CPRE.

Sir Simon Bowes Lyon KCVO
President

AGM & Countryside Day

Saturday 11 October 2025 - 11.00am

We are delighted to be holding our AGM in the Cobbold Barn at Knebworth House. After the AGM, there will be a light lunch and refreshments followed by the CPRE Hertfordshire Countryside Day.

This will include a talk from our guest speaker, natural history and wildlife writer, Nic Wilson, who is also Guardian Country Diarist, a writer at BBC Gardeners' World Magazine and author of Land Beneath the Waves.

And an opportunity to join a guided walk to see the Estate, find out the winners of our Children's Art Competition, sample our stalls and join us in celebrating Hertfordshire's countryside!

We would love it if you could join us and if your spouse, partner or a friend came too. Please let us know by returning the enclosed form or by email to office@cpreherts.org.uk

See insert for more details.

A view from the chair



Let us be in no doubt as CPRE enters its second century; the countryside, which CPRE has done so much to protect, is facing its greatest threats, a toxic combination of the worst possible scenarios.

We are all familiar with the oft quoted mantra of supposed nimbyism, of the need to generate greater economic growth and to help mitigate climate change.

Since its founding CPRE has presided over unprecedented economic growth and accommodated a population increase from 38 to 58 million - and we still have a largely green and pleasant land. It can be done, it has been done - repeatedly.

Now this tried and tested track record of best practice is regarded as nothing. The Government wants more pylons, more data processing plants, more solar panels, more homes, more flights.

What are we facing? 70,000 additional flights from an expanded Luton airport, 1,000 miles of new pylons nationwide each the height of Nelson's Column (the Government admits they will be ugly because it is offering compensation for those who will be most blighted), 18,000 acres of Norfolk is about to be taken for solar panels. Hertfordshire will have its share of these too; yards from where I am writing there is a threat to destroy unsurpassed beauty between the Ayots, an historical location (home to two Queens, four Prime Ministers and two Chief Ministers), with easy access for many, a cynical and callous gesture masquerading as a green one.

And this wanton destruction is so unnecessary. CPRE has proved that over and over again and for 100 years.

Cables can be buried. They do it in Germany, in The Netherlands, in Switzerland. Why does National Grid claim it will cost five times as much to do it here? Where is the evidence that more houses mean cheaper ones and thus affordable as a multiple of earnings? And what about the 1 million empty homes, the spare accommodation above shops in town centres or of developing brownfield sites as a priority? Not enough brownfield? There is in the north which needs the levelling up and there is a lot elsewhere, including right here in Hertfordshire.

40 years ago the Government produced a report dividing the country into over 70 areas, highlighting local distinctiveness - the architecture, the materials - as guidelines for future development. Nothing was followed up. Instead we have identikit offerings. Angela Rayner adds insult to injury by discarding the recently won argument that there is such a thing as a shared concept of beauty, thereby giving a green light for mediocrity instead of insisting on a strong remit to add to tomorrow's heritage.

The popular and successful sustainable farming initiative is to be closed to new applicants. Labour criticised the then Tory Government for dragging its heels introducing the scheme. Half the farmers have signed up to it. Why so popular? Simply because it has proved so successful in helping to re-establish our woefully depleted biodiversity.

I suggest you walk the open spaces near your home asap and enjoy the skylarks singing above, a bird of the Hertfordshire fields, a voice of the heavens. Better for mental health than tip toeing through solar panels.



Walking in the Green Belt
near Welwyn
Photo: E Hamilton

We have had 10 Secretaries of State for the countryside in the last 15 years. We brief them, they usually then agree with us - and then they are moved on. Bill Bryson, a former President of CPRE, wrote "there isn't a landscape in the world that is more artfully worked, more lovely to behold, more comfortable to be in."

We are left with one question, how much do we care?

Peter Waine
Chairman

A message from our chief executive



It's been a busy year for our volunteers and staff at CPRE Hertfordshire but as always, our mission to protect the countryside has continued to be at the heart of our work.

We have been particularly busy responding to the Government's changes to the planning system. We issued our own local response to proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework last year, and to the proposed Land Use Framework earlier this year, as we fight to protect Hertfordshire's countryside.

Our work here continues as we campaign for an urgent change in the revised NPPF calling on the Government to restore Green Belt protections. If you haven't already done so, please visit our website and sign our petition:

www.cpreherts.org.uk/save-our-green-belt

We have also met with new local MPs to lobby for the correct application of planning policies and to highlight areas where policies could be improved, and we continue to engage with them regularly on key countryside matters.

Last autumn, we launched the first phase of our digital map on our website highlighting development proposals that threaten the Hertfordshire countryside and Green Belt. The map is currently being updated with Local Plan proposed site allocations, and we will inform our members as soon as our updates are live.

I am pleased to report that last year saw a huge number of entries to our Children's Art Competition with over 150 schools participating and we hope that this year's Children's Art Competition will see even more artworks submitted. We also hosted our first ever combined AGM and Countryside Day at the Woodhall Estate in Watton-at-Stone, where Elena Mannion, local publisher and author of children's nature books awarded our Children's Art Competition winners with their prizes. This was followed by a guided walk of the River Beane chalk stream restoration project which proved particularly popular. We are excited to invite you to this year's AGM and Countryside Day which will be held at Knebworth House on Saturday 11th October and we do hope you will be able to join us.

In the past year, we have trained over 300 individuals on the planning process and how to have their say on local developments through online and in-person events. Our informative events have continued in 2025 through our monthly online Lunch and Learns, each focusing on a key environmental topic relevant to Hertfordshire's countryside.

Behind the scenes we have been busy with several internal projects to modernise our operations including successfully migrating to a new IT system to enhance collaboration, streamline productivity, and improve security.

And if funding is secured, we hope to launch several new community projects including a local project to plant and restore hedgerows to maintain biodiversity and mitigate the effects of climate change.

As ever, I am hugely grateful to our volunteers and my fantastic team for all their support in helping to protect our countryside in these challenging times.

And finally, thank you for your continued support as members. You can rest assured that we will continue to stand up for Hertfordshire's countryside and fight to protect Hertfordshire's green spaces for everyone to value and enjoy. I look forward to seeing you at our AGM and Countryside Day.

Abby Coften
Chief Executive



2024 Children's
Art display and presentation
Photos: G Bryant

The year in planning



Looking back on the year in planning for CPRE Hertfordshire, it is not too much of an exaggeration to say that it has been tumultuous. The new Government had signalled its intentions in advance and wasted no time in introducing a series of measures which have caused increasing problems for those of us committed to protecting the countryside. In a difficult economic situation, there was bound to be significant recalibration and for economic growth to be seen as the panacea.

The rhetoric has been unflinching. It's the planning system that is the problem and it needs dismembering has been the cry, and we need one and a half million houses tomorrow. Such a position tends to forget that over a million houses already have planning consent in England and Wales but are not being built, and Hertfordshire has its fair share of unimplemented permissions.

The promised revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was not long in arriving. Published in December, it was accompanied by new housing need figures for local planning authorities which hugely increased the pressure on Hertfordshire's Green Belt and open countryside.

It also introduced the concept of grey belt which has moved well beyond the political promises to redevelop derelict filling stations and abandoned car parks. The definition of grey belt in the NPPF is massively damaging to the existing Green Belt and the implications are already being felt in the permissions being granted by Councils and planning appeal decisions.

We also now have the Planning and Infrastructure Bill which has unified environmental groups in opposition to its diminution of protection for nature, despite promising the reverse. Our campaigning responses and further information are available on the website.

The uncertainty regarding Local Plans in Hertfordshire continues and over the past year we have been active in responding to public consultations in St Albans, Dacorum, Hertsmeres and Three Rivers. St Albans and Dacorum Councils have submitted their Draft Local Plans for Examination, and for the St Albans Local Plan the initial hearings – in which we participated – have already been held.

With regard to major ongoing developments, planning permission subject to Section 106 agreement was finally granted by East Herts for the 11,500 unit Gilston project north of Harlow and we continue to monitor other large-scale proposals east of Luton (where we are working with local community groups) and north and east of Hemel Hempstead (Hemel Garden Communities).

We were part of the joint combined objectors groups at the planning appeal inquiries in Kings Langley and opposing Fairfax Developments proposals at Piccotts End which is one of the first developments to promote grey belt reasons for approval. The appeal was allowed at Kings Langley and we await the Planning Inspector's decision on the latter. We also made written representations as an Interested Party to planning appeals in Buntingford, Sarratt, Abbots Langley and Chiswell Green and in the Development Consent Order (DCO) process for Luton Airport's massive expansion from 18 million to 32 million passengers per annum.

Our submissions to the DCO followed our earlier representation at the planning inquiry for the previous increase in passengers and relaxation of noise contours. The unacceptable growth of Luton Airport continues to receive Government support but we are working with LADACAN the local campaign group which has initiated a legal challenge of the recent decision.

Regrettably, none of the subsequent decisions at the planning appeals noted above supported our position but it is clearly more important than ever that we continue to promote countryside protection. As positions in favour of inappropriate development harden, we have engaged extensively over the last year with our elected representatives, both MPs and Council leadership, to inform them of the value of the countryside, in economic, social and environmental terms.

The General Election resulted in eight new MPs in Hertfordshire, five of whom are Labour Members with significant rural areas and populations who may be willing to change their political allegiances. We continue to have strong connections with our Parish Councils and our regular lunch-time webinar sessions provide information and opportunities for the discussion of local matters. Our links with other local organisations such as the London Green Belt Council, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, the Hertfordshire Butterfly Trust and a wide range of local community groups are also increasingly significant in our ongoing campaign work.

It is undeniable that the present national, and sometimes local, political direction has been testing for those who value the countryside and this is likely to continue for a while yet. Looking ahead, what do we anticipate?

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

Planning – looking ahead

As noted on page 5, the recently-revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) introduced the concept of ‘grey belt’ and provided a definition of the term. This definition is very expansive and thus hugely damaging to the Green Belt as a whole. We have recently launched a major campaign to press the Government to look again at the definition of grey belt so that longstanding Green Belt protections are upheld.

Please sign our petition!

Our campaign petition calls for the Government to revise their ‘grey belt’ definition, to restore protections by ensuring that ‘grey belt’ proposals are judged against all five Green Belt purposes consistently, to balance development needs against the many benefits of conservation.

It is really important that all CPRE supporters and members sign our petition, as with 10,000 signatures the Government must respond.

[Sign the petition here](#)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill

The public consultation on the new Planning and Infrastructure Bill continues to receive wide publicity for its effective reduction in protection for nature, despite suggesting the opposite. It is disturbing that the Government has got this so wrong at a time when people are increasingly focused on environmental concerns. CPRE both nationally and locally is cooperating with other environmental groups and we will continue to press for amendments to the Bill.

Luton Airport expansion

The fight is not yet over. As mentioned earlier, we are supporting LADACAN’s legal challenge of the Secretary of State’s permission for Luton Airport’s massive expansion to 32 million passengers per annum. This represents a near doubling of airport capacity, with huge increases in noise and air pollution, traffic congestion on the local road network, and severe harm to the countryside across a wide swathe of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Over the coming months we hope for a positive outcome in the courts.

District and Borough Local Plans

We will continue to be fully involved in Local Plans across the county, although these may be affected by the imminent reorganisation of local government. Details are lacking but it will result in the disappearance of all our existing Borough and District Councils and their amalgamation into new unitary authorities; the number yet to be decided.

My personal view is that this will happen much sooner than most think and of course it has big implications for councils without up-to-date Local Plans who do not know who they will be joined with. The Local Plans for St Albans and Dacorum will presumably continue to be examined in public, but neither Hertsmere nor Three Rivers have submitted draft Local Plans and Local Plan Reviews are due for North Herts, East Herts, Welwyn Hatfield, Watford and Stevenage.



The River Rib at Latchford
Photo: E Hermann

Unrelenting pressure on the countryside



Chilterns National Landscape
at Berkhamsted
Photo E Hermann.

It is hugely disappointing that the Government is not progressing with extending the Chilterns National Landscape boundary as previously intended. With new data centres, solar farms and battery energy storage systems, warehousing and housing estate applications, the pressure on the countryside is unrelenting.

Our priorities in the year ahead include increased pressure on local political leaders, MPs and Councils and support for Parish Councils which should become more significant with local government reorganisation.

The opportunity is there for more strategic planning and the more holistic consideration of wider environmental topics such as biodiversity and water courses including chalk streams and habitats. It is always challenging to face development interests with vast resources, supported by certain national and local political leaders and their technical advisers who do not seem to represent the concerns of their communities with regard to the countryside.

We work within the planning system to make the case for more consideration of environmental issues in development proposals. This is now more important than ever and arguably means making the case for protection of the countryside all over again.

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

Join Us

If you are not already a CPRE member, please join us!

It's easy to join online on our website at
<http://www.cpreherts.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member/>
or email us at office@cpreherts.org.uk

2025 Children's Art Competition

Our Children's Art Competition enables young children and their families to connect with and learn more about the local countryside through art.

Our competition is open to all children in Hertfordshire aged 5-11 years. Entries can be submitted through the child's primary school or individually by parents or guardians with all the details on our website at www.cpreherts.org.uk/news/cpre-hertfordshires-2025-childrens-art-competition

The theme this year is: **My Adventures in the Countryside**

The closing date is **Friday 25th July**

There is a prize for the winning school and individual prizes in each age group category, plus a special ceremony in the autumn to showcase and celebrate all our young artists. And we are very excited to announce that we have three artists judging the entries: Susan Cooper, Kathy Evershed and Erin Brown.

We have been very fortunate to secure funding this year from Tesco Stronger Starts. The winning school will receive £500 to create a nature area or supply tools and plants so that children can learn more about nature and the environment in a hands-on way.

There will also be individual prizes for the children in each age group category with the winners invited to our Children's Art Ceremony on Saturday 11th October at Knebworth House.



Some artwork
from the 2024
competition



Our Year in Numbers



Protecting Hertfordshire's Green Belt and Countryside

15,643 planning applications across Hertfordshire were screened and we submitted comments against over 50 of the most damaging and inappropriate proposals



Supporting Communities to Have Their Say

We trained over 300 individuals through online and in-person events on how to have their say on local developments



Promoting the Benefits of Our Countryside

CPRE Hertfordshire's supporters have grown by over 30% over the past year, enabling us to communicate the benefits of our countryside to a wider audience



Connecting Children

Over 150 Hertfordshire primary schools took part in our 2024 Children's Art Competition themed on Why I Love the Countryside, connecting children in Hertfordshire with the importance of the natural environment



Raising Awareness of the Hertfordshire Countryside as a Vital Space for Health and Wellbeing

We have 36 self-guided walks on our website (with 20 recently updated walks in 2024)



Promoting Planning Policies That Make the Best Use of Land

We've met with Local MPs, community groups and environmental organizations to advise on how to make the best use of land including advocating for the Sunshine Bill along with publishing new articles on brownfield regeneration, Hertfordshire's empty homes and rooftop solar



Supporting Our Charity to Grow

We've increased the number of CPRE Hertfordshire volunteers by 11% at the end of 2024, see page 10 to view the incredible work they have supported in 2024



Celebrating our Successes

We hosted a highly attended AGM and Countryside Day at Woodhall Park featuring our Children's Art Ceremony and Guided Walk of the River Beane Restoration Project in October 2024, at which we were able to update our members on the current state of play and our plans for the year ahead

Volunteer impact for 2024 – a snapshot

This year we wanted to say thank you to our volunteers; by highlighting just how important their contributions are to our charity. **More than 7,000 volunteer hours contributed overall.**



13 new volunteers joined the CPRE Hertfordshire team, either in an ongoing role or for a short term project.



15,643 planning applications were screened by our volunteers, of which... 348 planning applications were further researched by our volunteers



3 planning appeal Inquiries at which our volunteers participated in defence of the countryside – at Buntingford, Ellenbrook, and Piccotts End.



250 Approx. new pieces of content highlighting countryside issues, were created by our volunteers for our publications and digital media.



1 Government consultation for which our volunteers provided key input for CPRE's response – National Planning Policy Framework.



20 self-guided countryside walks – over a total distance of 91 miles - were checked and updated by our volunteers.



40 talks, webinars and community events were delivered or supported by our volunteers, promoting countryside issues and our charity to circa 1000 individuals who might not have otherwise heard of our work.



3 Local Plan consultations in which our volunteers provided the critical research and analysis for CPRE Hertfordshire's submittals – Hertsmere, St Albans and Dacorum.

Our volunteers also...

Supported with financial responsibilities. Helped with maintenance of our courtyard. Helped inform our CPRE members and supporters about important local countryside issues.

In memory of Veda Munns, a long term volunteer



We were sorry to learn that Veda Munns, who spent 15 years volunteering for us, died at the start of the year.

Veda joined CPRE as a member in 2007 and started volunteering the same year. We were looking for someone to keep the courtyard garden at our Welwyn office in tip top shape and Veda took on the challenge by becoming our volunteer gardener. She made regular visits by bus from Welwyn Garden City, often bringing plants from her own garden to enhance ours.

Her visits meant we had a beautiful space to look at whilst working, somewhere to sit outside for a few moments' relaxation in a calm and well cared for environment, and a place to hold events. She was a very kind person, cheerful and enthusiastic and passionate about plants and wildlife. She loved a mug of tea and a chocolate biscuit whilst working in the garden and was always happy to have a chat about the other organisations she volunteered for.

When Veda retired from volunteering in 2022, she was presented with a thank you gift, together with a certificate to mark her effort and contribution over this time, which made a very real and positive difference to our charity

Picture shows Kevin FitzGerald, former Hon. Director, presenting Veda with her certificate.

Fundraising



CPRE Hertfordshire supporters celebrating their completion of the 195 mile Hertfordshire Way as a fundraiser for us

Fundraising for CPRE Hertfordshire will help us to continue our work protecting Hertfordshire's countryside for generations to come.

Whether it's a bake sale, sponsored walk or quiz night there are many ways to get involved and fundraise for us.

Take a look at our fundraising ideas page for inspiration and to get started, at www.cpreherts.org.uk/fundraising

Our Local Talks

Our talks are always popular with local groups. This year we have new speakers and a variety of interesting talks, and of course we are always happy to create a bespoke talk on a countryside-related topic for your group.

Lunch and Learns

This year we have launched CPRE Hertfordshire's new Lunch and Learns, a series of online monthly presentations and debates on the key planning issues that matter to you and our county.

So far this year we have run four Lunch and Learn sessions covering:

- Implications of the changes in the revised National Planning Policy Framework
- The impact of the introduction of grey belt to the future of the Green Belt in Hertfordshire
- The state of play of solar farm proposals in Hertfordshire and the importance of prioritising rooftop solar for a greener future, and
- Protecting Hertfordshire's chalk streams.

We hope to see you at our forthcoming Lunch and Learns resuming in September which can be booked through our website at www.cpreherts.org.uk/lunch-and-learn

Treasurer's Report

Introduction

Our strategy is to protect and promote the countryside of Hertfordshire, so we must be in a position to finance our campaigns. There were several impacts on income in 2024. Membership subscriptions were fairly flat, reflecting the difficulty of adding new members during a financial squeeze. Income from donations was in line with levels reported previously, but lower than 2023 reflecting the additional fund raising undertaken in that year to cover specific appeal related costs. We were fortunate to receive a most welcome six-figure bequest from a long-standing supporter, which transformed our 2024 income statement.



Expenses declined in 2024 relative to 2023 mainly due to lower appeal related third party legal and consulting costs. Increases in staff costs were in line with agreed budgets.

Overall, and thanks largely to legacy income, we had net income for the year of £103,658, which compares with a net expenditure in 2023 of £43,299. The unrealised gain in the value of investments was £6,764 (2023 £26,836).

Our balance sheet remains healthy, with net assets of £648,000. Funds invested or on deposit were approximately £500,000, and our office in Welwyn village was carried in our accounts at a book cost of approximately £148,000.

Year ended 31 December 2024

In 2024, the charity had net income of £103,658 (2023 net expenditure £43,299). The unrealised gain in the value of investments was £6,764 (2023 £26,836), giving a net increase in funds of £110,422 (2023 net reduction £16,463).

Income

The total income for 2024 was £201,373 including legacy income of £140,500. Income from donations declined due to less fund raising to cover specific appeal related fee costs.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2024 was £97,715. This was lower than 2023 and in line with budget. Legal and Consulting Fees for 2023 included £43,531 related to the Bradmore way and Marshcroft planning appeals.

Funds

As at 31 December 2024, total funds amounted to £647,940 (2023 £537,518). All are unrestricted.

Tangible Fixed Assets

The refurbishment work of the Charity's small office in Welwyn Village was completed in 2023.

Reserves

The Trustees approved a reserves policy in 2021. This considered and documented how the Charity would utilise unrestricted funds, including for a period of several years where the Charity reports net expenditure in the year.

Outlook

The Charity will continue with its activities in line with the Three-Year Strategic Plan and Annual Operating Plan. Costs will be monitored against the annual budget agreed by the Trustees.

Steve Wiltshire
Treasurer

Financial summary

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 Trustees and signed on their behalf on 15 May 2025, and will be submitted to The Charity Commission.

P E Waine, Hon. Chairman

S Wiltshire, Trustee

Independent Examiner: J Matthews, Menzies LLP, Magnia House, 18-32 London Road, Staines, TW18 4BP.

Financial Summary

Income	Year Ended 31.12.24	Year Ended 31.12.23	Expenditure	Year Ended 31.12.24	Year Ended 31.12.23
<u>Donations and legacies</u>			<u>Charitable Activities</u>		
Donations	16,514	52,872	Staff costs	81,255	74,005
Legacies	140,500	0	General costs	5,198	4,879
Subscriptions	24,039	24,408	<u>Raising Funds</u>		
<u>Fundraising events</u>	4,016	2,403	Publicity	4,579	6,845
<u>Investment Income</u>			Support costs		
Deposit a/c interest	6,871	3,564	Property costs	3,104	3,123
Investment Fund income	9,433	8,622	Accounting & legal fees	2,820	45,873
			Depreciation	759	443
			Total		
Total Income	201,373	91,869	Expenditure	97,715	135,168
Surplus (Deficit)	103,658	(43,299)			
Balance Sheet	31.12.24	31.12.23		31.12.24	31.12.23
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			Represented by:		
Freehold Property	148,469	148,469	General Fund	384,988	288,346
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,592	3,351	Jones Legacy Davis	220,114	208,517
Investments	420,842	314,078	Memorial Jubilee Appeal Fund	42,838	40,655
<u>Net Current Assets</u>	76,037	71,620		0	0
Total Net Assets	647,940	537,518	Total Funds	647,940	537,518

Officers and Staff as at July 2025

President: Sir Simon Bowes Lyon, KCVO

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CPRE Hertfordshire Merchandise

You can see our full product range and order online at <https://www.cpreherts.org.uk/get-involved/merchandise/> and pay with your debit or credit card or use the order form enclosed with this publication to pay by cheque or BACS. £4 p&p per order.

Please support us by placing an order today. Each sale helps fund our work to protect, promote and enhance Hertfordshire's countryside.

Christmas Cards

These will be added to our online ordering page when they are available. Please check the website or send us an email when you are ready to order: office@cpreherts.org.uk

Heavy Cotton Tote Bags

Eye catching and functional, they also make great little gifts.

Approx. 36 x 41cm with long handles to fit comfortably over the shoulder.

£4 each



Blank Greetings Cards perfect for every occasion

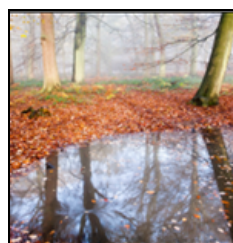
Four Seasons - 8 of one exclusive Hertfordshire scene per pack. Spring Bluebells, Summer Meadows, Autumn Mists or Winter Sunset. The cards measure approx. 15cm square.

All images by award-winning photographer Chris Howe
£8 per pack



Spring

Summer



Autumn

Winter



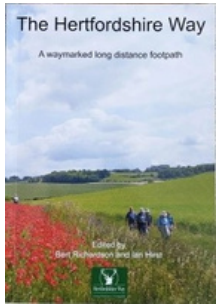
Children's nature art - pack of 5 with one each of 5 different images taken from our popular Children's Art Competition. Size A6.
£4.00 per pack



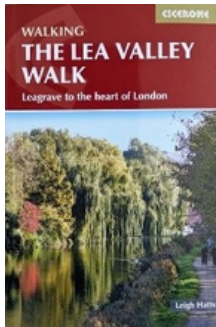
Books

We have a lovely selection of books which make great gifts:

Outstanding walking guidebooks



The Hertfordshire Way £10, the official guide to the 195 mile waymarked footpath around our county.

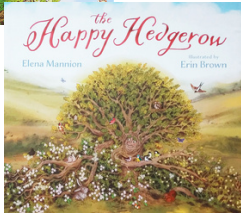
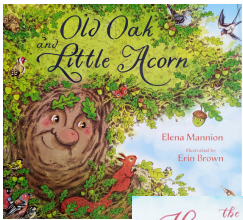
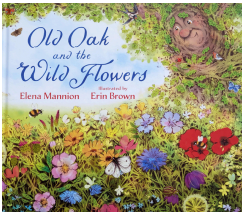


Walking The Lea Valley Walk £12.95, part of the widely-acclaimed Cicerone series of walking books.

Books for children

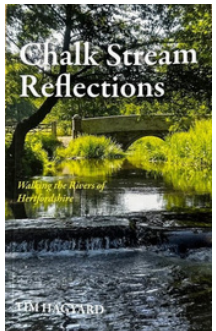
Old Oak & The Wildflowers £12.99. The latest instalment continues the story of the familiar wildlife characters from Elena Mannion's earlier books (see below). They are once again coming to grips with nature and conservation issues in their habitat.

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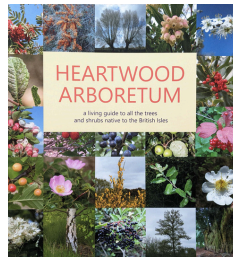


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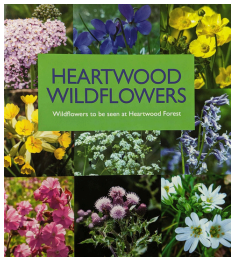
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