



75 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act

YEARS

It's been 75 years since the 'National Parks and Access to the Countryside' Act came into being, making the creation of legally protected landscapes possible. CPRE was instrumental in the creation of this Act and since then has worked within these legal parameters to protect and enhance our beautiful local countryside.

The recent government review on protected landscapes describes National Parks and National Landscapes (previously AONBs) as our most iconic and beautiful places. Based on their geology and history, these characteristic landscapes contain swathes of ancient woodland, deep peat and grassland, and our most rare species such as the red squirrel, curlew, otter and water vole. Protected landscapes represent a shared heritage and identity, and home to many rural communities and businesses. They support health and wellbeing as unique places to experience natural beauty and tranquillity. There is a lot to celebrate. However, there also continues to be huge pressures that fall on our countryside. On land inside these protected boundaries and on countryside that is not.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of National Parks, the truth is that these places are facing a host of challenges. With wildlife and habitats on the brink of destruction, rivers and lakes clogged with sewage, fragile ecosystems ravaged by climate change and a growing divide when it comes to who can live, work and visit these places. Work is being undertaken to overcome these challenges but is being held back by out-of-date legislation and limited resources. We still have a lot of work to do.

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Chair's Welcome



In this issue of Hampshire Views we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 1949 Act that paved the way for National Parks and National Landscapes (formally AONBs) in England and Wales. We are immensely privileged in Hampshire to have England's two newest National Parks, the New Forest and South Downs, within our borders. Indeed, there are only four counties in England where the quality of the countryside merits two National Parks, and the others, North Yorkshire, Cumbria and Devon, are substantially larger than Hampshire. If you add in our parts of the North Wessex Downs, Cranbourne Chase and Chichester Harbour National Landscapes, nearly 40% of the county is nationally protected landscape. For me personally this anniversary is especially important having devoted some 20 years of my life to these special places.

In the following pages we explore further both the advantages and the challenges this presents for our county. I hope you enjoy this edition of Hampshire Views and we look forward to welcoming you to the AGM on 20 April at Sparsholt College.

Margaret Paren
Chair, CPRE Hampshire

MEET THE CPRE HAMPSHIRE TEAM

Come and see us at the New Forest & Hampshire Show 30, 31st July - 1st August 2024.

Contact us

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CPRE Hampshire team news

We are delighted to welcome new volunteers to the team at CPRE Hampshire HQ.






Ellie Stathern (left) has just graduated from the University of Leeds with a degree in Economics and Geography and will be working with us over the next few months. Alicia Loveday-Lovell (centre) is on placement with us whilst studying Ecology at Sparsholt College. A warm welcome to both. Alex Jackaman, an Environmental Science student at Plymouth University, continues with us on work placement. All our young volunteers have taken part in a national CPRE initiative to celebrate the contribution of young volunteers across the network. Watch out for a video that will be released during Volunteers Week 2024.

New Forest Volunteer Fair

Our Student Intern, Alex, attended the very busy New Forest Volunteer Fair earlier this year. He made friends with the Totton based charity 'Tools for Self Reliance' and managed to stock up on billhooks for the hedge-laying workshops we ran throughout the winter. Great work Alex!



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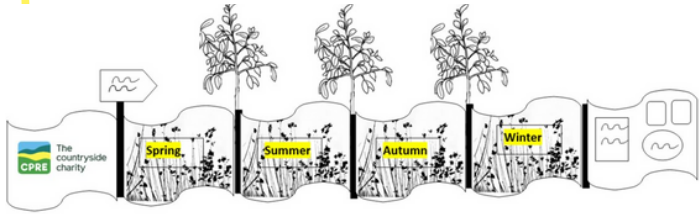
www.cprehampshire.org.uk

What's coming up

CPRE Hampshire AGM

The charity's Annual General Meeting is due to take place at 10am on 20 April 2024, at Sparsholt Business Centre near Winchester. Everybody is welcome and we'd love to see you there. To get further details and to book your place, search for CPRE Hampshire on www.eventbrite.co.uk, by Friday 12th April.

NEW Hedgerows Textile Project



Plans are underway to launch a new textiles project to celebrate hedgerows. Four panels, one for each season, will provide an interactive opportunity to show the importance of hedgerows to our countryside. We are looking to work with the community to create the textile which will then tour the county at various events and venues. If you are interested in being involved, get in touch! Email opsmanager@cprehampshire.org.uk

Responding to consultation on new emerging Local Plans

A number of our CPRE Hampshire District Groups have recently been heavily involved in submitting consultation responses to their Local Planning Authorities. All Local Planning authorities must review and, if necessary, update their Local Plans every 5 years. To do this they must engage with local residents and relevant organisations to identify how planning policy can be used positively to help address key issues within the local authority area. The purpose is to allow interested parties an opportunity to review the proposed vision and objectives of the plan, comment on proposed policies and sites to be allocated for development, and, if necessary, to suggest alternatives. Responses have been submitted to both East Hampshire and Basingstoke and Deane District Councils and we are still completing the response for Test Valley. All these emerging Local Plans are at the 'Regulation 18, part 2' stage. Once consultation responses have been considered and responded to, the Planning authority will produce the next draft version of their plan, taking this into consideration. The process of producing a Local Plan from start to finish can take a number of years. In all our responses we are focussing on the importance of the emerging Local Plan being "landscape led". This means starting with people and how they live; the spaces and places that support this; and only then sorting out the buildings. It is about making a place where people belong. And this is the Old English meaning of landscape. We also expect each local authority to have a clear policy on protecting Valued Landscapes, and to consider the supply and removal of waste/sewage in planning decisions. We will also focus on policies designed to address the climate change emergency, whilst protecting the countryside. It is also important to note that national parks are the planning authority for the areas they cover. See specific district updates. on p4.

Tickets for our all events can be found on www.eventbrite.co.uk, Search for CPRE Hampshire.

DONATE, MATCH & DOUBLE YOUR DONATION



We are delighted be chosen by the Big Give Green Match scheme for a second year.

Any donations you make will be MATCHED and DOUBLED. Turning your £10 into £20 for CPRE Hampshire. Your £25 into £50 or your £50 into £100. In turn we will continue to fight for your local countryside and invest in campaigns and initiatives such as the Hampshire Hedge and renewable energy. The donation window opens on 18th April 2024 for one week. Pop the date in your diary during that week

Visit <http://donate.thebiggive.org.uk> to make a donation. Many thanks to our fabulous supporters.

NEWSFLASH ...



Categories are now open for nominations for 2024. See p12 for more details.

For information on all the latest CPRE Hampshire news and events visit: www.cprehampshire.org.uk

District Round Up

North Hants

The response to the Draft Local Plan consultation has been the focus of recent activity. Support from a planning consultant, to apply our responses to CPRE Hampshire position statements, allowed us to concentrate on individual sites detailed in the plan. We have objected to the proposed 'garden village' at Popham airfield but supported the development of a 'brownfield site' at Overton Mill. We objected to the inclusion of warehousing at junction 7 of the M3 in the Local Plan and will be objecting to an application for 245 houses at Skates Lane, south of Tadley, a site which was excluded from the draft Local Plan.

South Downs & Central

CPRE Hampshire put in a comprehensive response to the latest consultation on the East Hants Local Plan. We supported most of the policies. We expressed strong concerns on housing numbers being too high, necessitating proposed allocation of a new strategic site for 1000 homes near Alton within a Valued Landscape; lack of affordable market housing and social housing; and lack of specific protection for Valued Landscapes.

We are concerned that approval was given, by a majority, for a large solar farm in a prominent location in a Valued Landscape near Winchester, despite strong objection from CPRE Hampshire, parish councils, individuals and objection from the Winchester City Council Landscape Team.

Test Valley

There is no committee now running the Test Valley District Group. However, Moya and John are reviewing the TVBC draft Local Plan focusing on catchment issues, a major concern, and housing numbers and location. Overpumping of ground water and sewage into the Test at many points in January was only stopped by public outcry and an intervention by Caroline Nokes MP and Southern Water CEO Lawrence Gosden.

Test Valley cont.

We are concerned about the number of solar farms being proposed and built in the Test Valley and recommend all members visit the web address below for information on the rooftop solar panel campaign, what's happening locally to you and to sign the petition. Also see pages nine and ten. www.cprehampshire.org.uk/rooftop-renewables/

New Forest

New Forest District Council have just announced a review of their Local Plan. This is an opportunity to input into the process that will look at housing delivery, the climate emergency and the impact of the Freeport designation. We welcome involvement from interested members. Re-consultation on the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan ends on 5 March. Allocations at Ashley Manor Farm in New Milton and Midgham Farm near Fordingbridge are particularly controversial and we will be maintaining our objections to both. As warmer weather approaches we are looking forward to attending the New Forest & Hampshire Show 31st July - 1st August. See you there!

South Hampshire

As usual with planning in South Hampshire, we await the deliberations of all local authorities in PfSH (Partnership for South Hampshire). They agree amongst themselves about housing numbers and how to share out any larger allocations. The following greenfield has been identified as 'Broad Areas of Search for Growth': south-east/east of Eastleigh Town (Eastleigh), Southleigh (Havant), east of Romsey (Test Valley), south-west of Chandler's Ford (Test Valley) and east of Botley (Winchester). PfSH estimate that these areas have the potential to deliver a combined total of approximately 9,700 homes, which is on top of those allocations we already know about in current local plans.

Protected Landscapes

“The inspiration may have been sparked by the romantic poets and the vast wilderness parks of the United States, but CPRE has been proud to play a role in not only advocating, but bringing into being our National Parks and National Landscapes. We played a key role on the 1936 Standing Committee on National Parks and continued to campaign, with pioneers like the inspirational Ethel Haythornthwaite, who championed protection and access to the Peak District and went on to serve on the National Parks Committee that built the case for the 1949 Act. Access for all and the protection of our wonderful protected landscapes remains part of our DNA - more important now than ever. Without them, places like Hampshire could look very different. With them, the people of Hampshire love and enjoy easy access to world class - and protected - landscapes.”

Roger Mortlock, CEO, CPRE

A place from which to start

The 1949 Act is the result of decades of campaigning and action from groups and individuals who understood the vital importance of enshrining in law, the conservation and enhancement of our finest countryside, as well as extending the public's right of access to nature. At the end of the 19th century attitudes towards mankind's treatment of the natural world were changing. People were angry about the degrading of the countryside and the lack of access. In the early 20th century public appreciation of natural beauty and a growing desire to enjoy the countryside clashed with unchecked development and the denial of freedom to roam, creating an urgent need to protect landscapes for nature and recreation. The last 75 years have seen huge changes in the landscape of the England and Wales, some good, some bad. We've seen more National Park designations and great protections for Protected Landscapes. However, we're facing unprecedented challenges from nature loss and climate change, and whilst protected landscapes are key to tackling these issues, at CPRE Hampshire, we know there is much more to be done.

Challenges going forward

Although we are lucky to have much protected landscape in Hampshire, under the present national planning regime it comes at a price. The additional pressure on the rest of our countryside. We have lobbied Government, successfully, to downgrade the target for housing numbers to an advisory status, which allows local authorities to argue for lower housing numbers because of such constraints in their areas. Locally, we have urged planning authorities to build on brownfield land first, identify in their local plans 'Valued Landscapes', affording them a degree of protection, and to follow the lead of the national park local plans in putting landscape first. With 38% of Hampshire being protected landscape, with varying degrees of protection from development, means housing targets that don't take this constraint into account put huge additional pressure on the rest of our countryside.



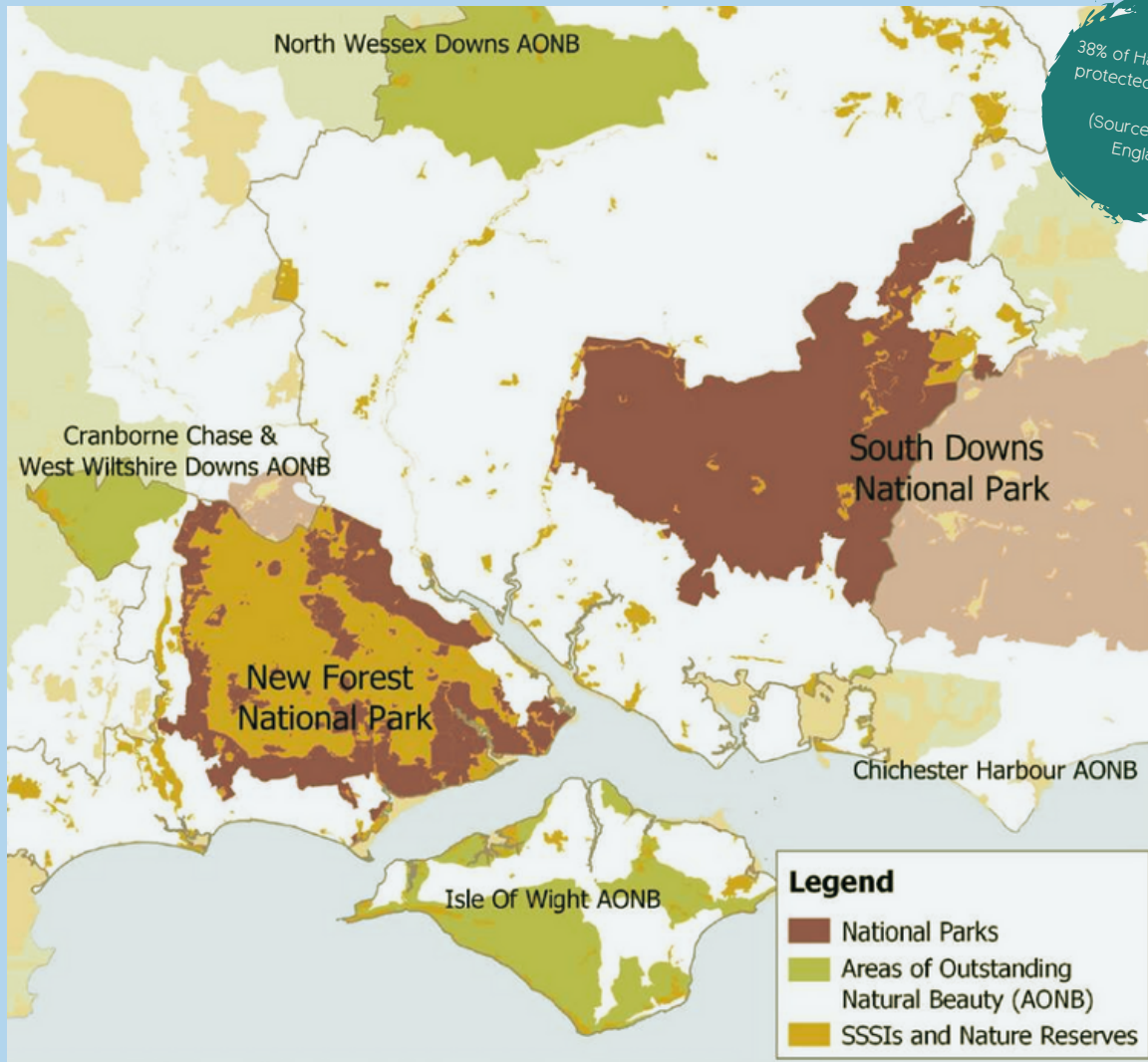
The Campaign for National Parks is a charity dedicated to securing the future of National Parks in England and Wales.

They believe our politicians hold the key to rescuing these landscapes, but are failing to take proper and urgent action. We support them in asking for individuals to join a movement of people from all ages and backgrounds standing up for our National Parks. To call for urgent action to safeguard these landscapes for current and future generations. To see National Parks that are:

- Wilder and nature-rich across land and sea.
- Protected from pollution, destruction and harm.
- Resilient to climate change.
- Inspiring wonder, discovery and wellbeing in everyone.
- Home to thriving communities.
- Benefitting from sustainable tourism, farming and transport.
- Celebrated for their natural beauty and proud heritage.

The Campaign for National Parks are demanding political leaders turn this vision into a reality by committing to a programme that transforms National Parks for the benefit of people, nature and the planet. You can sign the petition and send our leaders a powerful message that National Parks matter. Visit actionnetwork.org/petitions/save-our-national-parks.

Protected Landscapes in Hampshire

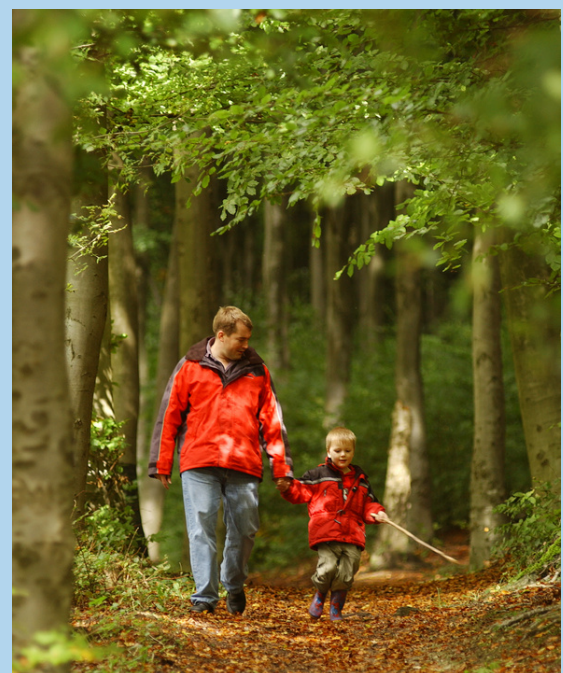


Map courtesy of Hampshire County Council

Here you can see the outline of Hampshire and the locations of the National Parks and National Landscapes (formerly AONBs) within the county. In contrast, it also shows the area where no specific protections have been awarded. It is these areas of countryside CPRE Hampshire consider to be of particular concern.

“All 78 of the elected County Councillors in Hampshire are immensely proud of our protected landscapes. Hampshire is the only County in England with two National Parks as well as three AONBs. The County Council's Countryside Service looks after countryside sites, county farms and country parks in all of the protected landscapes so we work closely with the authorities and landowners on access and biodiversity issues. Hampshire County Council is now responsible for developing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire and we relish this leading role. We see an opportunity for Hampshire to create more wildlife corridors linking our protected landscapes and we are pleased to be supporting CPRE Hampshire on the Hampshire Hedge project. Our Hampshire Forest Partnership is another example of how we are working with charities, communities and other councils to plant trees right across Hampshire to support nature recovery.”

Cllr Russell Oppenheimer, Hampshire County Council



The Shipwright's Way,
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With its remarkable range of plants and animals, ancient tradition of commoning, varied history and distinctive local communities, the New Forest National Park is unique. There are 1,000 old trees, large ponds and bogs, and open heathlands home to many rare plant and animal species that have long ago disappeared from other parts of the UK.



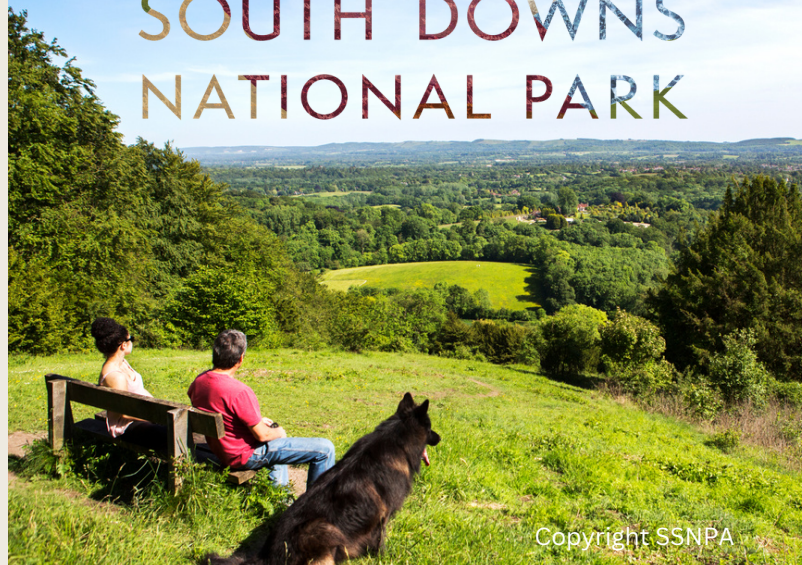
Contributed by Simon Ludlow, from NFNP. Hurst Castle, Hurst Spit, Hurst, Milford on sea, New Forest National Park

“The New Forest is an internationally important landscape for wildlife with a key role in leading nature recovery and our nation’s response to climate change. Shaped by grazing animals and the practice of commoning, the New Forest’s unique history is one of people living and working together as a community sustaining to the landscape and it’s nature continuously over millennia. The designation of the New Forest as a National Park in 2005 recognised the landscape as one of the most precious in the UK and internationally, but there is much more to do to ensure this landscape not only survives but thrives. Through our shared ‘Re:New Forest’ Partnership Plan 2022-2027, we are working with partners to support action for climate, nature, people and place. ‘Team New Forest’ aims to reach and inspire ever wider audiences who share in our ambition to protect and enhance our unique natural landscapes, by making them bigger, better and more joined up. We also work hard to attract the significant resources needed to make a difference to this living, working Forest, its people, landscapes, and wildlife.’

Alison Barnes, Chief Executive, New Forest National Park

www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK



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With rolling hills, glorious heathland, river valleys, ancient woodland, thriving villages and market towns, and the iconic white cliffs of the Heritage Coast, there is much to explore within the South Downs National Park. Covering over 1600 sq km of England’s most valued lowland landscapes, it stretches from east of Winchester to Eastbourne, offering inspirational landscapes, internationally important wildlife and a rich cultural heritage.



“A third of the National Park sits within Hampshire and it’s one of the most breathtaking, biodiverse and interesting rural landscapes in England. As we mark the 75th anniversary, we must never forget why this stretch of countryside has been nationally designated for protection and enhancement – namely for the benefit of both people and nature. Through our Partnership Management Plan, we continue to work collaboratively with local landowners, farmers, and communities to nurture a vibrant mixed-use landscape that serves multiple purposes, whether that be sustainable food production, new wildlife habitats, helping rural businesses or new access opportunities to connect people with our amazing countryside. We’ve achieved a lot in the first 14 years of the National Park and we’re excited about what the next few years will bring.”

Tim Slaney, Chief Executive (Interim),
South Downs National Park Authority

www.southdowns.gov.uk

How Hampshire got two National Parks

It was announced in 1998 that the process for designating national parks in the New Forest and the South Downs would shortly commence. The designation process is a long one and it wasn't until 2005 that the New Forest National Park was established, regrettably with much narrower boundaries than originally considered thanks to the outcome of a public inquiry. The South Downs process was much more convoluted, and it took a further five years before that National Park was established. This time, efforts to restrict the size of the National Park were thwarted largely thanks to a vigorous campaign by 159 volunteer groups and parish councils working under the banner of the 'South Downs Campaign'. CPRE Hampshire played a key role in all of this, with Christopher Napier, Minette Palmer, Caroline Dibden, the late John Venning and many more, contributing huge amounts of their time. The campaign to keep the Western Weald, including Petersfield and Liss in the boundary was led by Margaret Paren, now our chair.

CPRE Hampshire and protected landscapes

CPRE Hampshire works closely with both National Park Authorities as we share so much common ground. We hold regular meetings with them as they prepare their local plans. They have been very much engaged with our Hampshire Hedge, joining our volunteers on planting days. The South Downs National Park Trust has generously contributed to the supply of whips for planting. We are shortly to begin work with the National Park Authority in the New Forest to promote 'Dark Night Skies' in their area.



Cranborne Chase National Landscape



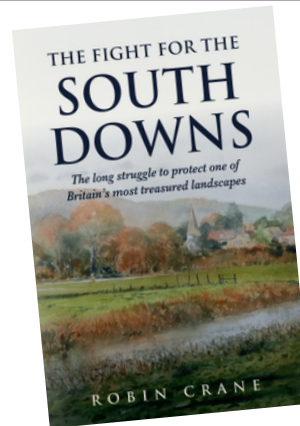
Cranborne Chase covers 380 square miles of countryside, overlapping the boundaries of Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire and Somerset. It is a diverse natural landscape with a rich archaeological and historical significance.

<https://cranbornechase.org.uk>

Chichester Harbour National Landscape

Chichester Harbour National Landscape is one of the most important sites for wildlife in the UK, as well as being an active harbour for water users. It includes the harbour itself and surrounding areas along the West Sussex and Hampshire coastline.

<https://www.conservancy.gov.uk>



You can read more about the South Downs campaign in Robin Crane's book 'The Fight for the South Downs' available from Black Dog publishers, Amazon, Waterstones and other outlets.



North Wessex Downs National Landscape

The North Wessex Downs is a tranquil yet stunning landscape of rolling chalk downlands, forests, woods and dales. Beech woodland crowns the tops of many of the downs providing wonderful panoramic views for miles around. Thinly populated, the downs project a feeling of remoteness and timelessness. In the vast skies above, skylarks, lapwings and majestic birds of prey can be seen.

www.northwessexdowns.org.uk

Each area of protected landscape has an official website worth visiting for information on their history, reasons the areas are so special and what the various challenges and ongoing projects are. They also include plenty of information on visiting and enjoying each area. Below are some other sources of detailed and interesting information.

www.natural-england.org.uk

www.cnp.org.uk

www.nationaltrail.co.uk

www.nationalparksengland.co.uk

Unlocking the potential for green energy

Planning applications for solar farms continue to hit the headlines, especially in local media. The CPRE Hampshire planning team are regularly asked for help in challenging solar proposals that would be an industrial scale intrusion into the landscape. But, climate breakdown poses the biggest threat to our countryside and we need renewable energy. Can the two be reconciled?

At CPRE Hampshire we believe the best place for as much solar as possible is surprisingly simple. On our roofs. The evidence from other countries shows that it's not just a good idea, it's already happening. France has announced plans to fast track renewable energy by mandating car parks nationwide be covered by solar panels. And in 2020, 83% of newly installed solar capacity in Germany was on rooftops.

At national CPRE, a national Rooftop Renewable campaign has been developed. 'A rooftop revolution: turning possibility into reality'. It sets out the case for getting around 60% of our growing solar power requirement from new-build homes, commercial buildings and car parks. It highlights the huge potential to go further over time through 'retrofitting' rooftop renewables on more existing buildings. In the meantime time, community concerns mount over applications to turn more of our farmland into large-scale solar farms.

HOW DO WE HELP ROOFTOP SOLAR TO BECOME A REALITY?

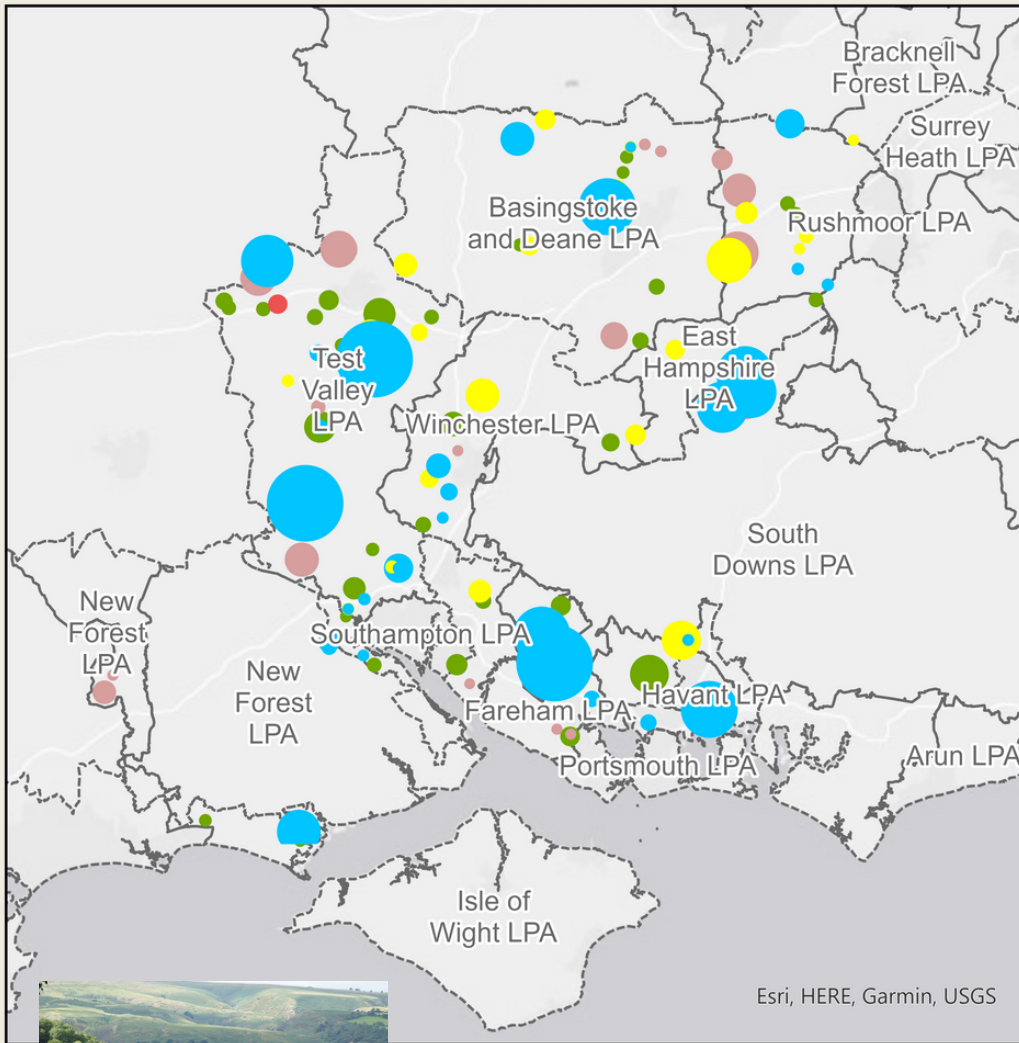
There is huge enthusiasm for solar on our buildings. But to deliver a rooftop revolution, we need policy change nationally and locally. While our colleagues pressure Government and Opposition parties nationally, at CPRE Hampshire and CPRE Sussex, we are looking at what can be done at local level. In council chambers and on the ground. We have teamed up with University of Southampton experts to demonstrate the potential for rooftop solar on existing buildings across the two counties. We want to show councillors, planners and other policymakers how much scope there is for rooftop solar. To encourage policy change and as many panels on roofs as quickly as possible, minimising the need for other land use.



We hope to use the resultant mapping with communities to identify 'quick win' projects with real potential. To help residents, businesses, schools and others, to get solar on their roofs, cutting carbon pollution and energy bills. This unique partnership with the University of Southampton will use cutting-edge techniques to identify and map potential rooftop sites that could host solar panels. It will provide an estimate of the potential capacity across each county and a starting point for specific, promising sites, that can then be 'ground-truthed' by communities. The project builds on previous work carried out by the University of Southampton's Energy and Climate Change Division which mapped the potential for solar of each rooftop in Southampton. The work takes into account shading on roofs by obstacles such as chimneys, trees and buildings. In this new research, the map will cover the planning areas of Hampshire and Sussex. The benefit of this approach is that the results can be broken down by different types of building in each planning context. For example, what is the potential for solar rooftop coverage from large commercial and industrial buildings in a given town? This can then be compared with local proposed, and existing, solar farms when planners need to decide whether to give the go ahead to new schemes.

Renewable Energy: Solar in Hampshire

Map showing existing solar farms and pending schemes across Hampshire



Existing and planned ground mounted PV and/or battery installations (Feb 2024)

Planning status

- Operational
- Permission granted
- Grid approval
- Pending
- Appeal
- NSIP Scoping

Size (hectares)

- 0.2
- 67.58
- 134.96
- 202.34

Local Planning Authorities

Boundary

Source data compiled by CPRE from multiple sources, including Renewable Energy Database, LPA databases, SSE Embedded Capacity Register and the NSIP database. Data subject to error and should not be relied on for decision making.

Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS

Visit the web address at the bottom of the page to explore the Hampshire solar map in more detail and for further information on rooftop renewables.

At CPRE

Hampshire

we believe renewable energy is possible without sacrificing the countryside landscape.

Upcoming Event

“A Rooftop Revolution: Getting solar off the ground in Hampshire and Sussex”

Friday 14 June 2024, 2 till 5pm

Sir James Matthews Building, Southampton

A free event from the University of Southampton, CPRE Hampshire and CPRE Sussex. This conference will explore the huge potential of rooftop solar and include contributions from Alan Whitehead (MP for Southampton), Roger Mortlock, CPRE CEO and experts from the Climate Change Division of Southampton University,

Book your free space on Eventbrite.

Search for CPRE Hampshire.

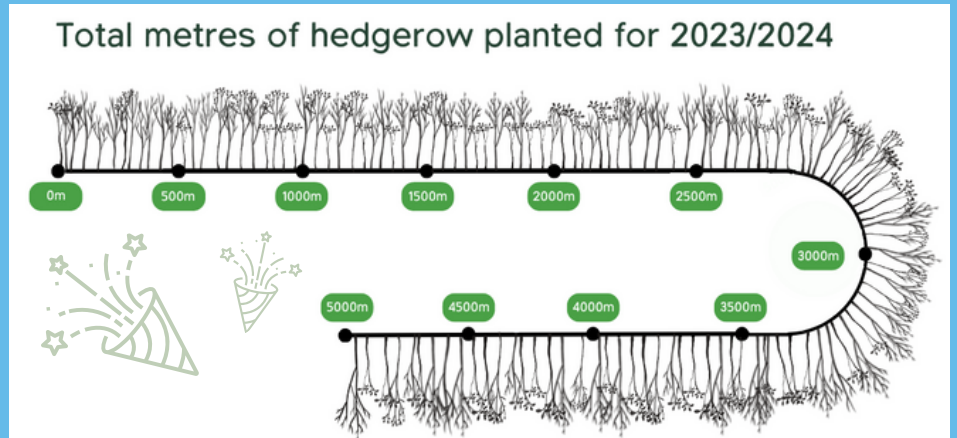


www.cprehampshire.org.uk/rooftop-renewables/

The Hampshire Hedge

Many thanks to the fantastic team of staff, students and volunteers, who have been out in all conditions, since we started our project in November. They have planted 5,000m of new hedgerow, in rain and shine, with 25,000 small trees, across eight different sites, from Compton, near Winchester, to Copythorne in the New Forest. What a fantastic achievement!

Over 200 volunteers have joined us for regular Thursday planting Day and groups of scouts have 'lent a hand' on specially arranged Action Days at weekends.



Summer Surveys

And work doesn't stop there. CPRE Hampshire will be carrying out summer hedgerow survey work to plan planting for 2024/25. If you are keen to be involved, email ellie.banks@cprehampshire.org.uk.

THANK YOU!

Hedgerow Project Officer, Ellie Banks shares her thanks. "It's been a real team effort. I've been amazed at the commitment of volunteers, helping us achieve this ambitious project. I would also like to thank the farmers and landowners who have worked with us this year. It just wouldn't have been possible without your support."

NEW! Bringing back elms for butterflies

We have been delighted to take part in a Hampshire Forest Partnership elms trial project, designed to bring these majestic and important trees back to Hampshire. CPRE Hampshire has planted 40 disease resistant elms within hedgerows and with the aim of growing to full maturity. The White-letter Hairstreak butterfly has declined significantly since Dutch elm disease has killed so many trees. The butterflies rely on mature elm as its sole food source. We will be keeping a close eye on their growth and impact on the countryside. To find out more visit:

www.hants.gov.uk/hampshireforestpartnership

A Terrific Time in Tiptoe

The sun shone on the 3rd March as CPRE Hampshire teamed up with the South of England Hedge-Laying Society, Pond Head Conservation Volunteers and the Tiptoe Green Trust to organise a hedgelaying and coppicing taster day for over 70 people, to learn about these traditional countryside skills.



Check out our new look Hedgerow Page for all the latest news, resources and events
<https://www.cprehampshire.org.uk/hedgerows/>



Celebrating the people and projects making a difference to the Hampshire countryside.

About the Countryside Awards

Our awards aim to recognise excellent projects and initiatives that enrich our countryside and community. The awards are open to any project or enterprise, large or small. Open from 20 April 2024, you can nominate yourself or others.



Award Categories

Hampshire Grassroots Action Award

Hampshire Projects in Protected Landscapes Award

NEW

Hampshire Climate Action Award

NEW

Hampshire Countryside Health and Wellbeing Award

The Hampshire People's Choice Award



- Award nominations open: 20 April 2024
- Deadline for entries: end of September 2024
- October: judging takes place
- November: category winners will be visited by videographer and a short film made
- November-Dec: public vote for the Hampshire Choice Award
- December: awards ceremony takes place

Nominate yourself or others, community groups, small businesses and other organisations.

Visit cprehampshire.org.uk for more details.



Join us in celebrating our Countryside Champions. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Alison Talbot: opsmanager@cprehampshire.org.uk



Visit www.cprehampshire.org.uk for more details

