

CPRE Norfolk - Our Successes

The Norfolk branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Norfolk) exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural Norfolk by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.

Formed in 1933, CPRE Norfolk is one of the longest established and most respected environmental charities in the county. For over 75 years we have been at the forefront of countryside campaigning and have founded a number initiatives to restore, recognise and enhance the unique features of the Norfolk rural landscape.

- In 1977, we co-founded the Norfolk Historic Buildings Trust which has saved over 25 historic buildings and monuments in Norfolk to date.
- We founded the Norfolk Town and Village of the Year Competition in 1957 to reward the efforts of rural communities across Norfolk (now the EDP Pride in Norfolk competition).
- In 1979, we founded one of the longest running environmental award schemes in the county (the CPRE Norfolk Awards scheme) and have given hundreds of Awards to architects, schools, parish councils, community groups and individuals across Norfolk.
- We are credited as having a major part to play in saving areas of Norfolk such as Halvergate Marshes and the Glaven Valley, following lengthy campaigns.
- In the 1990s, we were instrumental in setting up the Quiet Lanes scheme throughout Norfolk, working with the Norfolk County Council.
- We organised Norfolk's first conference for planning professionals on light pollution and hosted the launch of the Government's Select Committee Report into light pollution in 2004.
- We launched the region's first Open Eco-Homes scheme in 2007; opening up some of Norfolk's most energy-efficient buildings for tours with architects, builders and homeowners.
- For 75 years, we have been the only independent campaigning organisation to screen planning applications and planning policies in every part of the county for threats to the Norfolk landscape.