



Planning Volunteer: Shrewsbury area

Job Description

Introduction

We are a branch of the long established national charity, the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Our aim is to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of Shropshire by encouraging the environmentally sustainable use of land and other resources in the county's towns and countryside. We seek to keep the county free from urban sprawl and improve rural life by encouraging good design in new developments. We monitor planning proposals and, where they threaten the character of the county, attempt to influence the decision making process.

CPRE champions various environmental issues such as tranquillity, light pollution and is often required to take up a position on controversial developments such as wind farms.

The Branch publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Shropshire Voice*, and where possible advises members of the public on planning issues. In September 2019 the branch will celebrate 70 years of working for the future of Shropshire's countryside and environment.

About the opportunity

We need volunteers to review and comment on planning applications in the Shrewsbury area. The role does not require previous experience in planning. CPRE Shropshire can provide training and guidance in responding to applications. Activities include: monitoring local planning applications, responding to applications with the planning authorities, engaging in Branch and Regional CPRE planning groups, becoming familiar with the statutory planning documents which affect your local area.

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What are we looking for?

Commitment to protecting the countryside, interest in learning new knowledge, verbal and written communication skills, good comprehension of planning documents, knowledge of your local area, competence with IT (Word, email) with access to the internet

Conditions

1. This is a voluntary unpaid post. However reasonable expenses will be paid.
2. Work from home (we have no Branch office).
3. To include attendance at bimonthly Exec committee meetings.

Training

We provide the opportunity to attend skills and knowledge development seminars at CPRE's National Office in London.

More information

The branch has a website at www.cpreshropshire.org.uk and the national charity website is at www.cpre.org.uk

How to apply

Please write to us with your CV as follows:

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