



We are the only charity that aims to promote, enhance and protect the countryside for us all to enjoy. We are here for woodland, farming, green spaces, nature reserves, rural communities and so much more.

Will you join us? Can the countryside count on you?

Volunteering Pack



The countryside charity
Staffordshire

WELCOME

Part of the national CPRE network, we are a local charity that campaigns to protect, promote and enhance Staffordshire's beautiful countryside and local green spaces. We are seeking to recruit more volunteers to help grow our influence and impact. This is an excellent opportunity to play an influential role in a respected local environmental organisation, to apply your skills and experience to make a difference and to be part of a friendly and passionate group.



Hedge-planting at Staffordshire University.

A BIT ABOUT US

We've been standing up for Staffordshire's countryside for over 85 years. Today, we keep a watching brief on planning applications and respond to

Local Plan consultations and offer advice to community groups who are fighting proposals for inappropriate development in their area.

We've also organised a 'health-check' of the Staffordshire Way, free stargazing nights for children, Green Clean events to press for the introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme to reduce littering, and have planted trees and hedges around the county. We run an annual awards scheme for conservation and environmental work by schools.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

We couldn't do all of this without our talented team of volunteers.

By volunteering with us you'll be part of a friendly team of like-minded people. You can join our social events, attend workshops and take part in CPRE's annual national conference. You don't have to have any special qualifications – just enthusiasm and passion for our wonderful Staffordshire countryside.

You could help in a range of ways, including:

- Keeping us up-to-date with planning applications in your area.

- Taking photos that we could use on our website or other communications.
- Helping to plant hedges as part of the Hedgerow Heroes project.
- Researching possible sources of funding and writing applications to trusts and funds.



From Salt towards Weston - one of the shortlisted entries in our Countryside on Camera competition. Photo: Rob Cannell.

TRUSTEES

We are also looking to expand our Board of Trustees.

Prospective trustees might have experience in any number of areas, including agriculture, tourism, fundraising, finance, marketing, social media or campaigning.

Whatever your background and experience, the duties of all of our Trustees include giving strategic direction to the organisation, setting overall policy, defining goals, setting targets and evaluating performance.

As a trustee, you will be mostly home-based, carrying out activities around your other commitments. As a guide, we anticipate this voluntary role will require on average 3 hours per week. This includes attendance at about six committee meetings per year and the Annual General Meeting. All meetings either have a hybrid option or are fully online.

If you have a strong interest in the countryside and the ability to work as a team member with a group of committed volunteers, we'd love to hear from you.

We invite expressions of interest from individuals of all backgrounds and we're especially keen to increase the diversity of our Board.



Schoolchildren planting a tree at Ranton

FIND OUT MORE

If you'd like to know more or just want a chat about our volunteering opportunities, please visit the designated volunteering page on our website, or drop us an email. Join us and be part of an inspirational team dedicated to making a difference. Our members care deeply about Staffordshire and want to see it thrive for present and future generations to enjoy.

<https://www.cprestaffordshire.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/>



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