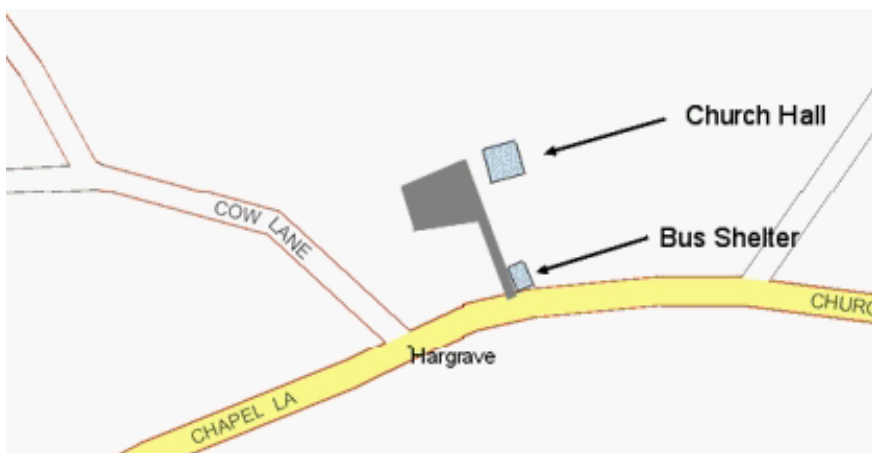


## DIRECTIONS TO HARGRAVE CHURCH HALL

From Chester, follow the A41 Whitchurch Road for about 1 mile from the A55 roundabout, turning left shortly after the Rowton Shell garage onto Moor Lane. Go across the crossroads onto Common Lane and follow this for approximately 2 miles. Immediately after the road crosses the canal (**rather narrow bridge – take care**) fork left and follow the road into Hargrave.



Entering Hargrave, look out for Cow Lane on the left, quickly followed by a bus shelter. Turn left immediately before the bus shelter into the Church Hall car park.



## CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND CHESTER DISTRICT

**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
CHESTER DISTRICT of CPRE  
will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
at 7:00pm for 7:30pm in Hargrave Church Hall**

*Hargrave is just a few miles South of Chester, and is easily reached from the A41. **See back page for directions.***

*Hargrave Church Hall has recently undergone a programme of improvements and is a welcoming, cosy and comfortable venue.*

*It has an interesting history, having been built in 1833 as Hargrave School. It is owned by the Moulson Trust, after 'local boy made good' Sir Thomas Moulson who became a Lord Mayor of London in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and whose Trust remains active in the area, including providing endowments for local young people.*

*We hope to have a display of the history and work of the Moulson Trust on the AGM evening. Refreshments will be available.*

The formal business of the meeting will be followed by a talk by Councillor Doug Haynes on 'The Impact of the Landed Estates on our Countryside'.

The great estates of this part of Cheshire –Peckforton, Bolesworth and of course Eaton – have had a profound impact on the landscape over the last 150 years or so, and continue to today.

Doug's talk explores some of these influences, and includes a range of photographs to illustrate the factors which shaped the landscape we enjoy, and fight for, today.

***We are a small, dedicated Committee and we would be delighted to hear from local members who would like to help us, in whatever capacity and for whatever time you can spare.***

***Please get in touch for an informal chat about, or to offer yourself for nomination to the Committee.***

***Nominations must be received no later than 16<sup>th</sup> March by:***

***Mr Alan Wood, Minutes Secretary  
7 Gorsefield  
Tattenhall  
Chester CH3 9HB  
Tel: 01829 770774***

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Adoption of the Committee Report
3. Adoption of the Financial Report
  - Accounts to be presented at the meeting
4. Nominations for the Committee
5. Question Time
  - a. Planning Matters
  - b. Transport Issues
6. Any Other Business

## **COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2006/7**

Cheshire Branch obtained funding for the preparation, and some support for distribution of, a mailing to addresses around the City of Chester seeking support for a campaign to protect the Green Belt. The Committee would like to record their thanks to the volunteers

Mr. Roger Parkin – currently Treasurer  
Mr. Alan Wood – currently Minutes Secretary  
Mrs. Ann Jones – specialising in Planning Matters  
Mr. David Bull - specialising in IT  
Mr. Randal Hibbert – specialising in legal matters

7. **Question time** – Ann Jones made a comprehensive report on planning issues highlighting the following:
  - a. **Chester Station** – The remedial development programme was expected to commence imminently but that despite CPRE making a strong plea for a bus interchange concourse to be included it was disappointing to note this had been discarded and that a reduction on car parking provision was to be implemented.
  - b. **Countess of Chester Development** – These proposals were still under active consideration but CPRE had raised concern over the amount of Green Belt land which would be utilised.
  - c. **Peel Holdings** – The proposal for a waste recovery plant at Ince Marshes has been subject of much local discussion and protest. CPRE continues to monitor from a land use and landscape point of view.
8. **Any other Business** – The Chairman asked that is formally recorded in the Minutes thanks to both David Bull and Alan Wood for all their work on the preparation and distribution of the Spring Newsletter and the Paper for the AGM. Thanks are also due to Mrs Parkin for providing and serving the tea, coffee and biscuits

The meeting formally closed at 8.10pm and was followed by an illuminating presentation by Cllr Douglas Haynes about the life of that son of Cheshire, Thomas Brassey.

who gave of their time to distribute those envelopes which were not handled by Royal Mail.

The mailing had a significant impact, both in raising awareness of the Green Belt and CPRE generally, and leading to a number of new members joining CPRE.

The management of waste in the county continues to exercise the local authorities. CPRE encourages recycling by individuals and commercial businesses but remains unconvinced by proposals for very large energy-from-waste proposals which, in order to be viable, will depend on waste imported from far afield. The planning application for the Recovery Park and Incinerator at Ince was rejected but is now subject to an appeal.

Members of Chester District contributed to the Examination in Public (EiP) into the Regional Spatial Strategy through the CPRE Regional Office. This was a major challenge for a small charity in view of the specialist knowledge, ability and time needed make properly considered representations to the EiP. We expect the Inspector's report in the spring, but no date has yet been given.

Whilst the Green Belt mailing resulted in the gain of new members and valuable publicity, it did not lead anyone to offer their services to the Committee. Alan Wood, who has ably served on the District Committee for a number of years, is moving out of the area for personal reasons and will therefore be leaving us shortly.

We now have only four members so we urgently need members to volunteer some of their time to the Chester District Committee and so ensure its future. We hope that members will be persuaded to come forward and play a part, especially as there are some challenging activities arising this year and help is very necessary.

We can assure a warm welcome awaits anyone who attends the district AGM, especially so if you are prepared to put your name forward when we call for nominations to the Committee!

More information on our activities, as well as much information on the County Branch, can be found on our website [www.cprecheshire.org.uk](http://www.cprecheshire.org.uk).

## **MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### ***of the Chester District of CPRE***

### ***held at the Marigold Room, Guilden Sutton Parish Hall on 20 March 2006 at 7:30pm***

As there was no occupant in the office of District Chairman at the time of the meeting, Mr Roger Parkin agreed and was consequently appointed Chairman for the AGM.

1. **Welcome.** On taking the chair Mr R. Parkin welcomed all those who had turned out to attend the AGM.
2. **Apologies** were received from:  
Mr & Mrs Springett, Mrs Dorothy Bramall and Mr D. Bull
3. **The Minutes** of the 2005 AGM were proposed Mr R. Hibbert and seconded by Mr V. Jones and approved unanimously.
4. **The Committee Annual report** had been previously circulated with the notice for the meeting and was accepted without comments. Proposed by Mr R. Bass and seconded by Mr R. Hibbert and approved unanimously.

The Chairman then asked that the meeting formally thank both Mrs Clare Lewis and Mr David Bull for their work in distributing the Green Belt mail-shots which at the date of the meeting had contributed to gaining of 18 new members and £200 in donations

5. **The Financial Report** previously circulated was presented by the Treasurer, Roger Parkin. After some discussion these were proposed by Mr R. Hibbert and seconded by Mr V. Jones and approved unanimously.
6. **Committee Nominations.** As no other nominations were received and the following existing members having indicated their willingness to stand again they were proposed by Mr Spencer and seconded by Mr V. Jones and were appointed unanimously en bloc: