

# Spring 2021 Newsletter



The countryside charity  
Staffordshire

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*1936-2021: 85 years of  
standing up for  
Staffordshire's  
countryside*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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address on to anyone else. Please also let us know if you do NOT wish to continue receiving the newsletter or other communications from us.

## Please let us know if you would like a large-print copy of the newsletter.

### The Great Big Staffordshire Day Quiz

Saturday 1st May 7pm, online on our YouTube channel

**International Compost Awareness Week: 2-8 May.**

### Stalls (fingers crossed!)

#### Gnosall Canal Festival

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July

#### Staffordshire County Show

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August

*Above photo credit: Marquis Drive in Bloom, Derrick Forster.*

## HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

We offer condolences on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip and extend our sympathies to CPRE's Royal Patron, Her Majesty The Queen.

## Chairman's Report

### *From 1936 to 2021 - 85 years of campaigning for the countryside of Staffordshire*

I have been reading a booklet about the history of CPRE Staffordshire which was written to mark the 70th 'birthday' in 2006. Some of our most loyal members may remember it. We have a lot to be proud about, being founded just ten years after the national 'Council for the Preservation of Rural England' came into existence.

The 'Evening Sentinel' of 2. November 1936 published a report of a meeting held on 31. October that year, describing it as follows: "One of the most representative and influential county gatherings of its kind for some time met in Stafford on Saturday, in response to an appeal from the Earl of Harrowby, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, for the formation of a County Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England." It was representative in terms of people from the different parts of the county being present along with many government ministries

expressing goodwill towards the inauguration, such as health, transport, agriculture and the Department of Works. However, in today's terms it probably would not seem so representative of the local community.

The County of Staffordshire was described as being one of the most interesting and historic in England, as well as having natural beauty. We would argue that that is still true. The boundaries of the branch were to be identical with those of the geographical County of Staffordshire. With the boundary changes since then parts of the old County boundary now come under the West Midlands, but we still cover them within our remit.

The Second World War interrupted proceedings, with the last recorded meeting of CPRE Staffordshire being held in July 1939. There was then a gap for six years, with the first recorded committee meeting after the war held in 1945.

## Today

In 2021 we are sadly in the throes of a pandemic which hinders our ability to celebrate our anniversary in the ways we would like at the moment. Unlike during the war, we have been able to continue with our committee meetings online, even our AGM. We launched our special calendar for the year with live-streaming, a novelty for some of us, and it has been a

sell-out. My family and friends who received them as Christmas presents said how stunning the photos are - a pleasure every month. We may be able to celebrate face to face later this year - watch out for news.

## The next 85 years

We are starting well, with a new Vice-President, Philip Atkins, elected at the AGM, as well as Steve Anderson as a trustee. Several new younger volunteers are joining us too and we welcome them. Now we are CPRE Staffordshire, the Countryside Charity. We do not want to be seen as nimby but as a group with a positive approach to the importance of countryside, landscape, communities, heritage, agriculture, and the environment.

I shall bring you more about our history in the next newsletter. I acknowledge with thanks the work of Bill Gee and Bob Bray in compiling the booklet about our early years.

## Mary Booth

## Treasurer Wanted

We are looking to appoint a volunteer treasurer. As treasurer you'll ensure our financial affairs are conducted within the legal requirements and good practice for a charity. You'll work closely with the chair and trustees to oversee the financial sustainability and development of our charity.

We're ideally looking for a volunteer with experience in financial management and a passion for environmental and countryside issues.

We work within Covid-safe guidelines and volunteers are currently home-working with meetings being via telephone and online. Hours flexible - to suit successful applicant.

Applications can be made online via Assemble (see the Volunteering page on our website). Please contact us if you would like any further information before applying.

## FUTURE EVENTS

We have a number of forthcoming events planned, some online and some, we are hoping, physical events that will give our new branded equipment an airing!



Some of you may recognise the banner, on the right in the photograph as being that of Grindon in the Peak District taken by Steve Gullick for our Staffordshire Countryside on Camera photography competition - also featured on the front of our 2021 calendar - we are pleased to be able to feature a Staffordshire scene on our banner and thank Steve for submitting this ideal photo! Our future planned events are detailed below, please do contact us for further details of any of the events.



### The Great Big Staffordshire Day Quiz - Saturday 1st May 7pm

Please join us again for this year's Staffordshire Day quiz, put together by Enjoy Staffordshire and hosted by CPRE Staffordshire. The quiz will be held live on our YouTube channel from 7pm,

you do not need a login to view and take part.

(Search for CPRE\_Staffordshire on YouTube).

### International Compost Awareness Week - Sunday 2nd May to Saturday 8th May

We hope to have an online presentation on garden composting by Waste Savvy Staffs, although this will be a very busy week for them. There will be public online talks available, watch this space.

### Stalls (provisional):

Gnosall Canal Festival - Friday 16th to Sunday 18th July

Staffordshire County Show - moved to Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th August

## LOCAL NEWS

### Local elections

With the local elections coming up on 6 May, now is the time to ask those who aspire to be our councillors and mayors what they will do to protect the countryside if they are elected.

Staffordshire County Council and Cannock Chase District Council will be holding elections.

CPRE's manifesto for local election candidates identifies



four priority areas where local councillors and mayors can:

- promote countryside solutions to the climate emergency
- create a planning system that works for people, nature and the environment
- develop a comprehensive bus network for rural communities
- urge central government to introduce an 'all-in' Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers.

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/cpre-local-and-mayoral-election-manifesto-2021/>

## The Staffordshire Way - a forgotten treasure?

The 1960s and 70s were something of a golden era for long distance walkers. Dozens of new routes were plotted, published, and promoted, one of which the Staffordshire Way.



*Mow Cop, Stacey Wilkinson*

The route from north to south starts at Mow Cop Castle near

Leek and traverses Congleton Edge to The Cloud near the Peak District boundary before joining the towpath of the Caldon Canal, the Churnet Valley and River Dove towards Uttoxeter. From there it follows the Trent and Mersey Canal towards Shugborough Hall.



*Shugborough Hall, Robert Cartwright*

Cannock Chase and Highgate Common are both visited before finally reaching the sandstone escarpment of Kinver Edge some 95 miles or so from the start.

In so many ways the path highlights the varied beauty of Staffordshire and should be a great selling point for visitors to the county and for residents looking to explore further afield.

Sadly, in recent years the route has been somewhat forgotten, the only published guide has been out of print for nearly 25 years. There is little online material to help plan a walk, and in places the waymarking has sadly become lost and the path overgrown.

CPRE Staffordshire is hoping to help breathe new life into the

Staffordshire Way and is looking for volunteers to help. Among the things we are exploring is resurveying and health checking the route, the possibility of refreshing the online and printed guides, and promoting the way as one or more great days out in the countryside. If Covid conditions allow, we would like to run events on the path, including sponsored walks and photography competitions.

If you would like to get involved or simply find out more, please email Sue Kneill-Boxley:

[protect@cprestaffordshire.org.uk](mailto:protect@cprestaffordshire.org.uk) or call 01785 277890.

## A sweet win for tiny rural school



Congratulations to St Bartholomew's CE Primary School in Longnor, who have won our 2020-21 Green Schools Trophy plus £50 to put towards their conservation work. The children at this small rural school make honey from their own beehives and learn about how pollination is a vital part of both food production and ecology.

Normally our chairman Mary Booth would give a talk to the

children and have a look around, but that isn't possible at the moment due to covid. Hopefully we will be able to visit the junior beekeepers at some point next year to congratulate them in person.

Thank you to all the schools who entered in this difficult year - it was difficult to pick a winner!

## Disability and the countryside



It's often difficult for people with disabilities to visit the countryside. Kuli Kohli, a poet, writer and full-time council worker from Wolverhampton, who has mild cerebral palsy, has written a great article for our website about her love of birds, nature and places like the Seven Cornfields (see page 7) and Peak District, and how more needs to be done to help everyone access the outdoors. Her new book, *Wonder Woman*, can be purchased from us. She wrote *Escape* at a writing workshop:

### *Escape*

At school, not an obedient child, all day I dreamt of escape. I would squeeze past my teachers; my love for one very special place, a magical pull that led me to the wood. I enjoyed the freedom, the sounds, the colour of danger, the texture of taking a chance. Engulfed by the beauty of flowers and butterflies, taking me to another world. The wildness becoming more intense as I went deeper in the wood where the ferns grew thick. There in a gap, inside the winding neck of a huge dark oak tree, next to the holly bush, I would gaze up high. Here time stood still, as still as I could be. I saw my handsome tawny owl, he always pretended to be asleep, but he knew I was visiting my special place.

Now when I desire an escape, a getaway from the chores of normality - I tell my family, "I'll be back shortly," then disappear. My thoughts unwind from tangled knots of anxiety into straight lines of poetry. Into the open space of clarity, the wind blows through my hair. I stretch out into the open acres of fields where birds feed abundantly, wild weeds, flowers, fruit-bearing hedgerows and naturally painted meadows. It's where I dance freely with the horses of the Seven Corn Fields. Magnificently uplifting, I feel a relaxant running through my blood, as I breathe in the intoxication of being alive and being free.

## Star Count Results

The results of this year's survey show a big drop in severe light pollution compared to 2020 - with

lockdown likely to be the explanation.

51% of people (60% in Staffordshire) who took part counted 10 stars or fewer (indicating severe light pollution).



of participants (3.6% in Staffordshire) counted more than 30 stars, meaning they enjoyed truly dark skies. This is our highest figure since 2013.

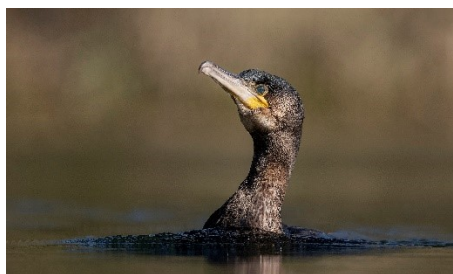
A star-filled sky is one of the most magical sights in the natural world. But light pollution means that many of us can't see the stars, especially if you live in a town or city.

We hope to work with the Cannock Chase AONB Partnership on a project to assess the extent of light pollution around the AONB. Cannock Chase has the worst light pollution of England's 34 AONBs, but is relatively dark compared to the surrounding area.

Interactive map of the results: <https://www.cpre.org.uk/starcourt>

**85th Anniversary Spring & Summer Greetings Cards**





Above is a snapshot of our beautiful Staffordshire Countryside on Camera 85th anniversary spring and summer greetings cards. We have eight designs, all from the top photos from our celebratory competition.

The cards are printed by Prints Plus of Great Haywood and are produced on top quality, FSC approved, card using plastic free inks. All are blank inside for your own message and come in two sizes - large (A5) and small (A6). To order cards, please use the enclosed order form or visit our online webshop: <https://cprestaffordshire.onlineweb.shop/>

## Website

We have a new-look website at [www.cprestaffordshire.org.uk](http://www.cprestaffordshire.org.uk). We would like to feature more stories from members on it, so please do get in touch if you would like to contribute anything. This could be a piece about what the countryside means to you, a campaign you've been involved in, your experience of living and/or working in the countryside, ideas for things to do such as a walk or a bike ride or anything you think might be of interest. Please also get in touch if you have any high-resolution photos we could use on our website and other communications. If photos include people please ensure that they have given permission for their use.

## CPRE NATIONAL NEWS

Before Christmas, and following pressure from CPRE and other campaigners, the government adjusted the algorithm used to determine how many houses should be built in each area. A government statement on 16th December reiterated "strong protection" for the Green Belt and the intention that housing should primarily be aimed at urban areas. It also acknowledged that land may come forward from structural post-Covid-19 changes to retail, but did not suggest any way of dealing with that in plan-making, which would still

rely on allocations (with an historically based allowance for small windfalls). The adjustment to the algorithm was one of a series of government announcements on 16 December.

Having elaborated on the shortcomings of the planning system, CPRE and a range of other housing, planning, transport, environmental, heritage, built environment and public health organisations published a shared Vision for Planning, setting out how it could be improved. Christopher Pincher, Minister of State for Housing and MP for Tamworth, participated in the online launch event on 14 January.

The Vision for Planning says that planning should:

1. Be democratic and place local communities at the centre;
2. Be plan-led and locally-led;
3. Have sustainable development at its heart;
4. Deliver enough quality affordable and social homes for rent to meet local needs;
5. Tackle the biodiversity crisis;
6. Help tackle the climate emergency;
7. Ensure beautiful, quality places that are in keeping with local character;
8. Both protect and enhance local green spaces and heritage for the benefit of people and nature;
9. Make best use of previously built on land to maintain our green spaces and reduce dependency on cars;
10. Encourage green and

sustainable forms of transport;  
11. Be evidence-based.

A written ministerial statement by Christopher Pincher MP on 19 January states that work should continue to advance Local Plans through to adoption by the end of 2023. To support this, the government rolled forward temporary changes that they made over the summer to ensure the planning system continues to operate effectively during the pandemic. In addition, they announced changes to the methodology for assessing Local Housing Need and published the 2020 Housing Delivery Test measurement.

## State of the Green Belt

CPRE's 2021 State of the Green Belt report shows that right now, there are a quarter of a million homes planned to be built on Green Belt land - a rise of 475% since 2013.



A development on the last remaining medieval meadowland in Kinver (see picture above) was recently approved, after the site was released from the green belt in the 2018 Site Allocations Document. At the other end of the county, in Newcastle-under-Lyme, residents are

campaigning for a former golf course in the green belt to be kept as public open space as a community asset, rather than sold off for development. The Seven Cornfields, near Wolverhampton, is also under threat of development, despite vociferous opposition from local residents, councillors and local MPs.

Right alongside this worrying news, a CPRE poll of adults across the country shows that two-thirds of adults think that protecting and enhancing our green spaces should be a higher priority after lockdown. This shows just how much communities would suffer if these local patches of green are lost. Nearly half of the people that we polled said that since lockdown started, they've been visiting green spaces more.

So the risk of losing these spaces feels more acute than ever - especially as, when homes are so badly needed, our research shows that only one in ten of the proposed new houses in the current plans would be classed as affordable. The new developments that are proposed for these green areas won't even help us to tackle the crisis in truly affordable homes - an issue that CPRE has campaigned on.

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/state-of-the-green-belt-2021/>

## Litter in Lockdown

CPRE commissioned a report into the rates of littering seen during the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on nature. Many people have reported seeing increased amounts of litter and fly-tipping since the start of the pandemic, in addition to discarded PPE. CPRE is keeping up the pressure on the government to introduce a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers in 2023 and a second consultation on the DRS is expected this year.



## Every Village, Every Hour: a comprehensive bus service for rural England

CPRE has launched a campaign and petition for a reliable bus service for every community. This comes after research published for CPRE in 2020 found that more than half of the small rural towns across the south west and north east of England have inadequate public transport links.

A new report, Every Village, Every Hour, outlines how the government could reach its own ambition of delivering radically improved bus services across the country by investing £2.7 billion a year. This is five times more than the Prime Minister and Transport Secretary pledged when launching new funding of £3bn over five years in the National Bus Strategy.

With the right investment, the government could deliver a world-leading bus network capable of matching Swiss standards where every village of 200-300 people is guaranteed at least an hourly bus service from 6am to midnight, 7 days a week. Just a portion of the funding for the government's £27 billion road building schemes could instead be used to fund buses.

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/every-village-every-hour-2021-buses-report-full-report/>

## Criminalising Trespass

A joint letter from CPRE and other organisations sets out CPRE's key concerns ahead of a parliamentary bill which would lead to these changes. The proposed legislation would criminalise deliberate acts of trespass (thus making it a matter the police could enforce). Whilst it would afford greater support for landowners who suffer deliberate and often very

costly incursions, it risks sending a message that lost walkers could go to prison, thus creating further barriers to accessing the countryside. <https://bit.ly/389Dcl8>

## LOCAL PLANNING ROUND-UP

### Stafford Borough Council

**20/32222/FUL | Polyhouses and ground source heat recovery for the production of soft fruit on a permanent basis | Land West of Stallbrook Hall Crossing Lane Derrington**

We objected to this application. Whilst we acknowledge the economic pressures facing the horticultural sector, we do not believe this should be used as justification to grow crops using polytunnels or polyhouses over large areas of agricultural land. Already a great area of land at this location is covered by polytunnels, for a large part of the year, having a dramatic effect on the local landscape.

### Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

SMD/2020/0671: Construction of 3 low carbon homes on site of Abbey Inn (listed building): objected. We previously made representations in relation to applications SMD/2019/0727 and SMD/2019/0728 which were also for three dwellings, in the same location but differently positioned and of

more conventional construction. We stated that the proposal is not in accordance with the adopted Local Plan and its policies, NPPF compliant. Although the application refers to low energy, low carbon homes, all that is stated in the application is that the roofs would be flat to support solar panels.

**HS2:** We responded to a consultation on a variety of issues relating to the design of the Phase 2a scheme. We have previously opposed HS2 on the grounds of cost, speed, the lack of integrated transport, comparability with other countries, and its adverse impacts on communities and the landscape, countryside and natural environment. However, our response to the consultation was in recognition that Phase 2a received royal assent in February and therefore focused on mitigation, surveys and licensing.

Please see our website for further details. If you become aware of any local issues arising from the preparation for, and construction of, HS2, please contact us and we can then raise the matter with the relevant organisation. We recognise there is likely to be a diversity of opinion among our members on HS2 and would be interested to hear your views.

National CPRE issued us with the following statement:



“The debate surrounding HS2 on the pros and cons will no doubt continue, but what is important now is for the government to ensure a ‘best in the class’ approach to avoiding, mitigating or compensating for the negative impacts on our countryside and communities. That means the highest quality design delivered in a way that respects landscapes and habitats, as well as reducing its carbon footprint.”

For more information:  
<https://hs2instaffs.commonplace.is/>

### **Cannock Chase District Council**

How will development proceed over the next 15 years in the Cannock Chase area? Have your say by responding to the consultation on the Local Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal. The closing date is 30 April.

<https://bit.ly/3cS1Q2y>

### **Lichfield City Council**

We commented on Lichfield City Council’s proposal to dispose of land on Festival Gardens to enable Staffordshire County Council to build a new slip road. This would have led to the loss of public green space and several mature trees. We are pleased to report that just a day after the deadline for comments, the city council announced it would not be disposing of the land and would look at

developer-funded improvements to pedestrian crossings, cycleways and pedestrian walkways.

### **Nests Not Nets**

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, it’s illegal to do any work or damage that might harm nesting birds or destroy their nests. As the bird nesting season officially lasts from 1 March to 31 August, some developers who want to remove hedges and trees during the spring and summer have taken to covering hedges and trees with netting to keep out birds.

Although the use of such netting is not illegal, the professional body for ecologists, the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, as well as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, advise against it.

In a 2019 statement, they said: “Netting is an overly simplistic approach that has become more prominent recently. There is an understandable negative reaction from both the public and from professional ecologists to the real and potential harm that it may cause to wildlife.”

Over the last couple of months, the sight of hedgerows shrouded in netting in Staffordshire has caused widespread anger. In February, Miller Homes

installed netting on hedges on a development on former greenbelt land at Keepers Lane in Codsall, but removed it after a public outcry.

Unfortunately, Maplevale Homes, who are building houses at Coton Lane in Tamworth - in the constituency of the Minister of State for Housing Christopher Pincher - have been far less responsive and did not answer emails from people concerned about the netting.

CIEEM and the RSPB state that netting should be checked three times a day to ensure that it has not become defective, loose, or damaged. As the photos show, the presence of numerous holes and gaps suggests that it is highly unlikely this was done.



One local resident stated: “I was horrified to see Maplevale Homes exploiting a legal loophole in the Wildlife and Countryside Act that otherwise forbids tree and hedge work to be done during breeding season. This loophole needs to be closed, while local councils also need to start taking notice of their constituents’ concerns and strengthen

planning policies that will actively discourage developers from using netting and other practices detrimental to wildlife during the breeding season.”

Work started to remove the hedge on 6 April - just when the nesting season is well under way.

CPRE Staffordshire believes that the planning system must contribute to the protection and enhancement of our natural environment and that all developments must provide a biodiversity net gain. As the RSPB states, “we cannot keep trying to squeeze nature into smaller and smaller spaces.”

## Staffordshire Needs Trees!

CPRE Staffordshire is encouraging parish councils, community groups and landowners to take advantage of the Woodland Trust's Free Trees scheme. We can apply for free trees from the Woodland Trust on your behalf. The area must have some community involvement or be publicly accessible.

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 our new trustee and vice-president, **Philip Atkins OBE**. Philip was elected at our AGM in December.



For those of you who don't know me, I have lived and farmed for over 50 years at Rocester.

I farm 67 hectares (165 acres) of mainly arable land between the River Dove and Churnet with a small closed flock of Shropshire sheep. I been involved in most types of farming over the years from livestock and dairy to arable, including growing vegetables and my farm is in Higher level Country Stewardship. I have also been the Uttoxeter NFU Branch Chairman for 10 years and set up a farmer group called Uttoxeter District Farmers Ltd who ran the Uttoxeter Farmers' Market.

I have also been involved in local politics since 1985, serving as the county councillor representing the Uttoxeter Rural Division since 1987. Over that time I have held many posts, including Leader of the County Council from 2009 to July 2020, been an East Staffordshire Borough Councillor, a Parish Councillor,

School Governor and am still a College Governor at South Staffordshire as well as a Fellow of Keele University. I have represented Staffordshire on the Local Government Association, West Midlands Council, County Council Network, Midlands Engine, Midlands Connects and many other regional and national bodies and am currently the county's representative on the Rural Services Network.

In the past I have pressed for improvements and better opportunities in our countryside, but recognise there is still more to do and look forward to helping CPRE. I believe rural transport for old and young still needs further improvement to access services denied to many in rural areas without a car. I also believe the countryside needs urgent practical help in many ways. While the Rural Enterprise Academy at Rodbaston, superfast broadband, and loan schemes and grants will help, it is vital we help communities to help support themselves through their community spirit.

My wish is that when we come out of the pandemic, we all place higher value on the simple things in life. Food, fresh air and the beauty of the countryside and farmland and an appreciation of those who work there and manage it.

## 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:

- ✓ Mobile Phones
- ✓ Cameras
- ✓ Video Cameras
- ✓ Sat Navs
- ✓ Electronic gaming devices
- ✓ Ipods/MP3 players
- ✓ Tablet Computers

# 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.)

We have had a late payment in, from Terracycle, bringing our grand total from collecting biscuit, cake and cracker wrappers for recycling to £121.23.

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. A second haul has raised £40.70 bringing our total to £77.90.

Aroma Tranquility, based Castlefields, Newport Road, Stafford ST16 1BQ and neighbour Roots Larder (plastic-free shopping), have a box for collecting the items which has 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](mailto: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:

**FREEPOST RSXA-GJBY-ARRZ**  
 Charity Name: CPRE Staffordshire  
 Unit 14  
 Amber Business Village  
 Amber Close  
 Tamworth  
 B77 4RP

If you have large amounts, please either contact us directly or call Recycling for Good Causes on [0800 633 5323](tel:08006335323) (they are based in Tamworth).



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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#### Current CPRE Staffordshire Executive Committee Officers:

Chairman: Mrs Mary Booth BA Hons MSc

President: Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire Mr Ian Dudson, CBE KStJ

Vice President: Philip Atkins OBE

Vice Chair & Social Secretary: Mrs Anne Clendon BEM

Executive Committee Members: Steve Hopkins and Steve Anderson

#### 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.