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SURREY VOICE

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CUTS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE

We report elsewhere in this edition of *Surrey Voice* on the effects on our rural areas of Government cuts to local authority funding. We have just learnt that Surrey County Council is facing a three BILLION pound deficit in the funding it will have available to finance the infrastructure requirements of all the additional people the county is expected to accommodate over the next 15 years.

CPRE Surrey has long expressed its concern that the county is expected to sanction, overall, far more new houses than can possibly be built without significant loss of countryside and without intolerable strains on both our physical infrastructure and social fabric such as schools and surgeries. Now we have the proof.

According to Surrey County Council's draft Surrey Infrastructure Report, which has assessed housing needs and Local Plans, there is a gap of some £3bn in the funding available for roads, public transport, school places, flood defences and other vital infrastructure. This is at a time when central government is significantly reducing the money it makes available to local authorities.

So we have a choice. On the one hand, Surrey can elect to accommodate the very large number of people that the flawed Strategic Housing Market Assessments (SHMAs) tell us we have to accept – even though these SHMAs confuse genuine local need for housing with demand for homes in Surrey from those currently living in London and elsewhere. However, if this is the chosen course, it is now evident that there will not be sufficient infrastructure funding to make the lives of Surrey residents tolerable. So we will lose great swathes of countryside AND suffer a significantly reduced quality of life with the prospect of vastly increased traffic congestion, overcrowded trains and buses, and chronically overstretched educational, medical and social services facilities where those in need have to be turned away.

On the other hand, Surrey could refuse to accept the large influx of people from outside the county while still making housing provision for those who genuinely need to live here, principally through the provision of far more affordable homes. It is clear that many more people could be accommodated within London and other large conurbations through the regeneration of brownfield sites. The existing housing stock both inside and outside Surrey could be better utilised. More than lip service could be paid to the notion of devolution, and businesses could be encouraged to direct some of their investment away from the economically overheated and overcrowded South East.

It is up to all of us to talk to and lobby our elected representatives – MPs, county and local councillors – to ensure that the right decisions are taken.

Countryside Volunteers



CPRE encourages its members to become involved in practical conservation activities. Pictured is a group of Mole Valley Conservation Volunteers. Read more about volunteering opportunities on pages 6-7.

Dates for your Diary >

- Monday 30th May – **Surrey County Show**, Stoke Park, Guildford
- Monday 6th June – **CPRE Surrey Planning Forum**, Leatherhead
- Friday 1st July – **CPRE Surrey Annual Public Meeting**, Leatherhead

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FROM THE CHAIR

CPRE is not aligned to any political party. We try not to take sides in matters that are politically contentious. However, there are times when we have to be critical of the decisions taken by the government of the day. This is one of those occasions.

We are all aware that this country cannot continue to accumulate debt and that some, hopefully temporary, cuts have to be made to certain of the services that are funded by central government. However, here in Surrey, and elsewhere, the unparalleled reduction is having a disproportionate impact on the countryside that we all love both directly and indirectly. I am not here criticising our county council, nor our eleven district councils; they all find themselves between a rock and a hard place. Since 2010, there has been a 40% overall reduction in Whitehall's financial support for local government. The Government proposes to cut Surrey's Revenue Support Grant from £110 million in 2015/6 to around £35 million by 2017/8, even taking into account the extra £24 million for Surrey over the next two years that has just been announced. As the Leader of Surrey County Council has stated, this "will still place a strain on services".

Turning first to the effects of direct cuts, reductions in government funding have affected the countryside in many ways. Let's look at just three areas – bus services, mobile libraries, and the management of Surrey's own countryside estate.

According to the Campaign for Better Transport, the amount of money available to support bus services in Surrey fell from £51 million in 2010-11 to £34 million in 2015-16. In the last year alone, SCC has reduced the money it spends on bus services by 17%. These reductions are inevitably resulting in the cancellation of some bus services and a marked reduction in the level of service provided on many other routes, mainly in rural areas.

In 2011, all five of the county's mobile library vans were withdrawn from operation, resulting in a significant loss in quality of life for many of those living in the more rural parts of Surrey, especially those with, typically, low levels of access to private cars, such as children and the elderly. Other libraries are threatened with closure or are now manned by volunteers.

At CPRE Surrey's Annual Meeting last July, Kate Ashbrook, General Secretary of the Open Spaces Society, drew attention to proposals to make all the countryside owned by Surrey County Council "self-funding" by 2021 as a result of the cuts which the county is being forced to make in its budgets. SCC is planning to reduce its financing to Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) by £100,000 a year over each of the next five years, despite an agreement made



County Hall: Funding decisions made here could have far-reaching consequences for the Surrey countryside

between SCC and SWT at the time that SWT took over responsibility for SCC's estates that SCC would give financial support to SWT to meet the resulting costs. One consequence is the proposed introduction of car parking charges at SWT-managed sites, as a means of generating additional revenue. Another is the risk to the standards of upkeep to footpaths and bridleways. As Kate said at our meeting, "We need our open spaces and freedom and fresh air more than ever. They are our Natural Health Service. Now is the time to spend on these vital assets, not cut back and expect them to pay for themselves."

At the same time that rural services are being cut, local councils' decision-making on planning applications is being distorted by financial incentives. In 2011 the Coalition Government introduced the New Homes Bonus. For each home given planning permission, Whitehall matches the additional Council Tax raised for six years, giving, in Surrey, 20% of the funding to the county council and 80% to the relevant district council. The Government states quite clearly that this is designed to reward councils and communities for helping to build more homes. This is not additional money. It is intended to compensate in part for some of the cuts to local authority funding and for the fact that a *de facto* Council Tax freeze has been imposed on councils over recent years.

While there is nothing wrong, *per se*, with giving planning permission for new housing, this should only be granted if proposals conform to Local Plans. The New Homes Bonus puts unfair pressure on planning authorities both to weaken planning and environmental protections, such as Green Belt designations, when preparing their Local Plans, and to look more favourably on planning applications that are contrary to approved Local Plans but would yield extra Council Tax income in perpetuity as well as bringing in six years of the New Homes Bonus.

So, local authorities are faced by a "perfect storm" of cuts and inducements. We can only hope that the pressures created by the cuts and the weakening of the planning system will be temporary.

Tim Murphy

NEW FILM TELLS THE STORY OF A SURREY COMMUNITY IN WARTIME

On 3rd September 1939 Britain declared war on Nazi Germany. A tiny piece of paper handed to the Rector by the Church warden at the Sunday service in St Nicolas Church, Bookham, shattered the peace of this quiet Surrey village and disrupted the lives of its families.

Premiered in January at the Leatherhead Theatre, before an audience of over 500 people, a community film entitled "We Also Served" tells the story of how the residents of Bookham supported the war effort, made sacrifices on many fronts and coped with the challenges of the conflict and its aftermath. While there are innumerable action films on World War II, the record of what went on in the villages of rural England, the quiet battlegrounds of the Home Front, is largely untold. Inspired by the book *The Bookhams in World War II*, which was compiled by members of the Military History Group of the Bookham & District U3A, "We Also Served" has been produced by two newcomers to the village, Dr Farooq Beg and his wife Huma. Dr and Mrs Beg are international award-winning producer/directors who have undertaken TV projects for BBC2, Yorkshire Television, ABC, STAR, and the United Nations. There are plans for the film to be made available as a DVD.

WISLEY APPEAL

A decision by the Planning Inspectorate concerning an application at Three Farms Meadows, the former Wisley airfield, could have far-reaching implications for the current consultation on the proposed "new town" development at the same site.

An application for a film to be made at Three Farms Meadows has been rejected at appeal by the Inspector, even though the development would only have been for 12 months. The main issues at stake were whether this would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and whether it would affect the site's openness. Other topics considered were the effect on the living conditions of neighbouring residents at Elm Corner, particularly in terms of noise disturbance and light pollution. Ecological damage would be evident if the film were to go ahead, and highway safety issues were also taken into account. The Inspector ruled that the applicant had not been able to demonstrate that the environmental harm caused would be outweighed by the "very special circumstances" which would justify it.

While this Appeal decision is welcome, because it highlights how environmentally sensitive the Wisley site is, it nonetheless does not reduce the vital need to mobilise opposition to the current application for the development of 2,100 houses at Three Farm Meadows, which is under consultation until the end of February. A detailed objection to this proposal will be submitted by CPRE. Individual CPRE members in Guildford and neighbouring districts are also encouraged to write to Guildford Borough Council to object to the scheme. Objections should emphasise the damage this development would do in terms of traffic congestion on the A3 and on local roads serving village communities in both Guildford and Elmbridge districts. Air pollution is also an important factor needing to be taken into account, together with the harmful loss of high-quality agricultural land which has been farmed continuously for centuries.

Tim Harrold



Three Farm Meadows, Wisley: Despite the Inspector's decision, the long-term future of this green space still hangs in the balance



HOT OFF THE PRESS

To mark the **150th anniversary of the Open Spaces Society**, two new books have been produced by Pitkin Publishing (part of The History Press) about the English countryside and some of the campaigns that have been waged on its behalf by the Open Spaces Society and its allies (including CPRE). In *Saving Open Spaces*, Kate Ashbrook tells the story of the Society's century and a half of struggle to promote and defend the nation's commons, greens, open spaces and paths. Meanwhile, Graham Bathe's *Common Land* explores the rich heritage of commons in England and Wales, and the opportunities they provide for enjoying wildlife, archaeology and recreation, as well as their links to folklore and literature. These attractive, fully-illustrated and fascinating little books are a snip at just £5 each – definitely a "must have" for all CPRE members! – and are available to order at www.oss.org.uk.



DUNSFOLD – THE CPRE VIEW

Could most or all of Waverley's housing requirements be met on one site – Dunsfold Park? This option was presented last year to the residents of the borough as an alternative to building on the Green Belt or intensifying development in the towns. But can the construction of what amounts to a new town in this area of unprotected "countryside beyond the Green Belt" be justified?

It is not the first time the former Dunsfold Aerodrome site has been targeted for large-scale development. On the last occasion a scheme for a misleadingly named "eco-town" was defeated at the Public Inquiry stage, after a long battle. Developers lost because their plan was, rightly, considered to be environmentally unsustainable, specifically in terms of transport and traffic.

Although it may seem to be an acceptable alternative to building on the Green Belt, the latest proposal to build some 1,800 new homes at Dunsfold Park is, in CPRE's view, just as unsustainable as the previous scheme. The Inspector's decision at the last Public Inquiry would have to be completely overturned. But what has changed since then? Is the local road system suddenly able to bear the thousands of daily additional traffic movements which 1,800 houses would generate?

As the Inspector said: "...the traffic generated by the development would have an unacceptable impact on an inadequate local road network."

The then Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government agreed with the Inspector's assessment, stating that the considerable amount of additional road traffic "would have a severe and unacceptable impact on an overstretched local road network" and the scheme would be "unsustainable in transport terms".

The road system is only one of the problems. There are also serious reservations with regard to water supply and drainage, and the ability to meet significant demands on education and health services which will be the result of a very significant increase of population in a relatively remote part of the Surrey countryside.

As the new planning application to Waverley council makes clear, it is specifically designed to ensure the natural expansion of Dunsfold Park for up to 3,400 dwellings over the period of Waverley's new Local Plan. If the initial 1,800 houses are permitted, such an expansion is likely in practice to become unstoppable.

Again, as the Inspector said in 2009: "The site is in an isolated location ... Insofar as the existing situation is concerned, therefore, the site is not in a sustainable location. Moreover, little can be done to improve the



This view across Dunsfold from the Surrey Hills AONB is under threat

existing infrastructure beyond minor alteration to road junctions."

He also remarked on "severe congestion on the A281 and in some of the villages". The position now, in 2016, is worse rather than better than it was in 2009, and there is increasing recognition that the pressure on the A3 and A281 will increase beyond an acceptable level of congestion.

Waverley's problems stem from the unrealistic and unachievable housing targets being imposed on it as a result of flawed Government methodology for calculating "housing need". CPRE has published research showing that many of the targets which local authorities are under pressure to adopt are fantasy numbers. They are merely computer projections, bearing little if any resemblance to real need.

The West Surrey Strategic Housing Market Assessment (WSSHMA) forecasts a very high figure of anticipated growth in housing need which is derived from population statistics published by the Office for National Statistics. It is the result of an extrapolation from predicted population growth heavily assumed to be the result of migration out of London.

Either London itself or the trumpeted "northern powerhouse" would be much better placed to meet this increased growth by making much better use of their own extensive brownfield sites.

The currently unconfirmed figure for new housing in Waverley of some 500 new houses per annum in the period to 2033 is based on a further assumption of "Objectively Assessed Need" (OAN) – but Guidance for the National Planning Policy Framework requires the calculation to treat "need" and "demand" as the same. The result is to put pressure on local authorities such as Waverley to meet this so-called "need". Although the

NEW CHALLENGES IN GUILDFORD

How fortunate we are that Surrey still contains some of the most beautiful countryside in South East England, despite its proximity to London and the constant threat of more urban sprawl. We should all be thankful for the Metropolitan Green Belt and the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act which Bill Bryson has described as "the most intelligent, far sighted, thrillingly and self-evidently successful land management policy any nation has ever devised." Guildford's rural surroundings have been protected both by the existence of the Green Belt and the fact that much of the district is "parished". Its parish councils enable the villages to speak out against inappropriate development. They are recognised as an integral part of local government with a voice that has to be heeded. Most parishes around Guildford have been "washed over" by the Green Belt and have a carefully defined settlement boundary which helps check encroachment on the countryside, prevents linear development, and preserves their setting and special identity and character. Guildford's new draft Local Plan, with its excessive and unsustainable housing figures, derived from the calculations in the West Surrey Strategic Housing Market Assessment (WSSHMA), threatens all of this.

CPRE is fighting a determined campaign to challenge the WSSHMA housing figures and the proposals for building on the Green Belt. It is already apparent that developers in Surrey prefer to build high value housing rather than affordable homes which are less profitable to sell; yet it is affordable housing that is needed. The developers favour building on greenfield sites, which they have often owned for many years, and have little if any interest in developing urban brownfield sites, which are more expensive to develop, frequently requiring land decontamination and extra demolition work. One of the five stated purposes of the Green Belt is "to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict or other urban land". Urban brownfield sites must be given priority for development before any Green Belt land is taken. It is crucial that Guildford Council and developers should follow a strict "brownfield first" policy, and, where new housing is approved, the focus should be on affordable housing to meet genuine local needs.

We have to recognise that the presence of a successful university in Guildford – the University of Surrey – means that problems of accommodation in the town are intensified by multi-occupancy student needs. Guildford Council should insist that the University builds the amount of housing for students that it promised on its two campuses without using more Green Belt land. We also need multi-storey parking for the University, the Surrey Research Park and the adjacent Royal Surrey County Hospital to free up more building land, rather than using so much space for surface parking on what were supposed to be traffic-free university campuses and on brownfield sites elsewhere which are well-suited for housing. It is disappointing that the one major urban development proposal currently under consideration – the scheme for Guildford Station – is such a poorly designed and visually intrusive development (it has been described as "the Great Wall of Guildford" because it would cut the town in half and create an eyesore visible to and from the Surrey Hills AONB). In such a prominent site we should have a design that is appropriate to Guildford and that makes optimum use of the urban space available. The current proposal is a missed opportunity. Let us have the right development in the right places!

Tim Harrold

OAN is said to be only a starting point when framing a Local Plan, it is clear that councils are discouraged from resisting applications from developers to meet this theoretical demand for housing, for fear that their Local Plan will not be approved by the Planning Inspectorate.

The fact is that Waverley (over 80 percent of which is "protected" countryside – Green Belt, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Area of Great Landscape Value) cannot meet this housing "need" without irreparable damage to the countryside. CPRE Surrey believes that Waverley should see its duty as ensuring that its unique and much-valued rural environment is not sacrificed to solve a theoretical and questionable calculation of housing need. The very few positive features of the Dunsfold Park

development scheme are heavily outweighed by its significant disadvantages. No solution is proposed to the serious environmental problems identified and enumerated by the Planning Inspector in 2009. In CPRE's view, the developer's new plans for the site are nowhere near sufficient to overcome the Inspector's unequivocal verdict.

The countryside in and around Dunsfold is attractive and in some ways a quintessential English rural landscape. Truly rural landscapes such as this are rare in Surrey and the South East. The solution to Waverley's housing challenge cannot be one that destroys this countryside for ever and replaces it with unsustainable urbanisation.

Anthony Isaacs

MY LIFE AS A CPRE VOLUNTEER

I am coordinator of CPRE Surrey's Aviation Group which monitors aircraft noise, pollution, airport and runway expansion plans and related environmental issues in and around Surrey. This includes not only Heathrow and Gatwick but also smaller operations such as Farnborough, on the edge of Surrey, as well as Fair Oaks, Redhill and Dunsfold aerodromes. Many of our group's members have specialist knowledge and in some cases professional expertise that can be invaluable to the group's work. As Surrey is the most overflown county in England, CPRE Surrey can often be very influential in raising positive arguments and counteracting bad policies from central government and elsewhere.

In conjunction with my CPRE work, I am a local volunteer Tree Warden in my home village of Bookham.



Tree Warden Lawrence Hole with fellow volunteers in Bookham

I have a small group of five fully committed locals who share my passion for trees, and who work with me, advising on tree law, promoting trees to the public, as well as planting trees ourselves. We obtained a grant of some £2,000 from Defra and the Forestry Commission for a 4-year programme of tree planting in the area, and arranged to plant the trees obtained from the grant for the benefit of the local community in roadside verges, after checking for underground utilities by means of a CAT machine (radio detection equipment). Since then we have planted well over a hundred trees at no cost to the community, and have continued to look after those trees requiring maintenance.

Together with other CPRE members, I am also involved with the local Mole Valley group of conservation volunteers whose activities include the preservation of local heathland, woodland, paths and streams for the use of the public. This is often maintained by clearing heathland of invading birch, pine trees and rhododendron, coppicing to create light for small plants, wildlife and butterflies and constructing signposts/bridges etc. This is an excellent way for CPRE members and supporters to be actively involved in practical conservation work.

Lawrence Hole

If you would like to join our group of conservation volunteers, please contact the Branch office in Leatherhead, email cpre.surrey@btconnect.com.



Local children are encouraged to get involved

100 CLUB

Congratulations to the latest CPRE Surrey 100 Club winners:

July 2015

- 1st Prize: The Chertsey Society
- 2nd Prize: Mr W Callingham, Albury

August 2015

- 1st Prize: Mrs H Lane, Ottershaw
- 2nd Prize: Mr D Jordan, New Malden

September 2015

- 1st Prize: Mr W Sennett, Cobham
- 2nd Prize: Ms J Barham, Peaslake

October 2015

- 1st Prize: Mrs M Nelson, Ashted
- 2nd Prize: Mr K Savigar, Wallington

November 2015

- 1st Prize: Ms M Brooks, Effingham
- 2nd Prize: Mr J Gooderham, Ottershaw

December 2015

- 1st Prize: Mrs E Wilson, Walton on the Hill
- 2nd Prize: Mr J King, Godstone

January 2016

- 1st Prize: Mr J Davenport, Woking
- 2nd Prize: Mr A Ayres, Chiddingfold

Members of the **100 Club** have the chance every month to win cash. There are two prizes each month – £40 and £20. The annual subscription is just £12 (or a multiple of £12, depending on how many draw numbers you would like). Half of all subscriptions are returned as prize money, with the rest going towards our campaigning work. If you would like to join the **100 Club**, please contact Ann Murphy at the Branch office in Leatherhead.

YOUR COUNTRYSIDE NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the CPRE Surrey Branch team. If you feel you could spare some time to help us out, please have a look at some of the current volunteer opportunities we have available.

Hon. Treasurer

Our current Branch Treasurer, Geoff Scotton, retires from the post this year and we are looking for someone to step into his shoes. This is a key position in the Surrey Branch team and an excellent opportunity for a CPRE member to play a vital role in the Branch. It means being a Charity Trustee of CPRE Surrey with all the responsibilities that this entails, but with the added responsibility of ensuring the financial viability and stability of the Branch. You would be responsible for preparing and presenting budgets, accounts and financial statements to the Board, advising on the financial implications of its decisions and plans, and ensuring that our financial resources are adequate for present and future spending, and that proper accounting procedures and controls are in place.

This is an excellent opportunity to play a senior role in a respected local environmental organisation, applying your accounting skills and experience to make a real difference. You should ideally be professionally qualified, or have experience of financial management with a similar not-for-profit organisation, or preferably both. For this role we also require candidates to have good organisational skills, enjoy working with a small but active Branch team, be comfortable with meeting reporting deadlines, and able to keep us on the straight and narrow in all financial matters. Induction will be provided by our current Hon. Treasurer who will provide a handover to his successor.

Planning Adviser

Planning is very much the core work – the nitty-gritty of CPRE Surrey's day-to-day existence. We have several Planning Advisers already – retired professional planners who give their time and expertise to CPRE on a voluntary basis – but we are over-stretched and need more help! Our Planning Advisers working across the full range of land use planning issues, including new housebuilding

in the Green Belt, and dealing with issues such as aviation, traffic, pollution, etc – as well as coordinating the Branch's input to the consultations which are taking place around Surrey on Local Plans and other relevant planning documents. As part of the Branch team you would help to raise awareness of relevant issues by campaigning for sustainable solutions, seek to influence planning policies and decisions, and ensuring that CPRE Surrey's voice is heard by local planning authorities, the media and local communities. Working with other Planning Advisers in the Branch team, Gillian Hein and Keith Tohill, you would advise and support our district groups who keep a watchful eye on planning applications and make written comments to the local planning authorities on any inappropriate development.

Planning Liaison Advisers

Would you like to act on behalf of CPRE Surrey on a part-time basis in monitoring local planning applications in one of the county's 11 districts and boroughs? We especially need help in the northern parts of the county, specifically the boroughs of Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath and Woking. Your contribution would help us to highlight the threats to Surrey's countryside as they arise, use the democratic planning process to ensure CPRE's voice is heard by those who take decisions on local planning applications which affect local communities, and make a real, tangible difference in your local area. Planning knowledge and experience is not required as induction and training would be provided by our planning officers and you would have the ongoing support of our friendly Branch team.

Further details and application forms for the above Volunteer roles are available from the Branch office in Leatherhead (details on page 8). If you would like to discuss the roles in more detail, please contact the Branch Secretary, Peter Edwards, email peteraedwards@hotmail.co.uk.

A BIG THANK-YOU!

... to all those members and supporters of CPRE Surrey who responded to our Autumn/Winter "Save Surrey's Countryside" Appeal by making donations to our Branch "Fighting Fund". All such contributions are greatly appreciated. While most of our work is done by volunteers, the Branch necessarily incurs costs in running campaigns, producing and distributing literature, and, when needed, obtaining professional expertise such as legal advice and representation in public hearings. All of this costs a considerable amount of money, and we rely on membership subscriptions and donations to enable us to undertake this work.

We are fighting battles on so many fronts at the present time, and every indication is that we will be even busier and our resources even more stretched in the coming months as housing pressures grow and yet more of Surrey's green spaces get offered up to developers. Rest assured that CPRE will campaign with ever greater zeal and determination to save our county's precious countryside and Green Belt. We will challenge the excessive and unsustainable housing numbers, and will do our utmost to mobilise opposition to development proposals that threaten Surrey's countryside. So, again – many thanks indeed to all those who have supported us financially through our "Save Surrey's Countryside" Appeal.

Andy Smith



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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 2nd March

A private guided tour (with afternoon tea) at Waverley Abbey House, Farnham

This is a perfectly preserved, Grade II Listed, Georgian country house not normally open to the public. This event has been organised by one of CPRE's partner organisations, Surrey Historic Buildings Trust, and CPRE Surrey Branch members are welcome to participate. For details please visit the website: www.surreyhistoricbuildings.org.uk or Email: friends@surreyhistoricbuildings.org.uk.

Wednesday 11th May

A private visit to the historic stables and Derby winners' graves at The Durdans, Epsom Downs

Organised by the Surrey Historic Buildings Trust. For details please visit the website: www.surreyhistoricbuildings.org.uk or Email: friends@surreyhistoricbuildings.org.uk.

Bank Holiday Monday 30th May

Surrey County Show, Stoke Park, Guildford

Organised by Surrey County Agricultural Society, this is the major countryside event of the year, with hundreds of stalls (including CPRE) and numerous activities and performances, guaranteed to attract many thousands of visitors. We need help setting up and running our stall at the Show. If you are available on the day and would like to volunteer to assist, please contact the Branch Office (details below). We need as many volunteers as possible!

Monday 6th June

CPRE Surrey Planning Forum – Leatherhead. Details to follow.

Sunday 12th June

Picnic to mark the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of CPRE

Full details will be circulated to CPRE members in due course.

Friday 1st July

Annual Public Meeting of CPRE Surrey – Leatherhead. Details to follow.

Local CPRE members recently enjoyed a walking tour of Ashted Common, a National Nature Reserve owned and managed by the City of London Corporation



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