

The newsletter of the Cornwall branch of
the Campaign to Protect Rural England December 2014



Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the winter edition of the CPRE Cornwall newsletter, included in this edition are updates on the Local Plan and our Housing report as well as details of our goals for 2015.

The trustee team continues to work hard on behalf of the membership and we thank you for your support. The team is always in need of extra help and we are currently in need of help with fundraising and membership marketing - if either of these is something which you feel you could get involved with then please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes for the festive season.

Harold Tinworth
Chair, CPRE Cornwall

Is making a Will on your New Year's Resolutions List?

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.



"IT'S NO GOOD RUDOLPH - IF THIS GOES THROUGH
WE'RE GOING TO NEED ANOTHER SLEIGH"

Our tongue in cheek Christmas Card, sent to Cornwall Councillors

Christmas Wishes

The Trustees of CPRE Cornwall would like to thank you for your continued support through your membership and volunteering and wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Our tongue in cheek Christmas card (pictured above) was sent to the Cornwall Councillors to remind them that we will continue to challenge the level of housing projections within the Local Plan.

CPRE Cornwall's Housing Report

Our 6-part Housing report continues to gather pace with Parts 1, 2 and 3 now published. Whispers and comments made 'off the record' infer that opinion is changing and many believe that 47,500 new homes submitted in the draft Local Plan is indeed an exaggerated target.

Local Plan Update

As this newsletter goes to print Cornwall Council Members will be voting on whether to accept the Proposed Submission Document and to submit it to the Secretary of State for examination; following this will be a hearing. CPRE Cornwall plans to make a representation at the hearing later in the Spring.

STANDING UP FOR CORNWALL'S COUNTRYSIDE

Board of Trustees Goals for 2015

Following a trustees meeting in late Autumn, the team has decided to focus on the following goals in 2015:

Firstly to continue with the campaign for a reduction in the housing numbers in the Local Plan, through gaining awareness with the remaining parts of the Housing Report and also making representations at the Secretary of State's hearing later in the Spring as well as responding to the spatial allocation report. Following this the plan is to campaign for Brownfield First, meaning that any houses that do get built utilise previously developed but redundant land instead of using greenfield sites.

Secondly we feel that CPRE Cornwall is in a position to really address the Affordable Housing crisis in Cornwall through thorough research and by providing evidence-based solutions.

Within the Parish Council network there is a movement called 'Cornwall for Change' which is challenging the efficiency and effectiveness of the democracy between them and Cornwall Council. CPRE Cornwall are supporting their efforts for improved mutual understanding by facilitating area meetings across the county.

Lastly it is clear that social media (Facebook, Twitter etc) plays a large part in campaigning and spreading the news about CPRE Cornwall. Currently our presence on these social sites is limited – we need to formulate a strategy for increasing not only our presence but also the effectiveness of our networking.

It maybe that you feel you could help us with one or all of these goals – if so we would love to hear from you.

Working Together

CPRE Cornwall are now working more closely with the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty unit to help them protect our most beautiful and precious areas of Cornwall. At the moment we are concentrating on protecting their funding which is currently at risk.



Cornwall in the snow

Membership

Membership remains fairly static and so we once again ask you to share the CPRE name far and wide – a spare membership form is enclosed for you to circulate. Unfortunately our Membership Secretary has had to resign due to moving out of the county leaving us with space for a valued volunteer to work with us for a few hours a month. The role would include promoting CPRE Cornwall at various venues and events. Please contact Kate if this is something you feel you may be able to help with.

Members event – Roseland garden visit

Date for your diaries – Sunday 28th June. Garden tour of Roseland Gardens, Chacewater followed by afternoon tea and update from the trustee team. The most frequently heard comment from visitors to the garden is surprise! When you come in from the village you enter a hidden garden, totally unexpected and full of surprises! Once inside it's hard to imagine you are in the centre of a busy village, planting is heavy and reflects Charlie and Liz's love of plants. The garden contains many climbers including a great many old Rambling roses and Clematis and holds one of the NCCPG's National Collections of Clematis Viticella (CVS). Further details will be circulated in the Spring but make sure you keep the date free.