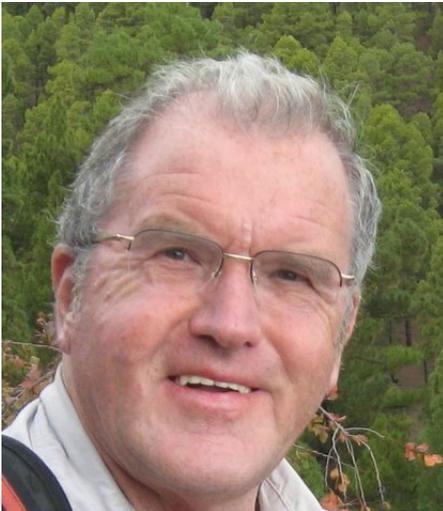


The newsletter of the Cornwall branch of
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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the CPRE Cornwall newsletter and the team of people who, with your help, are leading CPRE Cornwall's approach to protect our landscape, heritage and all that is special and magical about Cornwall. Passion drives our approach but we seek to set out our views in a hard evidenced based approach and we intend to express them by campaigning hard in order to protect our countryside from inappropriate development.

As you know our team of trustees has now been joined by Branch Coordinator, Katherine Spencer. Kate brings with her not only many years' experience of administration and governance of a charitable, membership organisation but also practical event planning – we have recently tasked her with organising litter picks around the county so do not be surprised to receive a phone call telling you to get out your stout boots and rendezvous at a meeting point where a bin bag and litter grabber will be thrust in your hand!

In this, the first newsletter from the new team, we report on our recent response to the draft local plan, the forthcoming AGM and Conference, our re-launched website and what you can do to help protect the glorious county that we are lucky enough to call home.

Harold Tinworth
Chair, CPRE Cornwall

FIGHTING FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR CORNWALL

CPRE Cornwall's consultation on the Cornwall Local Plan: Strategic Policies Proposed Submission document

April brought with it the deadline for the comments on the Cornwall Council's Draft Local Plan to be submitted. CPRE Cornwall enlisted the services of planning expert, David Crofts to help the trustee team put together an effective response which we hope we have succeeded in doing.

Our submission touched on many areas with a focus on addressing the excessive provision of housing above the actual needs of the county, the lack of an effective definition of sustainability and plans for achieving sustainable living and the absence of any real identification that Cornwall has a special character, with a distinctive heritage and culture, that needs protection - the timely recognition of Cornish people as a distinct National Minority Group strengthened our argument.

You will shortly be able to read CPRE Cornwall's submission on the Cornwall Council website www.cornwall.gov.uk, alternatively should you wish to receive a hard copy contact Kate on 0845 269 4501.

Where there's a will...

Did you know that alarmingly 60% of adults do not have a will; is it time you added 'make a will' to your to-do list? Generally having a will written costs around £80 - £120 but CPRE Cornwall are working in partnership with local Cornish firm, Waller & Hart in Camborne, who as part of their commitment to our Cornish countryside are offering to write your will if it is not complex (or amend an existing will) for FREE if CPRE Cornwall are named as a benefactor. You don't need to be wealthy to leave a gift in your will, after ensuring your loved ones are taken care of, gifts of any size make a difference and can provide the essential help we need for our work. Further information is included in this mailing.

STANDING UP FOR CORNWALL'S COUNTRYSIDE

CPRE Cornwall's Conference and AGM

As you may know Saturday 28 June is the CPRE Cornwall's conference and AGM.

In the morning we have invited numerous action groups to come and share who they are and what they do and how the rest of us can support them. Our analysis of the current position in Cornwall is that there are numerous action and protest groups fighting very heroically their local battles - winning some and losing some and there are Cornwall-wide groups similarly generating activity. Our aim is to unite these champions believing that CPRE Cornwall can perform a leadership role in vocalising, in an open, transparent, democratic manner a **Voice for Cornwall**.

Our AGM will then take place in the afternoon - please see the enclosed flyer for further information and I hope to see you there, at the conference, at the AGM, at both - all very welcome. Speak to Kate to book your place.

Website

Since early January trustee, Paul Wiley has been working hard, behind the scenes, to update the CPRE Cornwall website.

Now revamped, the website contains lots of useful information including advice and support regarding planning along with it being an opportunity to share with members and the public the campaigns which we are working on as well as other news and events from the CPRE Cornwall team. A movable feast, the updating of the website has now been handed over to Kate who, with advice from the trustees, will add and refresh the content. If there is something you think should be included on the website, speak to Kate.

Future Newsletters

Have you enjoyed the newsletter? Obviously you have received this issue by post however, to help keep postage costs down, further mailings of the newsletter will be sent by email to those members who we have email addresses for (unless you request to receive a hardcopy)



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CPRE Cornwall Up & Running

You will have read in the Chair's welcome that CPRE Cornwall now has in place an employed branch coordinator.

Employing Kate has been one of the steps that we have put in place to ensure that CPRE Cornwall is the premier campaigner for Cornwall's countryside. You will also have read how we have also been busy redeveloping the website and submitting our response on the local plan as well as organising the forthcoming conference.

What can YOU do to help

The trustees' vision for CPRE Cornwall is slowly falling into place and so now we turn to you for **YOUR** help and support in furthering our position. In order for us to continue and build on the work we need to build our membership. Member numbers have remained at the 350 mark for some time, in order for CPRE Cornwall to have a long term presence we need to increase that number. Our aim is for CPRE Cornwall to grow its membership to nearer 1000 members but in order for this to happen we need **YOUR** assistance. Enclosed with this mailing is a supply of CPRE's 'Charter' postcards as well as a few membership leaflets; pass these onto family and friends and encourage them to join - if you require more of either contact Kate.