

COUNTRYWISE

Newsletter from CPRE the Countryside Charity
for Northern Lincolnshire



The countryside charity
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Letter from the Chairman

Dear Members

Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support for CPRE through the past year. It has certainly been a challenging and difficult time for us all.

It has never been more important to stand up for the countryside and CPRE has been an effective voice both locally and nationally. We reported details of the post-coronavirus pandemic manifesto in the summer newsletter, after research demonstrated that nearly 60% of those surveyed said they'd become more aware of how essential green places are for our mental health and wellbeing.

CPRE launched a 'Regeneration' campaign that included a short promotional film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pwR3qx2w6Q>, which demonstrates how we need to take care of the countryside. This chimes with our local efforts to promote the value of our green spaces and local nature reserves. We are also supporting the extension of the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) across a significant part of North Lincolnshire.



CPRE ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2020

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CPRE's response to the government's planning White Paper is featured on page 2 and will undoubtedly be a key issue for CPRE both locally and nationally. It will certainly highlight the importance of council's Local Plans and CPRE are a key consultee for both our local councils.



During the past year we have successfully supported a number of local residents and groups opposed to various planning applications. We were delighted with the rejection, by North Lincs Council, of the plans for 15 lodges and 3 glamping pods and related buildings at Wroot. We are also opposing plans for a housing development to replace the Duke William pub in Haxey.

There remains much work to be done, and we can only hope that the New Year, eventually free from the worst impact of the virus, provides the opportunity to enjoy and continue to protect our precious countryside.

Wishing you all a better 2021

David Rose



PLANNING ISSUES



There has been much comment locally and nationally on the recent government Planning White Paper. We all recognise that the current system is far from perfect; with too much development on greenfield sites, insufficient use of brownfield land and a shortage of genuinely affordable homes. Then, of course, we could mention the bureaucracy around planning applications and the need to engage more with local communities.

Concerns have been expressed by CPRE over the government's current plans, particularly the loss of some local democracy. However, there are a number of positive aspects to the proposals. The objective of simplifying the planning process has been broadly welcomed. The designation in local authority Local Plans, of three types of land; for growth, renewal or protection, may prove over simplistic but would give added weight to the need to protect our green spaces.

One of the key drivers for the 'reforms' is clearly housing delivery, and after considerable opposition to their original plans, to direct even more housing to high growth areas, the government have amended the housing formula.

One of the key aspects of ensuring the housing targets are met, is to support a locally-led planning system with public participation at its heart. This would mean that genuine consultation on the Local Plan would become crucially important, if we are to ensure the right type of development in the right place.

Hopefully, the plans to reduce the length of the Local Plan and therefore, the time taken for plan preparation, will also allow Local Plans to be adopted more quickly and engage the community better, thus allowing them to feel able to greater influence the planning process.

Northern Lincolnshire has a rich mixture of natural and historic environment that needs to be protected, conserved and enhanced as part of any new development. CPRE will be scrutinising the Local Plans of our local authorities to ensure that this remains a top priority.

Best Kept Village 2020 Presentation of Awards

The success of the Best Kept Village competition for 2020 was celebrated in our September Newsletter. Unfortunately, we were unable to go ahead with the planned presentation evening, but some individual presentations were possible, as shown below.



Deborah and Peter Smith receive Low Burnham's awards from Chairman David Rose



Julie and Derek receive their award for the Ingleby Arms, Amcotts; judged the best public building.

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire would like to thank all the 28 villages that entered the Best Kept Village competition in 2020.

We look forward to welcoming back many others for the 2021 competition, hopefully in better circumstances.

CPRE Environment Awards 2020

The CPRE Northern Lincolnshire Environment Awards are now in their 7th year and there were 3 worthy winners for 2020.

St Mark's Community Group, Amcotts won the Award for their environmental work, including a bat colony they have established in the village.

Amcotts has previously won an award for their butterfly garden and this year's work in establishing a bat colony, reaffirms the excellent work undertaken in the village by the community group.

Wroot Parish Council have improved their local environment with the planting of a community orchard. Their work has won many plaudits and they have further plans to enhance the area with a bench and the planting of spring bulbs.



Part of the recently planted
Community Orchard at Wroot



The Horse Pond, South Ferriby

Ruth Hilton and Virginia Scatcherd of the South Ferriby Gardening Team fully deserved their Award, for their dedication in improving their environment with delightful planting.

Ruth and Virginia have worked wonders in South Ferriby and their tremendous efforts and hard work has drawn admiration from residents and the many visitors to the village.



The plaque received by Wroot Parish Council
in recognition of winning their Award

2021 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

We are now seeking nominations for the 2021 CPRE Environment Awards.

If you know of an individual, group or organisation that has made a significant contribution to improving the local environment please contact:

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The new Environment Bill - cleaning up our countryside

A key part of the government's Environment Bill will be a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) and recent polls show overwhelming public support for it.

With concerns that the government's timetable is slipping, CPRE has been campaigning for an 'all-in' DRS scheme that will cut litter, boost recycling and help our countryside. At a recent 'Litter in Lockdown' event, CPRE reiterated its support for a deposit return scheme as well as a full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations.

Recommendations to the government included:

- Commit to a comprehensive Deposit Return Scheme, involving glass, plastics and metal drinks containers of all sizes, by the end of 2023, to reduce littering of these items.



- Introduce a full Extended Producer Responsibility scheme by the end of 2023, to ensure producers bear the cost of cleaning up when their items are littered.
- Use a combination of taxes and charges to incentivise a reduction in single use items and packaging right across the supply chain.

There are many exciting changes envisaged in the Environment Bill, that is now at the Report stage in Parliament. It is a huge and ambitious piece of legislation, that will hopefully deliver a cleaner and more sustainable environment.

CURRENT ISSUES –

Walking and Cycling survey North Lincs Council *contribute to the plans to improve walking and cycling in North Lincs by completing the survey at:*

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/community-advice-and-support/walking-and-cycling-survey/>

Agriculture Act *this is a good news story and you can read more at*

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/news/government-post-brexit-farming-plans-good-news>

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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