

New staff and campaigns for 2016



Since the last *Norfolk Voice* was published in May, there have been a lot of changes at CPRE Norfolk. We have two new members of staff, a new Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. The Branch Director in charge of the office is Helen Leith, who has a background in environmental campaigning, business and the arts. Our new Finance and Administration Officer is Helen Steed, who has a background in business and children’s theatre, and is a keen rambler. Chairman Chris Dady is a buildings specialist, with a particular emphasis on green buildings. Our Vice Chairman Rob Lodge comes from a long career in education and our new Treasurer is Graham Sillett who has a long career as an accountant.

We have to bid a fond farewell to Paula Coombe, who has been our wonderful Finance Officer since 2013, and wish her all the very best in her new ventures.

Norfolk Awards 2015: Photographer Julia Holland

CPRE Norfolk Awards 2015—We had a very successful Awards Ceremony back in September to honour the shortlisted candidates and winners of our three Awards which were as follows:

The Askham Award for the imaginative and sympathetic use of existing land or buildings, joint winners The Old School at Wells-next-the-Sea and The Great Barn at Hales Hall, near Loddon. Runners-up were Holkham Studios on The Holkham Estate, Trafalgar House and The Old Fire Station in Great Yarmouth and finally The Passivhaus Project at Fulmodeston.

The Boldero Award for access to and interpretation of the countryside, won by The Connecting Threads Footpaths Project at Beachamwell, with runners-up the Boardwalk Project on the Hawk and Owl Trust’s land at Sculthorpe Moor, and the Waveney and Blyth Arts Project.

The Corbin Award, a children’s photographic prize for engaging young people with the countryside. Winners were: Asha Hipperson, Freddie Jones, Jake Harvey, Michael Yates and Saskia Pawlett.

We were very lucky to have the renowned photographer Julia Holland taking pictures of the evening, all of which can be seen on our new Facebook Page at facebook.com/CPRE Norfolk. You can also follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/CPRENorfolk. **IF YOU RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY POST BUT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO WHICH IT COULD BE SENT, TO SAVE ON COSTS, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD FORWARD US THE DETAILS.**

NEWS ROUND-UP

Northern Distributor Road (NDR)

News about the NDR continues to dominate the local press and we have posted the following statement on our website to clarify CPRE Norfolk's position:

CPRE Norfolk has consistently opposed the NDR because it opens up large areas of greenfield land for unsubstantiated growth. For similar reasons we object to the extension of the NDR from the Airport to the Fakenham Road. Following construction of the NDR, CPRE Norfolk has real concerns that the traffic generated on the western side of Norwich will have a serious detrimental effect on communities and compel the construction of a link road to the A47 which will cause further substantial environmental damage to the Wensum Valley (a European Special Area of Conservation).

Campaigns for 2016

CPRE Norfolk's Strategy Day on 12th November started shaping our campaigns for the coming year and beyond. We were joined by Graeme Willis, Senior Campaigner on Rural Affairs from Head Office, whose insight, advice and information proved invaluable. In Autumn 2016 we plan to publish 'A Vision for Norfolk' which aims to be a definitive document for use in all our campaign, lobbying and education work. It will set out what we wish Norfolk to look like in the future, and, on the other hand, the grim picture of what it could look like if conclusive action isn't taken soon. More information will be unveiled in future editions of *Norfolk Voice*. However, we can say now that areas to be covered include a) food and farming b) campaigning for a greenbelt for Norfolk and c) 'resilient' housing.

Norfolk County Council Footpath Conference

It has been suggested that the Council host a Conference on rights of way issues. Subjects covered could include recruiting more footpath wardens, developing Walkers are Welcome initiatives, path clearance and others. Please could parish and town councils, footpath wardens and other interested parties register their interest with Ken Hawkins, Footpath Warden for Dereham Town Council at dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net.



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Youth Conference March 2016

Following the successful inaugural CPRE Norfolk Youth Conference in Spring this year, we are planning another event at Fakenham Academy in March next year. The aim is to get youngsters engaged with issues facing the Norfolk countryside and what they see as workable solutions. Speakers from local authorities, developers, business, environmental charities and more will also take part. More information will appear on our website www.cprenorfolk.org.uk at the beginning of next year.

Win a Norfolk Treasure!

Breckland and South Norfolk is the latest volume of *Norfolk Parish Treasures*, by Peter Tolhurst, following last year's *North and West Norfolk*. Peter has generously offered a hardback copy as a prize, so if you would like to win this, email helenl@cprenorfolk.org.uk or post your name and telephone number to the CPRE office by 31st December 2015, marking it *Norfolk Parish Treasures*. The winner will be notified in the New Year.

100 Club winners

December's 100 Club winners are: Mrs C Fairhurst £75, Mr P A Warnes £50, Mrs M K Mawson £50, Mr & Mrs M V Palmer £25, Ms M Reeves £25 and Lady Walpole £25. Congratulations to all of you and you will receive your winning cheques very soon. There are a few vacant numbers available to purchase at a cost of £12 per year, so please contact us if you would like to join in.