

Council for the Protection of Rural England



Kent Branch Newsletter

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THE CHAIRMANSHIP

Members will all have received the 'cry-for-help' letter from our President, Mr. Cleary. The response to this was encouraging, many people offering to help in various ways, and some suggesting names of persons who might be approached. There were also requests for further information, and this has been provided.

The Executive Committee, at its last meeting, gave authority to a small sub-committee to make a firm proposal, and there is now confidence that at the Annual General Meeting a nomination will be made for the office of Chairman.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for 1981 will be on 12 September at 2.30 p.m. in the Northbourne Park School. Details are being circulated.

MEMBERSHIP

A great deal of the Secretary's time has been taken up, perforce, with dealing with the responses to the President's letter and the requests for information. However, membership continues to increase and now stands at about 340, which is considerably up on last year's total. To this total must be added about 60 affiliated societies. The response to the mild 'drive' for members has been sufficiently encouraging to show that there is great potential for many more. If any member knows of people who might be interested, the Hon. Secretary will be delighted to contact them.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

As you will know, CPRE(K) works on a local representative basis. Representatives are asked to comment on important planning applications in their area, and these comments help the Folkestone office very considerably in making submissions, favourable or otherwise to the planning

authorities.

Attached to this Newsletter is a list of the representatives in your own District Council area for each parish. It also shows the parishes for which we currently have no one. If you know of anyone who might like to fill a gap please contact the Hon. Secretary in Folkestone. We are anxious to have comprehensive coverage throughout the county. Guidance notes for representatives are available.

If you are aware of planning applications which you think should have the attention of the Branch, do get in touch with your local representative, or, in the absence of one, with the Folkestone office.

M25 (SWANLEY - SEVENOAKS SECTION)

CPRE(HQ), while keeping us informed, have asked the Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment for assurances that no further action will be taken in relation to this Section and connecting roads schemes until after a Public Inquiry has been held and a decision reached. They have also asked for an assurance that at the Inquiry or at any other time an opportunity will be given for objections to the proposals to be fully discussed and representations to be made.

The S.E. Road Construction Unit has replied that there can be no question of postponing further action on the Section, but confirmed that the effects of the proposed slip roads on the area, and on the M25 and other roads, would be an appropriate topic for representations and objections when the draft orders are published, and subsequently for discussion at an Inquiry if one should be necessary.

WEST MALLING AIRFIELD

Mrs. Blest attended the Inquiry which opened in June and on behalf of CPRE(K) urged rejection of the application for development of the airfield for general flying. The airfield is in an area of intensive fruit and hop growing and lies largely within the Green Belt. Development in the surrounding villages has been tightly controlled, and in the immediate vicinity are many conservation areas, including woods of special interest to naturalists, bird watchers and lepidopterists. Only a need of over-riding national importance could justify the detrimental effect to this rural area of outstanding value and amenity which would inevitably follow the establishment of an airfield of the magnitude proposed and the attendant pressures, very difficult to resist, that would be exerted by a successful operation for ancillary development and growth causing further damaging loss of Green Belt and high grade agricultural land. It had not been shown that there was an imperative defence need, which was the original reason for the existence of the airfield, and, moreover, the Kent Structure Plan had not mentioned any need for provision for increased flying. Rejection of the application should, indeed, be on the same grounds as the recent rejection of the Wisley application - that the site, surrounded by its many valued recreational and conserved areas and protected as it is by long standing and recently approved policies, is quite unsuitable for the use proposed.

THE CONVERTER STATION, SELLINDGE

At the request of the Objectors the Inquiry was reopened in February for further consideration of the arguments for and against siting the Converter Station at Dungeness by using a submarine route for cables from the Varne to Dungeness. Regrettably the fight to keep the Station away from Sellindge was lost. It will be necessary now to watch carefully future developments between the Station and

Folkestone and to monitor the approved plans.

DRAFT KENT COUNTRYSIDE PLAN

Opportunity was taken at this consultation stage in the preparation of the Plan to draw attention to a number of apparent omissions from the considerations outlined including:- problems caused for land, traffic and footpaths by the growing cult of horse riding particularly on the urban fringes; traffic hazards and the concentration of particular types of crops involved in the growth of 'farm shops' and 'pick-your-own' produce trade, and the possible development of farm shops into retail shops for which planning permission has not been sought; the effects on wild-life of the removal of hedges in the interests of economic farming.

A20 TRUNK ROAD (FOLKESTONE-DOVER)

The Secretary of State for Transport has selected the route described as 'Blue' in the public consultation document published in 1979. This route will be further investigated before firm proposals are published in draft Orders under the Highways Act. A final decision on the standards of the new road, with a view to due economy and to minimising the impact on the environment, will be taken during the detailed study of the route. The distribution of traffic between the M20 and the M2 and the possibility of a fixed Channel Link will be among the factors that will be considered.

CPRE(K) has urged that no decision be taken about this road before a decision has been reached about the Channel Tunnel.

CHANNEL TUNNEL

The Second Report of the Transport Committee of the House of Commons, dated 11 February 1981, noted that the overwhelming weight of opinion in Kent was in favour of the single-bore railway proposal and

opposed to any link which might increase the volume of road traffic in Kent, or might create major new environmental problems arising from the reception, parking, loading and unloading of cars and heavy road vehicles. In comments to the County Planning Officer we have endorsed these views and strongly recommended that an environmental impact study of equivalent status to the Cairncross economic study be carried out, as it is evident that each of the alternative options being considered will have a different environmental impact on the Kent scene.

HEAVY LORRIES

The Armitage Report was debated in the House of Commons on 17 June. The Secretary of State stated that the Government had no intention of proposing 44 tonne lorries and the House rejected their introduction. This is to be welcomed only in so far as it refers to proposals emanating from the EEC. The campaign, in which CPRE is playing an important part, to prevent lorry weights in this country from being increased from 32.5 to 40 tonnes, continues.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

The CPRE national office has long been pressing for more determined policies on energy conservation which could reduce the need for environmentally damaging new power stations and power lines. Proposals in briefs for widening the scope of the Energy Conservation Bill introduced in the House of Lords in December last were given encouraging support in both Houses earlier this year. A submission has since been made to the Select Committee on Energy.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

The Tree Council Newsletter, 'Tree News', has recently issued a digest of papers given during a seminar at Salford University in March this year which covered recent DED research, together with the scientific, financial

and management feasibility of control.

Much of the elm population of southern Britain has been destroyed during the 1970's by the epidemic of DED caused by a new and previously unidentified aggressive strain of the fungus caused by the bark beetles. This has not only affected the English elm, but also the smooth-leaved elm, the Wych elm, the Wheatley elm and many others. The long-term outlook for the elm, however, does not appear to be entirely bleak. Research cultivars are now being introduced for trial plantings, and it remains to be seen whether they are well suited to British conditions and are able to maintain their resistance to the disease.

HEAVY STANDARD TREES

The Leeds Castle Foundation have a considerable number of trees which they would be prepared to dispose of below current market prices, and are prepared to dig up and make available to anyone desirous of purchasing them and taking them away.

They have provided the Folkestone office with a list of the varieties, including girth and height, and it is understood that they will all be suitable for replanting. The figure of £10 was quoted by the Agent as the price at which they are prepared to sell each tree. Anyone interested should get in touch direct with the Agent, Leeds Castle Foundation, Leeds Castle, Maidstone, and it might help if a letter and subsequent telephone conversation Money/Drake-Brockman are quoted.

RURAL VOICE

This alliance of national organisations which was formed in 1980 (CPRE is one of the 8 members) has published a document setting out a Strategy for improving the quality of life of rural communities. While looking to government, national and local, and to the private sector to recognise the needs of these communities and to act upon them, and, while recognising that many

of the decisions which affect rural life can and should be taken by the people who live there and the organisations to which they belong, nevertheless the member organisations of Rural Voice accept their responsibility to provide leadership in a campaign to achieve the goal of the strategy.

Among the many detailed proposals put forward are: development plans should include specific policies for rural settlement; small villages should be grouped for planning purposes; selective conversion of redundant buildings for housing, industry or other purposes should be encouraged; local authorities should sell or lease small plots of land to self-build groups; and, particularly, the work of the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas in giving financial help, advice and training to small businesses should be extended to include, for example, shops, garages and transport firms.

Other specific proposals dealt with energy saving and transport problems, and the adaptation of village halls to contain post office, shop, surgery, dispensary or library where those facilities are at risk. It is also recommended that parish councils should make further use of their statutory powers and unique position as elected representative of rural communities.

RURAL SERVICES

Stephen Woollet (National Council for Voluntary Organisations) has produced a manual, 'Alternative Rural Services - A Community Manual', which suggests answers and encourages rural communities to take positive action to reverse the decline in their services. The book gives information about a wide range of services which may be under threat, including shops, post offices, schools, libraries, chemists, surgeries, transport and public

houses, and shows, with examples of solutions found, how alternatives can be provided. The book is available in book shops at £3.50 or by post at £3.95 from Macdonald and Evans Distribution Services Ltd., Estover Rd., Plymouth.

KENT ENTERPRISES

A presentation evening was held on 5 May to congratulate the prize and certificate winners in the first Kent Enterprises Competition organised by Kent Voluntary Service Council. Projects of the 45 village ventures entered varied from village halls, church renovations and sports facilities to shows, clubs, nature conservation and 'good neighbour' schemes. Shell were the main sponsors, and ICI, Akzo and Pfizer also contributed to the prize fund. The following were the winners:

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| 1st. Prize - £200 | Hernhill |
| | Crafts Centre |
| 2nd. Prize - £120 | East Peckham |
| | Village Centre |
| 3rd. Prize - £75 | Elham Doctor's |
| | Surgery |
| Runners Up - £25 | Postling |
| | Village Hall, |
| | Sutton Valence |
| | Youth Centre, |
| | West Kingsdown |
| | community help scheme. |
| Certificates of commendation: | |
| Cowden Sports Pavilion; | |
| Brook and Hinxhill Village | |
| Hall; Headcorn Church | |
| Restoration Appeal; Kings- | |
| wood and Broomfield Village | |
| Hall; Stelling Minnis Con- | |
| servation of the Common. | |

Entry forms for the next competition will be available from the Countryside Officer of the KVSC, Folkestone. The closing date for entries will be 31 May, 1982. Projects to be judged will be those undertaken since January 1980.

ST. MARGARETS BAY CONSERVATION GROUP

This Group is the latest Society to apply for affiliate membership of CPRE(K). On many a

Saturday morning in the past winter and spring members were seen collecting rubbish from the beach. On one occasion 60 large sacks of plastic cups were picked up. It is undoubtedly true that most of this rubbish comes from the cross Channel Ferries, and CPRE has written to the various Shipping Lines seeking their co-operation to try to improve this unsatisfactory situation.

'CRUMBLING KENT'

A highly successful conference took place at Leeds Castle on 13 June, organised by the Kent Building Preservation Trust, based on their above-named brochure produced as a result of their countywide survey of threatened buildings.

The morning session was presided over by Lord Boston of Faversham, MP for Faversham 1964-70, and Chairman TV South, and the afternoon session by John Heddle, MP, former member of Kent County Council and sponsor of T & C Planning (Protection of Listed Buildings) Bill. Speakers included John Newman, Chairman KBPT and member of Historic Buildings Council, George Allan, Ag. Secretary KBPT and committee member of SAVE Britain's Heritage, and George Michell, Consultant Architect to the Civic Trust and Architectural Heritage Fund.

Kent County Council and the majority of District Councils sent several delegates, as did many Amenity Societies.

A copy of the brochure can be obtained from the Folkestone office for £1.30 including postage.

KENT HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Mr. R.H. Hiscock, LL.B., F.S.A., has succeeded Mr. C.R. Cuncer, F.S.A. as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Cuncer is warmly thanked for the devoted service he has given KHBC of which he was Chairman since its foundation in 1961.

Representations have been made by the Committee about applications affecting Kippington House, Sevenoaks; 71 Windmill St. Gravesend; The Queen's Hotel, Deal; the Canon Hoare Memorial, Tunbridge Wells; 130 High St., Sevenoaks, and barns at Ivy House Farm, East Malling and Buston Manor Farm, Hunton. An enquiry is being held regarding 1 and 2 Swan Cottages, Lamberhurst Down. Support has been given to the concern being expressed about the lack of repairs to the Tower of Otford Palace. Comments on draft proposals affecting the New Tavern Fort, Gravesend, have been made.

The report on the pilot Farm Buildings Survey in the Plaxtol area is being considered with a view to extending the project.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

This year's competition attracted 68 entries - a small increase only on last year's rather disappointing number of entrants.

Nevertheless, participants are as enthusiastic as ever, and the judging of the second round is almost completed. Our sincere thanks go to all judges, especially those who, after many years, are now retiring from the competition. We welcome several new volunteers for the judging of next year's competition. Any further offers of help would be most gratefully received!

This year, Reeves, the firm producing artist's materials, has made available, through the Kent and Sussex Courier, additional prizes for schools in winning villages in West Kent where the children have made attractive posters encouraging community effort for the competition. Our thanks go to them and to all who contribute to the continuing success of the competition.

GARDEN OPENINGS

Once again, Mr. Ben Tompsett very kindly opened his lovely garden at Crittenden House on 21 June in aid of CPRE(K)'s

funds. The Hon. Secretary, and his wife, and his dog, sat at the gate on a very pleasant summer afternoon, and admitted 35 people, as a result of which the Branch is better off by £11.

This is a generous gesture on Mr. Tompsett's part - he puts up all the notices himself - and we are very grateful. If anyone else would like to follow suit, suitable gate-sitters could undoubtedly be found!

LT. COL. A.H. THRIFT, M.C.

As we go to press, it has been learned with very great regret that Arthur Thrift has died. He had been ill for about a year.

After he retired from the army in the early 70's, he devoted his life to K.V.S.C., of which he was General Secretary. He was always a great friend of, and very helpful to CPRK when it was a Committee of KVSC, and afterwards when we became independent.

He will be very sorely missed, both in Folkestone and by those who had the good fortune to know him as a friend. May he rest in peace.

We have also heard that both Mr. J.L. Short and Mr. E.J. Crawford, members of our Executive Committee have died in recent weeks. We offer our deepest sympathy to their relatives, and have been most grateful to them both for the help they gave CPRE(K) over the years.

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August 19th, 1981

Dear Member,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1981

This will take place at NORTHBOURNE PARK SCHOOL, BETTESHANGER, nr. DEAL, on SATURDAY, September 12th, 1981, at 2.30 p.m. You are invited to attend, and to bring with you any friends who might be interested.

A copy of the Annual Report for 1980/81 is enclosed. There will be an opportunity to discuss it, and questions of a general nature will be welcomed. Please return the enclosed form before the meeting to ensure a full reply, also indicating your nominations for the various officers and up to 15 members of the Executive Committee. Mr. R.Coombs resigned during the year, and both Mr J.L.Short and Mr. E.J.Crawford have recently died, so there are vacancies.

The Executive Committee has chosen Mr HUGH FINN, CBE, DL, of Mackington Farm, Canterbury, as their nomination for Chairman; and Mr Charles P.Oliver, of Hurst Hill Farm, Hothfield, for Vice-Chairman. It is very much hoped that members will support these nominations.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the A.G.M. held on November 8th, 1980, already circulated.
2. To consider the Annual Report, and to deal with members questions.
3. To receive the annual accounts.
4. To elect the officers. President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Hon. Secretary.
5. To elect and Executive Committee of not more than 15 members. Nominations must reach the Secretary by Wednesday, September 2nd at the latest (para. 6 (g) of the Constitution).
6. To make a Presentation to the retiring Chairman, Lt. Col. R.F.H.Drake-Brockman.
7. To discuss any other business.

An address by Professor G.Wibberley, Professor of Countryside Planning, Wye College, will follow.

Tea and biscuits, price 50p, will be served after the address.

The President, Mr. F.E.Cleary, will take the Chair at the meeting.

COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND (KENT BRANCH)

ANNUAL REPORT 1980 - 1981

At the A.G.M., held on 8th November 1980 at Church Barn, Charing, the following were elected:

President: F.E. Cleary, Esq., CBE, FRICS
Vice-Presidents: Dunstan Skilbeck, Esq., CBE
The Lady Northbourne
Chairman: Lt. Colonel R.F.H. Drake-Brockman
Vice-Chairman:
Executive Committee:
L.A. Biddle, Esq., FSA F. Hopkinson, Esq., TD, BA
Mrs. E.M. Blest Mrs. R. Moorhead
Major J.M. Brunskill R.D. Poland, Esq., CB
R. Coombs, Esq. J.L. Short, Esq.
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Mrs. M. Dixon Lt. Colonel A.H. Thrift, MC
(KVSC)
Co-opted: P.H. Toy, Esq., FRICS
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Hon. Editor: F. Brewer, Esq., CMG, OBE
Hon. Treasurer: R.H. Oakeley, Esq. (KVSC)

This has been a short financial year of 10 months, the A.G.M. having been brought forward to its rightful place in September.

CHAIRMANSHIP A great deal of time has been devoted in the Folkestone office to finding a new Chairman to take office in September 1981. We have been most fortunate in having Lt. Colonel Drake-Brockman at the helm for the past year. There can be very few with his knowledge and experience, and no one could have exceeded the devotion he has given to CPRE(K), especially at a time of life when he might have expected to be able to put his feet up.

An appeal to members by the President produced a welcome number of replies, with many offers of help and suggestions of people whom we might approach to take over from 'D - B'. As a result, we are now confident that the Executive Committee will be able to put forward a nomination for Chairman at the A.G.M. It is also hoped that we shall be able to recruit some new members to the Executive Committee from the many people who have shown interest.

We record with very great sadness the death during the year of Arthur Thrift, friend and mentor to CPRE(K) for so many years; and also of both John Short and E.J. Crawford, members of our Executive Committee who served us so well.

SECRETARIAL Jim Hudson continued as Hon. Secretary, but during the year the clerical staff suffered more changes and deprivations. We have been especially grateful to Mrs. Burgess for the extra burden of coping with CPRE(K) in addition to her many other duties, and for doing it all so efficiently and cheerfully.

MEMBERSHIP The growth mentioned in the last Annual Report has been maintained, and the latest count shows that we have some 335 individual members, an increase on last year of 27% - keeping well up with inflation! And we have only just started. As a result, our income has increased, but so inevitably have our outgoings. The overall financial position is, therefore, much as before, but we have every confidence that it will improve substantially in 1981/82.

THE NEWSLETTER Two issues again were published, and once more we are much indebted to our editor, Frank Brewer, for his work in producing such an eminently readable publication.

MAJOR ITEMS receiving our attention during the year were:

West Malling Airfield: A public enquiry was held in June 1981, at which we were represented most ably by Mrs. Blest. We repeated our objections to the development of the airfield for general flying. Only a need of great national importance - such as defence - could justify development on the scale proposed, with its inevitable detrimental effect on this rural area. Such a need had not been shown to exist, neither had the Kent Structure Plan mentioned the need for increased flying. Rejection was urged on these two grounds. The result of the enquiry is awaited.

Aldington Converter Station: At the request of the objectors, including CPRE(K), the enquiry was re-opened in February, for further consideration of the arguments for and against siting the Converter Station at Dungeness, by using a submarine route for cables from Varne to Dungeness. Unfortunately the fight to keep the station away from Sellindge was lost. It is now essential that we carefully monitor future proposed developments between Folkestone and Sellindge, and also the approved plans.

A 20 Trunk Road, Folkestone/Dover: In spite of objections made by CPRE(K) and others, the Secretary of State for Transport has chosen the route described as 'blue' in the consultation document published in 1979. The route will be further investigated before firm proposals are published, and a final decision taken on the standards of the new road during this study, with a view to economy and minimising the impact on the environment. We have strongly urged that no decision be taken about this road before a decision has been reached about the Channel Tunnel!

Channel Tunnel: In commenting to the County Planning Officer, we have endorsed the view, shared by the overwhelming weight of opinion in Kent, that we are opposed to any link which might increase the volume of road traffic in Kent, or might create major new environmental problems. We have further strongly recommended that an environmental study, of the equivalent status to the Cairncross Economic Study, be carried out.

M 25 - Swanley/Sevenoaks Section: CPRE(HQ) has asked that no further action be taken about this section and connecting roads scheme until after a Public Enquiry has been held. We have been told that there can be no question of postponing further action on this section, but that the effects of the proposed slip roads on the area could be the subject of representations when the draft orders are published, subsequently at an Enquiry should one be necessary.

Kent Countryside Plan: At the Consultation stage in the preparation of the plan, we have drawn attention to a number of omissions, including (1) problems caused for land, traffic and footpaths by the growing cult of horse-riding - (2) traffic hazards and the growth of 'farm shops', and the possible development of these shops into retail shops for which planning permission has not been sought - (3) the effects on wild-life on the removal of hedges in the interests of more economic farming.

Heavy Lorries: We are involved in the campaign to prevent lorry weights in this country from being raised from 32.5 tonnes to 40 tonnes, with its inevitable detrimental effect on the countryside and villages.

Trees and Woodlands: There is no doubt that the book written by Marion Shoard entitled 'The Theft of the Countryside' has led to a great deal of controversy, and the author has been attacked by many members of the farming community. This is unfortunate, but we believe that 'Rural Voice' will have a part to play in maintaining the rural landscape, while safeguarding the efficiency of the farming industry. We also pin great faith in the Kent Farming and Wildlife Group under the Chairmanship of Mr. B.D. Neame, and of which Amanda Woolley, Countryside Officer, is Secretary.

We were concerned at the removal of some hedges on Romney Marsh by a farmer, and this led to correspondence with Shepway D.C. and the N.F.U., as, apart from the change to the landscape in this rather featureless area, we believed that part of the hedges were not on the farmer's land, but were on road reserve. We also consider that consultation with members of the public should take place when farmers propose to carry out drastic changes to the countryside, and we are glad that K.C.C., to which Shepway D.C. had forwarded our correspondence with the N.F.U., have decided to refer this matter to the Ministry of Agriculture.

REPORT OF THE KENT HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE After twenty years, since the inception of the Committee, Mr. Councor has vacated the office of Chairman but continues to serve on the Committee.

Amongst the many applications affecting listed buildings which have been reported on have been the Crown Inn, Groombridge; The Black Horse Hotel, Deal; The Queen's Hotel, Deal; Swan Cottages Lamberhurst Down; Oakhill House, Hildenborough; 130 High Street, Sevenoaks; 'Wolfelands', Westerham; Gibraltar Cottage, Tunbridge Wells; outbuildings at The Dog and Bear, Lenham, and barns at Manor Farm, Farningham and Ivy House Farm, East Malling. Other buildings under consideration have been Horton Manor Chapel, Chartham; Milton Manor Chapel, Thanington; West Stourmouth Church, the Darnley Mausoleum, Cobham Park and also the Canon Hoare Memorial, Tunbridge Wells.

The Committee joined with other conservation organisations in protesting about the lack of repair to Otford Palace Tower.

The pilot survey of Farm Buildings in the Plaxtol area was very successful and an extension of the project is contemplated.

The Kent Buildings Preservation Trust has produced a booklet 'Crumbling Kent' as a result of its 'Neglected Buildings' survey. A successful conference was held at Leeds Castle by the Trust as part of its rejuvenation programme.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION There were 68 entries for the 1981 Competition. Final judging will take place after the circulation of this Annual Report. Grateful thanks are once more recorded to all who have so generously given their time to the Competition, especially to the volunteer judges, and to all who contributed to the special efforts in the villages.

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Dear

CPRE(K), in an attempt to be more effective, has decided to decentralize somewhat. It is our intention to find someone to act as 'Warden' for each District Council area, whose duties are as follows:-

1. To make contact with affiliated Amenity Societies and establish a procedure. In general, the Societies will look after all minor matters whether or not they need our help. We will obviously deal with anything in the area not covered by an Amenity Society, and all major matters.
2. Vet the planning list which comes out each week. Anything which seems to need CPRE(K) attention should first be cleared with the Amenity Society (if there is one), secondly should be investigated with the help of the Parish Representative (if there is one) and thirdly a recommended comment sent to Folkestone for onward transmission.
3. Keep an eye - with the help of Parish Representatives - on the local papers for news of future developments, which the media often get before anyone else.

CPRE Folkestone will, in turn, keep the 'Wardens' informed of anything which comes our way which needs looking at, and also keep them supplied with literature and information. This will include CPRE leaflets, newsletters, application forms; and also the more interesting and relevant circulars which come from London.

Each 'Warden' is provided with:-

1. The name and address of the District Planning Officer.
2. A list of elected Members to CPRE(K) Executive Committee who live in the district.
3. A list of the Members of CPRE(K) in the district.
4. A list of the current Parish Representatives some of whom are Members, some are not.
5. A list of all the affiliated Societies, and affiliated Parish Councils, with the address of the Contact if known.
6. A list of Amenity Societies NOT affiliated to CPRE(K), but who are affiliated to KFAS.

The intention is NOT to burden anyone with a lot of extra paper work. As far as sending in comments to Folkestone is concerned, these may be telephoned to Folkestone, dictated to Mrs. Burgess, and we can then send them on.

We are pleased to tell you that

Norman G. Fowler
River House Bridge
Canterbury Kent

Telephone: Bridge 830349

has kindly agreed to act as 'Warden' for Canterbury City Council area, and the purpose of this letter is to ask you to give Mr. Fowler your support, and to make contact in good time if any CPRE problem arises.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary

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Ian D. Taylor, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary, Nailbourne Protection
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FOR INFORMATION

With Compliments 14 JUL 1982

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KENT BRANCH OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 1981

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
1980	Recorded as being specifically for CPRE(K)	1980	
£	£	£	£
250	Salary - Hon. Secretary	652	Subscriptions & Donations
884	Clerical Salaries	1013	
88	National Insurance	30	Donations from Non-Members
30	Travel	-	
180	Stationery	10	Eastcote Boy Scouts
295	Postage and Telephone	-	
10	Conference - Teas	100	Judd School
43	Affiliation Fees paid	212	Affiliation Fees
6	Insurance	229	
		120	Life Subscriptions
		50	Trusts - Lord Astor & Northbourne
		175	
		28	Garden Openings
		-	B.B.C.
		10	
		12	Nominal Profit on Plaques
		24	
		100	Passby Legacy Interest
		100	
		151	Refund of Tax on Covenants
		194	
		32	Collections at Meetings
		7	
			Total income earmarked for CPRE(K)
<u>1786</u>	<u>2299</u>	<u>1497</u>	<u>2044</u>
	CPRE's share of general office expenditure		
104	Administrative Salaries		
	130		
	Clerical Salaries (Telephone Operator, Accounts Clerk etc)		
377	426		
	Rent, Rates, Heat, Light, Cleaning		
204	226		
63	Stationery		
	72		
44	Accountancy		
	44		
25	Office equipment		
	25		
99	Other expenses		
	110		
	<u>1033</u>		
<u>2702</u>	<u>3332</u>	<u>1205</u>	Balance to be met from Development Commission Grant and other KVSC Funds
			<u>1288</u>
			<u>3332</u>

Note. The total KVSC Expenditure in 1980/81 was £49,309.

P.W. Ford
Hon. Treasurer.

COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND (KENT)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1981

A. I shall attend the A.G.M., and hope to bring friends with me.

B. My nominations for Officers and members of the Executive Committee are:-

Officers

Nominee

President

Vice-Presidents

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Hon. Secretary

Executive Committee

The above have agreed to serve.

C. I wish to ask the following questions at the A.G.M.

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE HON. SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 2nd.

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