

Getting Britain Building

The Government's landmark [Planning and Infrastructure Bill](#) (PIB) was published in March, setting out their agenda for planning reform and as part of its commitment to 'get Britain building'.

CPRE's response has not been entirely critical but we have been at pains to explain that to get more homes built quickly, and before we build any more new towns, the government should:

- Firstly, deliver the more than 1.2 million new homes that could be built on shovel-ready brownfield sites in England alone, including through the new 'brownfield passports'.
- Secondly, it should address the fact that one million new homes have already been granted planning permission but have not yet been built.

The Government claim that the reform of the planning system is essential to getting key infrastructure built. However, we want to ensure that reforms do not water down commitments to local democracy and quality of building.



CPRE has published [our reaction to the bill](#), setting out our key concerns and areas on which we'll be seeking amendments. We have also set out the [ten things we want the new bill to do](#).

CPRE is concerned about public participation and community involvement. We believe the new Bill will lead to a democratic deficit, as local people and Council Planning Committees are removed from most planning decisions, with responsibility delegated to planning officers. This will almost certainly require extra resources for hard-pressed planning departments.

We have long argued for more homes to be built on brownfield sites and hopefully the government will use this opportunity to prioritise brownfield development.

Unsurprisingly, CPRE has concerns about the environmental protections in infrastructure projects and we trust this will be addressed. Finally, we support the introduction of new planning controls on second homes and short-term holiday lets, which has been a particular problem in certain parts of the country.

ENVIRONMENT AWARDS



2025



For a number of years CPRE Northern Lincolnshire has recognised and celebrated individuals, groups or organisations that have made a significant contribution to improving the local environment, through our Annual Environment Awards, generously sponsored by InternetTY.

We have already received a number of nominations for the 2025 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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Litter Campaign in Brigg



Jane Kitching, Committee member of CPRE Northern Lincolnshire, has been organising a series of litter picks in Brigg. Jane, a regular litter picker for many years, has been delighted with the response from local people, commenting: "it is so encouraging to get such enthusiastic support for cleaning up the local environment".

Jane has been particularly impressed with the range of ages of the volunteer litter pickers and she is also able to report that a group of students at Sir John Nelthorpe School in Brigg, go on regular litter picks.

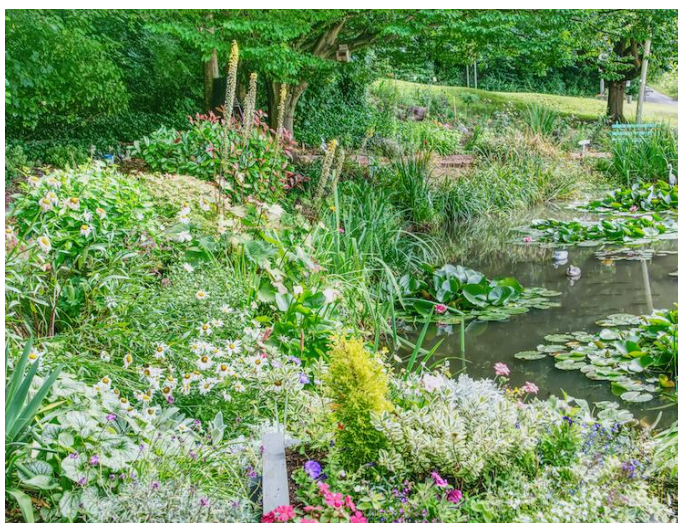
CPRE Northern Lincolnshire supplies litter picking equipment to volunteer groups. If you are interested, please contact David Rose davidjohnrose@gmail.com



Best Kept Village 2025

We are very grateful for the continuing generous sponsorship of **Quickline** who sponsor the main competition and **InterneTY**, the broadband provider, who sponsor the best community planting in each category, as well as the best kept playground, churchyard, war memorial, public house and cemetery.

One of the key features of the Best Kept Village competition is to encourage community involvement. The judges therefore, recognise the efforts of local residents to brighten up their village or town with colourful planting, including displays at the front of their properties; with 35% of the marks awarded for Gardens and Community areas.



The rest of the marks are awarded for 'General Tidiness and Appearance (25%) and Community Facilities and Features (40%).'.

Thanks to generous sponsorship, last year saw an increase in the prize money, which was gratefully received by the prize-winners. This will be repeated this year and there is already increased interest in applying for entry to the competition. There is a new entrant category, with free entry for the first year to encourage more villages and towns to join this popular competition. Entrants can feel pride that they are all contributing to making their local environment a more attractive place in which to live and visit.

Entries should be returned as soon as possible and no later than 30 June. Please contact jenny.haynes@btinternet.com for more information.

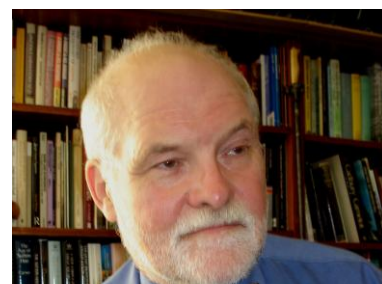
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

A date for your diary

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire's AGM will be held on Saturday 4th October at St John's Hall Brigg. The speaker will be Dr Kevin Leahy talking about 'Some of my favourite things.' With his vast experience and knowledge, he will highlight some of the most interesting things that he has dealt with during his time in Archaeology.



The countryside charity
Northern Lincolnshire





1926 – 2026 Centenary Celebrations

In 1926, our visionary founders fought for the future of England's countryside. We continue to uphold this vision and next year will celebrate our Centenary.

Our centenary will mark 100 years of championing the English countryside, from National Parks and the Green Belt, to dark skies and local planning. Hopefully it will provide an opportunity, not only to commemorate the last 100 years of protecting the countryside, but also to engage the public and create a stronger future for CPRE.

During the Centenary year a number of events are planned, including the following:

January – CPRE Centenary Book launched
Domesday Digital Mapping Tool



May – Chelsea Flower Show CPRE garden

June – CPRE National Awards

July – Exhibition of Rural Life

September – Countryside Day/Weekend

October – Centenary Celebration Event

November – Hedgerow Celebration

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire will be organising our own celebration centenary event at some point in 2026, and we welcome ideas from our members.

If you have an idea for an event(s) please contact our Secretary Mary Allen
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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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If you would like to learn more about us, our website address is cprenorthernlincs.org.uk

If you would like to be more involved, please contact either:

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