



The countryside charity
Leicestershire

Nominations: Short biography of Officers and Committee Members standing for election and re-election

President and Vice President: *None at present*

Chairman: Tony Stott

Tony has been Branch Chair since October 2020 and was Chair of the East Midlands Region of CPRE 2017-2022. Since retiring as an academic he has been a major force within the Branch, driving its development forward. He has a good knowledge of the planning system and an extensive understanding of rural, climate and nature issues. We cannot manage without him.

Vice Chair: *None at present*

Honorary Treasurer: Tony Simpson

Tony is committed to the well-being of the countryside and joined CPRE as part of the Charnwood District committee, later also taking over as Treasurer for CPRE Leicestershire. This latter position is vital in maintaining the proper running of the Branch and we can feel safe in his capable hands. He is a qualified chartered accountant and currently works as Senior Financial Accountant for an NHS Trust in Derby.

Committee Member: Rick Hoyland

Rick is a retired architect with a master's degree in Building Conservation. His career has embraced public housing, shopping developments, hospitality projects and the restoration of period buildings. Rick joined CPRE in 2010 having a particular concern over the accelerating loss of countryside to accommodate new building whilst brownfield options remained undeveloped. His work for CPRE Leicestershire includes acting as Planning Advisor. Rick is also **Chair of the Charnwood District Group**.

Committee Member: Helena Edwards

Helena has been a member of the CPRE Charnwood District Committee for around 20 years and lives in Syston. She is a retired teacher and a former Birstall Parish and Charnwood Borough Councillor, having served on the Planning Committee. Helena campaigns for disability inclusion, having co-founded a Post Polio charity and been Trustee of an Almshouse and a Leicestershire disability charity. Helena is also a member of the County Council Local Access Forum that monitors rights of way and rural access.

Committee Member: John Marriott

John joined CPRE in 2019. He has an interest in transport and development following a career as a Chartered Engineer, being involved in both. He has spent 10 years critically examining HS2 and is very concerned about the rash of new development proposals. These appear to be in inappropriate areas likely to be very reliant on increased car use, so creating more congestion. There is currently no sign of sensible transport and planning strategies to tackle Climate Change.

Committee Member: Rita Bullivant

Rita joined the Branch in April 2021 as a way to become more involved with the charity to help the cause. Her career in technology and related travel improved her appreciation for the countryside which increased her interest. Rita was a magistrate for over 20 years and also serves as a Trustee to the City of Leicester Museum Trust. She has a particular interest in involving the younger generation in CPRE's work.