

Autumn 2020 Newsletter



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Wednesday 9 December:
Online AGM via Zoom.

1:30pm-3:30pm.

Meeting ID: 974 3890 7996
Passcode: 622701

Thursday 10 December, 7-8pm.

Waste Savvy Staffs online talk

Meeting ID: 974 7695 2494
Passcode: 249713

For above events go to
<https://www.zoom.us/join>

Above photo credit: Alton Castle in the mist, Sue Green.

Chairman's Report

Staffordshire had excellent representation at the recent national CPRE online conference, with lots of sessions covered. I was impressed by the talk given at the start by our new national chair, Simon Murray. He stressed that CPRE is a movement, not just an organisation in London and 41 branches. Our activities add up to more than the sum of these parts. Simon has been conducting listening sessions online around the country with regional representatives and local staff to assess what issues need attention. I felt that his conclusions from them hit the nail on the head, and I look forward to us all working together on them.

Our AGM on Wednesday 9th December will be online because of the pandemic, with the agreement of the Charity Commission. Although we shall miss seeing people face to face, this is an opportunity for more of you to take part from home. We hope to welcome you. More details are given below. At the meeting we have some important business to transact, including adoption of a new up-to-date constitution which allows for online meetings and votes. Also we hope to appoint a new Vice-President, and separately a new Trustee Steve Anderson from Kinver. He has been West Midlands Regional Chair from 2014 to 2016 and stepped down as a national CPRE trustee this summer. We are

delighted to propose him as a Staffordshire trustee. We also have some new volunteers. Anna Woolliscroft is helping us in several ways and has already come up with some good ideas when she took part in an online meeting the other day. James Maher is assisting with planning matters in East Staffordshire, an area where we needed more help. We still need others to look at weekly planning application lists in various districts of the County. If you think you might be able to help, please contact our office in Stafford. Although it may not be 'manned' physically, all links are checked regularly. The launch of our 85th anniversary calendar 'Staffordshire Countryside on Camera' was live-streamed with the help of the Stafford Space Station. Our President Ian Dudson, HM Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, announced the winners of our photographic competition and launched the calendar. I would like to record my thanks to him for the trouble he went to over the filming. We hope you will all buy lots of calendars. They are only £6 if not sent by post, including a stout envelope if you wish to mail the calendar as a present, or £7.40 including post and packing. We are suggesting that you might consider paying £10 to include a donation of £2.60 to CPRE Staffordshire. That would be such a great boost to us during this second Covid lockdown. If you would like to introduce a family member or friend to

CPRE, why not buy a membership as a Christmas gift? In addition to keeping up to date with what is going on locally, through our three times yearly newsletter, they will receive the national CPRE's Countryside Voice along with half price entry to over 200 houses and gardens across the country. You can join online or download a membership form at:
<http://www.cprestaffordshire.org.uk/how-you-can-help/join-or-donate/join-us>

Please enter the gift recipient's details. Please contact us if you have any problems. All new CPRE Staffordshire members in November and December will receive a free copy of our stunning 85th anniversary calendar.

Mary Booth

Other workshops at CPRE's annual conference attended by staff and volunteers included planning for community engagement, fundraising and lobbying MPs. Whilst there was inevitably a heavy focus on planning and the White Paper, it was also interesting to hear about the diverse range of projects that other CPRE groups are involved in. CPRE Sussex run a Plant Your Postcode scheme that helps local people plant street trees and look after existing ones, and CPRE London have helped run a community gardening project for vulnerable women and children in East London.

FUTURE EVENTS

AGM

Our AGM for this year will be held online via Zoom at 1:30pm on Wednesday 9 December. We had hoped to be able to hold it in person, hence its postponement from September, but decided after much consideration that this would not be appropriate given the covid-19 situation.

Jeremy Lowe from the Staffordshire NFU (National Farmers' Union) will speak about how coronavirus has affected farming in Staffordshire and about the farming and food section of CPRE's Greener, Better, Faster report. It should be interesting to have an insight into and appreciation of the challenges faced by farmers in the current climate.

We suggest that you join the meeting 15 to 20 minutes before the event starts if you are unused to Zoom or online meetings. Please call Sue Kneill-Boxley on 01785 213806 if you are having problems joining the event on the day.

Please email us at protect@cprestaffordshire.org.uk to register your intention to attend - you can still join on the day, without registering, but it would help us to know how many members we will have in attendance.

An Agenda and Nomination form are enclosed. Please do feel free to put yourself, or another member/interested person, forward for a committee position - current Executive Committee members and positions are listed at the end of the newsletter. A person can be a committee member without taking up a specific position on the committee and you can nominate yourself.

Please do attend, if possible, the AGM is an important event in your local CPRE calendar providing the opportunity to participate in the nomination process and influence the direction of your county group.

Joining details:

Zoom Meeting ID: 974 3890
7996
Passcode: 622701

LOCAL NEWS

2021 Calendars Now on Sale



The CPRE Staffordshire 2021 85th Anniversary Calendar is now on sale, showcasing the results of our Staffordshire Countryside on Camera 2019-20 competition. The calendar is printed on excellent quality card and spiral bound by The Calendar Company in Stafford. It is A4 size, double A4 when hanging, in landscape

orientation with plenty of room for writing appointments. It features beautiful Staffordshire landscapes and stunning wildlife photographed by talented local amateur photographers.

We would like to thank the There is No Planet B Stafford Green Arts Festival for exhibiting these wonderful pictures at the start of the year, all those visitors who voted for their favourites at the festival and their patient and committed panel of judges.

To buy these gorgeous gifts, you can order from the enclosed order form or our webshop, for £7.40 including P&P: <https://cpre-staffordshire.onlineweb.shop/>

You can also purchase the calendar for £6 at Springslade Lodge and Fallow Forest tea rooms on Cannock Chase, Roots Larder in Stafford, and Canalside Farm in Great Haywood.

Please contact us if you are local to Stafford or unable to pay online using PayPal.

The winning photos, officially announced by our President, Ian Dudson, Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, at a livestream on 29 October, are as follows:

1st prize: Mike Erwin (Cormorant, Ford Green Nature Reserve).



Joint 2nd prize: Carol Gillen (Young Fallow Deer, Cannock

Chase) and Adrian Clarke (The Night Before).



Joint 3rd prize: Derrick Forster (Womere, Cannock Chase) and Gary Austin (Huntington Sunset).



The shortlisted photos can be viewed at:

<https://bit.ly/2W8Bzj>



Waste Savvy Staffs has very kindly agreed to provide an online talk for CPRE Staffordshire members and supporters on Thursday 10th December at 7pm. With Christmas just around the corner, often

meaning more packaging and food waste in the home, this should prove a timely reminder of what we can do to reduce, reuse and recycle. The talk will be hosted live on Zoom and should last about an hour including time for asking questions. Please call Sue Kneill-Boxley on 01785 213806 if you are having problems joining the event on the day and please email us on protect@cprestaffordshire.org.uk to register your interest in advance- you can still join on the day, without registering, but we would just like to gauge numbers likely to tune in, thank you.

Topic: CPRE Waste Savvy talk

Time: Dec 10, 2020 07:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 974 7695 2494

Passcode: 249713

Waste Savvy Staffs is a council campaign to reduce waste in Staffordshire and Garden Organic has been contracted to recruit and train volunteers to raise awareness of this topic. The core areas of the Waste Savvy Staffs campaign are the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle, especially composting, recycling and reducing food waste, as well as raising awareness of other sustainable waste schemes like real nappies and Repair Cafes.

Volunteers raise awareness through stands at events, talks, workshops, home visits and supporting schools, colleges and universities.

Waste is an issue that involves us all and it will take all of us working together to reduce, reuse and recycle more to protect our

planet's resources and meet future recycling targets. The Waste Savvy Staffs one-hour overview talk is based around the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recovery, Disposal) and challenges people to adopt actions that move up that hierarchy, making sure we reduce, reuse, compost and repair rather than just recycle.

Links and information will be provided on recycling, composting and reducing food waste to help you continue on your waste reduction journey.

For more information on the project and reducing waste, visit the website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Waste-and-recycling/Waste-Savvy-Staffs.aspx>

To keep up to date with events and waste reduction information from the County Council, follow <https://facebook.com/wastesavystaffs>.

Volunteer Awards

Anne Clendon, our Vice-Chair and trustee, and Paul Windmill, our volunteer planning advisor, have been selected to receive national CPRE awards for the volunteering they have done for CPRE Staffordshire.

Anne is to receive a Special Contribution - Long Service award for her commitment and time as Vice Chairman and Social Secretary. Anne has dedicated many years to CPRE Staffordshire and has been especially appreciated for the outings around the county which she has organised for volunteers,

members and supporters. Paul will receive an Empowering Communities award for his planning advisory work with neighbourhood and action groups, such as the Lightwood Community Group in the Staffordshire Moorlands, the Comber Community Group in Kinver, and the Baswich Community Group in Stafford in responding to threats to Green Belt and agricultural land.

The awards were announced at the national CPRE online conference. Anne and Paul's awards will be virtually presented at our online AGM on 9 December.

Grand Summer Draw



Our annual summer draw raised £173. The first prize, a hamper kindly donated by Canalside Farm, was won by Anne Clendon, pictured above with Geoff Barton, General Manager at Canalside Farm. Masks were removed for the presentation only.

Other winners were Stephanie Thompson, Joe Piggott, Louise Cooksey, Jackie Tinsley, and Roger Hughes.

Thank you so much to everyone who bought tickets and sent donations.

Save Our Green Space - Silverdale



A campaign group has been set up to fight proposals to build more than 1,000 houses on a former North Staffordshire golf course in the green belt, on the outskirts of Newcastle under Lyme between Silverdale and Keele. They are calling for the site to be designated as public open space rather than sold off to housing developers.

For more details or to get involved, visit
<https://www.sogsnewcastle.co.uk>



A new Slow Ways project aims to create and map walking routes connecting towns, cities and villages across the UK. The brainchild of geographer Daniel Raven-Ellison, its basic idea is to create a national network of pleasant and reasonably direct routes between places where people live, and put them all together on a searchable map. Kinver Clock shelter is one of the nodal points. Volunteers will soon be needed to carry out on-the-ground checking and adding information such as en-route

cafés - please sign up on the website if you're interested, or get in touch with us at CPRE Staffordshire.

<https://slowways.uk/>

Powered by LEDwear partner up with CPRE Staffs to promote safe and sustainable travel - WIN a fabulous hi-vis backpack cover!



CPRE Staffordshire is pleased to partner with Stafford-based business Powered by LEDwear to offer members a discount on Powered by LEDwear's unique backpack cover, which both significantly increases riders' visibility and keeps backpacks and their contents dry and protected from the weather.

CPRE advocates and encourages sustainable, healthy, low pollution, forms of transport, however, appreciate that, at this time of year, with darker evenings drawing in, cyclists in particular might feel more vulnerable. Powered by LEDwear's backpack cover features two reflective strips, from top to bottom left and right, with 6 high powered rechargeable LED lights lining each. The lights have three modes available - consisting of flash mode, flicker mode and constant light. Being of a highly visible colour, the backpack cover

increases the wearers' discernibility from both behind and to the sides.

With its durable, lightweight, weatherproof material, it is ideal for a commute to work, whether on wheels or on foot. It will wipe clean with soapy water and, with its elastic edge design will fit over backpacks, bags and rucksacks of any size.

An ideal gift for the cycling, walking or running enthusiast and commuter, the covers come in orange and yellow, and are complete with a handy mesh pocket, charging cable and 12-month guarantee.

As a CPRE member you can purchase the backpack covers for just £22.99 each, including postage and packing, a more than 20% reduction, of which £4 per sale will be donated to CPRE Staffordshire, on our online shop

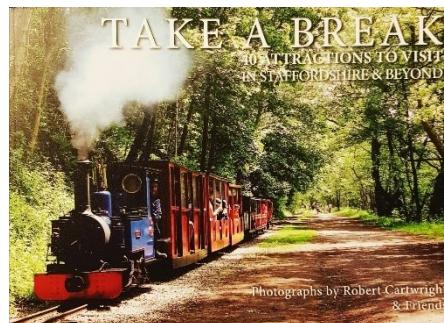
<https://cpre-staffordshire.onlineweb.shop/>

In addition, Powered by LEDwear has kindly donated two covers TO BE WON, one yellow and one orange, raffle tickets cost just £2 each. Backpack covers and raffle tickets can be purchased online, or through the enclosed order form. The draw date is Friday 4th December so please order in plenty of time if ordering by post - you are advised to let us know you have ordered tickets due to current delays in the postal system.

Take a Break

Local photographer Robert Cartwright has published a new

book, the fourth in his series of A5 photographic books. Take a Break - 40 Attractions to Visit in Staffordshire & Beyond, features photographs by both Robert and members of helpful photographic clubs and societies who were able to help with missing scenes when the spring lockdown prevented Robert from being able to take all of the photographs he needed.



The book highlights a range of attractions from towns and villages, to museums and historic buildings, wildlife, and country walks. Full information is provided for each attraction with the post code given for users of sat navs, and is illustrated with almost 300 photographs.

The book would make an ideal Christmas present for residents of Staffordshire and nearby - £3 from each purchase, as per Robert's other books, will be donated to CPRE Staffordshire. The books are available at £9.99 each plus P&P from our online shop at <https://cpre-staffordshire.onlineweb.shop/>. If you prefer you can complete and post the order form with your payment. If you have problems ordering online please do phone us on **01785 277890** or email us to arrange payment by BACS or cheque or use our order form.

For an opportunity to win a copy, please follow us on Instagram @cprestaffs, like our post, tag a friend and comment on your favourite place to visit in Staffordshire before the closing date of 30th November.

We thank Robert very much for his contribution to the charity, in its aims to protect our beautiful and diverse Staffordshire countryside, towns and villages.

CPRE NATIONAL NEWS

Planning has been hitting the headlines recently following the publication of the government's Planning for the Future White Paper. This outlines the fundamental long-term reforms the government wants to introduce, such as moving from our discretionary system to a zonal planning system.

An earlier consultation on changes to the current planning system (C2PS) closed on 1 October. This looked at what changes could be made to the current planning system in the short-term to support our economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

CPRE has been warning that the government's plans would limit public participation and hand developers free rein in determining new developments, many of which are likely to be poorly designed. A recent debate in

Parliament in which CPRE was mentioned seven times saw 'a torrent of criticism of the proposals', with some MPs branding them a 'developers' charter'. Instead, CPRE wants to see a planning system that puts people and communities first, provides access to countryside for all, delivers affordable and zero-carbon homes, and empowers councils and gives local people a voice.

The Government proposes setting a new 'required' number of new homes to be provided by each council. This 'New Standard Method' involves 'top down' methodology calculated using a new algorithm. It starts from much higher national requirements and gives radically different results to the current assessment. Councils will be obliged to accept the number of new homes required in each and to bring land forward, as a minimum, to provide for the required number. All local authorities in Staffordshire will be required to build more houses than they are at present - in the case of Cannock Chase District Council, there will be a 108% increase! The planning consultants Lichfields have crunched the numbers and provided further explanation of the changes here:

<https://bit.ly/3dXTzZL>

You can read the White Paper here (the consultation closed on 29 October):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>.

Brownfield land has space for 1.3 million new homes

There is enough brownfield land for 1.3 million new homes and over half a million already have planning permission, a new report from CPRE has revealed. The figures demonstrate that there is already enough available and suitable land in the planning system to meet the government's ambition to build 300,000 homes per year for the next five years, calling into question the controversial plans to deregulate the planning system.

Brownfield land - land that has previously been built on, and now sits derelict or vacant - provides a valuable resource in the protection of greenfield land from development. The State of Brownfield report 2020 is the latest in a series of CPRE reports on the brownfield register, which catalogue the number of brownfield sites available for development.

The analysis clearly demonstrates that the planning system is not slowing building rates. There is currently planning permission for over half a million (565,564) units on brownfield land. In February 2020, the Local Government Association found that over one million

homes in total had been granted planning permission but not yet built.

In order to make best use of suitable brownfield land, CPRE is urging the government to introduce a genuine 'brownfield first' policy, which ensures that suitable previously developed or under-used land is prioritised for redevelopment over green spaces and countryside. Clearer definitions and guidelines must be given so that the registers act as a true pipeline, identifying all possible brownfield sites and recording their suitability for uses other than housing, including uses that protect the biodiversity or heritage value of sites where applicable.

CPRE Staffordshire has recently commented in support of a number of brownfield applications, including on the site of the former Alstom factory on Lichfield Road, Stafford, and Rugeley Power Station.

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Recycling-our-land-the-state-of-brownfield-report-Oct-2020.pdf>

Rural affordable housing

Work by CPRE, English Rural and the Rural Services Network has found that rural homelessness has more than doubled in the past two years. The number of households

categorised as homeless in rural local authorities rose to 19,975 - an increase of 115% from 2017/18. Rural councils predict potential falls of up to 50% in affordable house building if the duty for developers to build affordable homes - known as the small sites cap - is raised from sites of 10 to 40 or 50 under the Government's proposed changes to the planning system.

<https://englishrural.org.uk/investing-in-affordable-rural-housing-will-level-up-and-turbo-charge-the-rural-economy/>

LOCAL PLANNING ROUND-UP

Stafford Borough Council

20/32424/OUT: 32 Gaolgate Street Stafford ST16 2NT. Partial demolition and redevelopment of vacant retail store to provide a three-storey building on the Gaolgate Street frontage behind the existing two-storey facade with a retail unit and storage uses on the ground floor and 17 no. flats above, together with the construction of a detached four-storey apartment building (67 no. units), alterations to the existing vehicular access from Salter Street and the formation of a car park with 25 no. spaces.

We supported this application but expressed concern about

the extremely limited living space in several of the proposed flats.

Lichfield District Council

20/00800/COUM: Hawkesyard Estate Armitage Lane Armitage Rugeley Staffordshire WS15 1ED. Use of part of the golf course for the stationing of 10 holiday lodges (mobile units) together with conversion of buggy store to form associated reception area/office and other associated works including the installation of a sewerage treatment plant.

We objected to this application on the grounds of it being inappropriate development in the green belt.

Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan approved with recommendations

On 18 June 2020, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council received the Inspector's Report on the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan. The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version was submitted to the Secretary of State in June 2018. The Inspector Mark Dakyne BA (Hons) MRTPI appointed by the Secretary of State carried out the examination of the Plan. The Examination hearings were held in October 2018 and February 2020.

The Inspector's report concluded that, with the recommended main modifications, the Local Plan

satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the 2004 Act and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Inspector's report with main modifications has been published by the Council and can be viewed on the Council's website.

Do Not Destroy Black Country Green Belt - Update

As reported in the previous newsletter, the Association of Black Country Authorities (ABCA) is proposing to release land for nearly 27,000 homes in the Green Belt (in its own and other districts) as part of its Joint Plan.

CPRE commissioned an assessment of updated evidence produced by the councils in February arguing that this level of development in the countryside is not genuinely needed and suggesting alternative following actions to mitigate the loss of countryside. The report was sent to all relevant local authorities and MPs.

Mary Booth and representatives of CPRE West Midlands had online meetings with Marco Longhi MP (Dudley North) and James Morris MP (Halesowen and Rowley Regis), both of whom have concerns about Green Belt development, as well as a meeting with officers from ABCA.

Marco Longhi's office has written to the CEO of South Staffordshire District Council about the possible release of sites such as the Seven Cornfields from the green belt.

The consultation into the Black Country Plan has been postponed until summer 2021 due to the pandemic.

HS2

Work on HS2 is continuing in Hints and around Fradley, near Lichfield. All of Little Lyntus wood, plus parts of Big Lyntus, Ravenshaw, Fulfen, Black Slough, John's Gorse and Fradley wood, have been or are in the process of being felled, and some public footpaths have been closed or diverted.

The Staffordshire Wildlife Trust would like to carry out further surveys of ancient and Local Wildlife Site hedgerows. Please or email the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust or get in touch with us if you would like to assist in this way, or if you would be able to take photos of Phase 2a ancient woodlands and woodland Local Wildlife Sites in the spring.

For more information on current work or to contact HS2, visit the HS2 in Staffs website:

<https://hs2instaffs.commonplace.is/>

HS2 is holding a free webinar on protected species in the

West Midlands, with a particular focus on great crested newts and bats, on Tuesday 24 November at 10:30am. Hopefully there will be an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar. If you can't take part on the day, the recording will go on HS2's YouTube channel (probably a couple of weeks afterwards). Register here:

<https://bit.ly/32QTcfT>

Staffordshire Needs Trees!



Despite the Government's commitment in its 25 Year Environment Plan to:

increase woodland in England in line with our aspiration of 12% cover by 2060 ... involving planting 180,000 hectares by end of 2042

trees continue to be felled, and hedgerows removed, for new developments, including HS2. To mitigate damage and contribute towards a zero carbon Britain, CPRE Staffordshire is encouraging parish councils, community groups and landowners to take advantage of the Woodland Trust's Free Trees scheme.

If you are involved with a parish council or community group and have an area of land, which you either own or have permission to plant, that you would like planting with native trees or a hedgerow, please do get in touch with us and we can apply for free trees from the Woodland Trust on your behalf. Please note that the area must have some community involvement or be publicly accessible so that the community can benefit.

To see what is available please visit the Woodland Trust tree packs page. All you need is an area to plant, which can accommodate the number of trees on offer within your chosen pack, a group of willing volunteers (we will happily pitch in!) and some shovels!

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/>

Volunteers' Corner

We are pleased to welcome two new volunteers to CPRE Staffordshire. Steve Anderson is a new trustee and Anna Woolliscroft will be helping with communications.

Steve's professional career has been predominately in policing, working in the West Midlands in a range of challenging roles. Following redundancy in 2013, he established a small but successful consultancy business in the criminal justice sector.



Steve's passion for the countryside has seen him as a long-serving National Trust and more recently Worcestershire Wildlife Trust countryside volunteer. Steve is an active member of his local National Trust consultative group and is currently a member of their National Council. His connections with CPRE started as a regional chair for the West Midlands before serving two terms as a trustee for the national charity. Living in Kinver, where he is also a Parish Councillor, Steve's love of the countryside fuels his semi-professional bee farming business, his love of long-distance walking and horse-riding.

Anna is a creative copywriter with a background in print, design and digital marketing. She runs her own copywriting business, Market Avenue Limited, and works alongside organisations and professionals

operating in the health and wellbeing, conservation, heritage and sustainability sectors to help them create thought-provoking and persuasive written material to engage audiences.



Anna will be working with CPRE Staffordshire to help us produce a public-facing Vision Document and on other communications. She will also be helping us to develop a new partnership with Waste Savvy Staffs, a Staffordshire County Council initiative, which recruits and trains up volunteers to deliver free online presentations for residents and schools to improve their knowledge on reducing waste and recycling better.

Evenings and weekends might find Anna exploring old cities, savouring castle ruins or musing in a heritage museum, as well as connecting with nature on a picturesque walk or energetic trail run. She is a member of CPRE, the RSPB and the National Trust.

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This year is a bit different, and the lead up to Christmas is not set to see us crowding into town centres and shops. In addition to ordering from our enclosed brochure and, importantly, supporting your local small businesses when you can - why not sign up to donate to CPRE Staffordshire, at no extra cost to you.

Give as You Live is a simple way to raise funds at zero cost to the subscriber. All you need to do is go to the website then click the Sign up for free button and enter CPRE Staffordshire as your chosen charity.

Many stores are registered with Give As You Live and they offer a variety of goods and services, including ideal Christmas gifts and a range of gift cards. Give As You Live offer a one-for-all gift card that can be redeemed in store or online or by phone at over 100 retailers - the perfect gift for the difficult to buy for!

Please contact us about Give as you Live if you have any questions or problems.

Recycle for CPRE Staffordshire!

Yes Please

- Gold or Silver Jewellery
- Watches
- Stamps

- Costume Jewellery
- Banknotes & coins
- First Day Covers

The ONLY electrical devices we accept are:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sat Navs | |

No Thank you

- Laptops
- Home phones
- Fax machines
- DVD players
- Printers
- Modems or routers
- Kitchen appliances
- Porcelain or glass items
- Personal Grooming items (straighteners, razors, hair dryers, etc.)

Please note that CPRE Staffordshire is no longer collecting biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers for Terracycle, though we are happy to report that we raised a grand total of £95.07 through this scheme.

We continue to collect a variety of electronics, including mobile phones and gaming devices, jewelry, used stamps and foreign and old coins and banknotes to raise funds through Recycling for Good Causes. Please see the list above for what is and isn't accepted. Unfortunately laptops are no longer accepted but tablet computers are. We had our first haul collected by Recycling for Good Causes last month and raised £37.20.

Aroma Tranquility, based Castlefields, Newport Road, Stafford ST16 1BQ and neighbour Roots Larder (plastic-free shopping), have a box for collecting the items which may have now moved to an outside shed due to coronavirus recycling quarantine requirements. You can take items for recycling between 9am and 4pm on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday (look for the big Shoe Shed sign). Hand gel is available, face masks must be worn and there is a strict one person at a time rule in the recycling shed.

If you are not able to take your items to Aroma Tranquility, they can either be dropped in to the Stafford office (by arrangement only - please call [01785 277890](tel:01785277890) or email protect@cprestaffordshire.org.uk) or post to us or, if small items, post to the Freepost address below in a no larger than A5 envelope:

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CPRE Staffordshire is a registered charity, number 219443. It promotes and encourages the protection and improvement of the countryside of Staffordshire: its towns, villages and rural environment. Anyone who values the Staffordshire countryside is invited to join us, either as a supporter of our work, or as an active participant.

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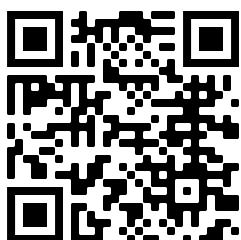
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Coronavirus and CPRE

CPRE is playing its part in keeping safe and slowing down the spread of the coronavirus. Visit the national website at <http://cpre.org.uk> for a message from its Chief Executive, Crispin Truman OBE.

We are doing all we can to keep staff, volunteers, supporters and members safe. For this reason CPRE Staffordshire will not be holding face-to-face meetings or participating in events where there is a need to be physically present until further notice. Office staff will be working from home. We are able to pick up emails and voicemails.

In the meantime, we wish you well and encourage adherence to the Government's guidance
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Join Us!

If you would like to join CPRE, please go to:

<http://www.cprestaffordshire.org.uk/how-you-can-help/join-or-donate/join-us>

As a member you will receive discount to attractions nationwide, 15% off Cotswold Outdoor store and national and local news about events, your local countryside and future planning.

Please remember to state **Staffordshire** as the local group or branch you are joining through.