



The countryside charity
Oxfordshire

District Chair Wanted

At CPRE Oxfordshire we have an exciting opportunity for a District Chair to lead our and co-ordinate activities in local areas.

We're passionate about making the countryside in Oxfordshire a better place for everyone to enjoy. Our vibrant team of volunteers inspire people to care for the countryside and enjoy the benefits it brings wherever they live.

Why we want you

By volunteering with us you'll be helping to find positive solutions for the issues facing the countryside and the environment. By applying your skills and experience you can make a real difference and be a central part of a friendly and passionate charity. As District Chair, you'll provide leadership to the District Committee. We're ideally looking for volunteers with some leadership and experience and a passion for environmental and countryside issues.

What you will be doing

- Being the public face of CPRE in the district
- Providing leadership to the District Committee, organising (with help from District Secretary) and chairing District Committee meetings.
- Helping to maintain a strong local committee, with the right balance of people and skills to cover the geographical area and CPRE's activities.
- Maintaining good communications between the District and CPRE Oxfordshire.
- Helping to work towards the right development in the right place, by enabling the group to monitor and respond as appropriate to planning applications in the area, keeping abreast of issues, and participating in any review of local planning policy.
- Contributing to the development of our campaigns, fundraising and social events.
- Building relationships and representing us at council, community and partnership meetings
- Supporting volunteer and membership recruitment locally in your district
- Advocating our work and inspiring others to support us
- Safeguarding the good name and values of our charity



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The skills you need

No specific knowledge or qualifications are required, as we are happy to provide training and support, but we would ask for:

- A commitment to CPRE policies, campaigns and initiatives
- An interest in planning and environmental and countryside issues
- Good interpersonal skills and experience of working with a wide range of people
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- We ask that all District Chairs are, or are willing to become, members of CPRE. There is also an opportunity to become a trustee of the charity but this is not a requirement.
- A commitment to volunteering regularly, to suit your availability, and attend district meetings locally.
- As a guide, we anticipate this voluntary role will take a couple of hours per week.

What's in it for you?

- Use your skills and experience to contribute to the success of our charity and make a positive difference to the countryside
- Meet like-minded people and enjoy being part of a team
- Enhance your CV by developing new skills and gaining valuable experience
- We'll support you to develop in your volunteering role and provide you with relevant training
- We'll give you a reference for your future work or volunteering
- Get involved with social events and workshops on a local and national level
- The opportunity to attend a volunteer induction day with CPRE national
- We provide out-of-pocket travel expenses

The English countryside is wonderful - help us look after it.