

COUNTRYWISE

Newsletter from CPRE the Countryside Charity for
Northern Lincolnshire



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Litter Picking Campaign continues

Northern Lincolnshire CPRE has continued its campaign to clean up the area throughout 2019. We have organised a number of litter picks and taken part in the Great British Spring Clean 2019, and CPRE's Green Clean during September, with clean-ups taking place at Barton-upon-Humber, Belton, Brigg, East Lound, Haxey, Scunthorpe and Wroot.



It was good to see a range of ages involved in the Haxey Litter Pick (see above) in April 2019. Later in the year CPRE organised another Green Clean during September and some hardy souls braved very wet weather to clean up Belton (see below).



We are grateful to a number of individuals and groups who have kept their litter-picking equipment and regularly clean up their local area. CPRE can also loan litter-picking equipment to groups and if you are interested please contact:

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CLEAN SWEEP FOR ISLE BEST KEPT VILLAGES - see page 3 for details



CPRE

Changes

Over the past 18 months CPRE has been finding out how our members, supporters and the public feel about the countryside, what it means to them and why they care about it. We were delighted to hear that over 20 million people would be willing to support a charity that helps them promote, enhance and protect the countryside.

However, we also found that just 22% of adults in England have heard of CPRE and, if they have, they're not aware of all we do. It's clear we need to make people more aware of our work, attract more support and volunteers – and increase our impact even further.

We need to give equal emphasis to the work we do to promote, enhance and of course, protect the countryside. Our new strategic aims - to 'Connect people and countryside', 'Promote rural life' and 'Empower communities' will help us do that.

As you will have seen above, we've also developed a really eye-catching new look, inspired by the colours and shapes of our countryside and will start to refer to the organisation as 'CPRE, the countryside charity'





A MANIFESTO FOR THE NEXT GOVERNMENT



CPRE believes that everyone has the right to enjoy a countryside that promotes a healthier economy and a happier community.

CPRE have therefore issued a manifesto for the next government, identifying four key areas in which action needs to be taken to help the countryside thrive. We want to see the next government:

1. Promote climate policies that will implement measures to reach net-zero emissions by 2045 at the very latest;
2. Improve access to green spaces for everyone, particularly for children and those from disadvantaged communities who do not currently have access;
3. Support a well-resourced planning system that empowers communities and promotes development that responds to their needs; and
4. Ensure the specific challenges faced by rural communities are addressed through meaningful investment in the rural economy.

We want to see sustainable rural communities, supported by investment from business and government, where residents' voices are heard in decision-making and local needs are met.

ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2019

There were three winners of the CPRE Environment Award for 2019, Amcotts, Broughton, and Low Burnham. They all received their awards and special plaque at the annual presentation evening, held in Messingham on 2 October.

Low Burnham and Broughton won awards for their efforts to involve the community in improving their environment.



The 'Burnham Bloomers' group was set up for community planting throughout the village and did a brilliant job, with the village being awarded the top prize (small village category) in the Best Kept Village competition.



Broughton in Bloom have worked extremely hard in the past year and have made a real difference in their town and deserved every congratulation in receiving their award,

In Amcotts, the Butterfly Project which also won an award, brought generations of villagers together with an Easter Parade and a



lovely butterfly garden in the grounds of the church. There was also a butterfly cascade, a butterfly bench (inset) and decorated pebbles in the churchyard.

Best Kept Village Awards 2019



Congratulations to the winners of CPRE Northern Lincolnshire's Best Kept Village competition 2019.

Small village group – Low Burnham

Large village group – Haxey

Small town group - Epworth

Best Kept War Memorial – Waltham

Best Kept Playground – Elsham

Best Churchyard – Goxhill

Best Community Planting – Redbourne, Scawby and Immingham



Low Burnham deservedly won the small village category with a stunning display of colour throughout the village. Haxey was the winner of the large village category after entering the competition for the first time as a separate village and Epworth, previous winners in 2014, came top in the small town group.

The Awards Evening was held on 2 October 2019 at Messingham Village Hall when representatives from the award-winning villages and towns talked about their work and achievements and received their prizes, plaques and framed certificates from the Branch Chair

David Rose, who commented that the judges were highly complimentary about the very high standards across all the villages and small towns this year. He added 'we had a record number of entries for this year's competition, which brings communities together to further improve our lovely villages and towns. Impressive efforts were being made by local residents to keep their villages looking attractive and commendably free of litter.

Winners spoke warmly of the community spirit the competition had generated and thanked CPRE for their organisation and



Haxey Parish Council representatives receive their award

commitment. As one of the winners commented 'It was a wonderful evening, we all enjoyed the event. Not only that, it has inspired the community to try do even better next year'

Jenny Haynes, who does such a brilliant job in organising the event, will soon be contacting parish and town councils interested in entering the 2020 Best Kept Village competition.

If you have not entered before, please contact Jenny - jenny.haynes@btinternet.com



Low Burnham, Best Small Village. receive their award

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND TALK OCTOBER 2019



Dr Kevin Leahy with Branch Chair
David Rose and Committee
Member Arthur Franks

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 19 October 14.00 at the Buttercross, Brigg. Before the AGM, CPRE hosted a talk by Dr Kevin Leahy FSA, MCifA.

Dr Leahy, a well-known local celebrity and former archaeologist at the North Lincolnshire Museum has written a number of books including 'The Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Lindsey' and he demonstrated his expertise in an entertaining talk entitled 'The Lost Kingdom – Anglo-Saxon Lindsey.'

He explained that Lindsey 'The Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Lindsey' in the north of Lincolnshire was once independent with its own king. Archaeological and historical research has revealed this long-forgotten kingdom and shown its importance.

After the talk Dr Leahy answered questions and signed copies of his book 'The Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Lindsey'

PLANNING SUCCESS In the Isle of Axholme, CPRE has successfully objected to two significant planning applications, one in Haxey at the Duke William public house and the other for a traveller's site at Gunthorpe. In other areas we have supported local residents opposing large housing developments. We will also be supporting North Lincs Council who have applied for an extension of the A.O.N.B. from the Wolds to the coast

PLANNING HELP – If you have any concerns about local plans or potential development in your area, CPRE Northern Lincolnshire can offer professional help or advice using our planning experts. Please contact David Rose davidjohnrose@gmail.com or jenny.haynes@btinternet.com giving brief details of your issue or concern.

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