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Writing competition celebrates Cheshire's "Great Landscapes"

They say you don't know what you've got till it's gone, but Cheshire's Campaign to Protect Rural England[1] wants to make sure that isn't the case, as far as our county's landscape is concerned. This week[2] is Great Landscapes Week, when the countryside campaigners urge all of us think about how much we value the great landscapes around us and to encourage us to protect them – before it's too late.

To mark the event, Cheshire CPRE, supported by Cheshire Life, are running their fifth annual 'Great Landscapes' writing competition[3], asking aspiring writers to wax lyrical about their favourite Cheshire landscape, and how they would feel if it was ever under threat.

The competition is open to non-professional writers of all ages, and entries from schools and adult education writing groups are very welcome. Articles no longer than 250 words must reach CPRE's Branch Office by 31st October 2007. The winners in each age category will be published in Cheshire Life in Spring, 2008.

Clare Lewis, Cheshire CPRE's Press and Membership Officer, who organizes the competition, said: 'Our county has a wide range of fascinating landscapes, some of which are already under threat and being fought for by Cheshire CPRE. We're asking you to think about how you'd feel if your special place was about to go under tarmac or concrete, and to value it while you still have it.'

The competition's judges are Lord Grey, President of Cheshire CPRE, Andrew Miller, MP for Ellesmere Port and Neston, and Patrick O'Neill, the editor of Cheshire Life.

For an entry form, contact Debbie Janney at CPRE's Cheshire Branch Office on 01606 835046 or download a form from their website at www.cprecheshire.org.uk. Or look out for Cheshire CPRE's exhibition stands at the summer shows around Cheshire in the coming months.

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Notes for editors:

[1] The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country. For more information and archive of press releases see the CPRE Cheshire website at www.cprecheshire.org.uk and the national CPRE website at www.cpre.org.uk

[2] CPRE's Great Landscapes Week is June 23RD – 30TH 2007

[3] The Cheshire Life-sponsored competition, now in its fifth successful year, aims to attract attention to the value of the Cheshire countryside to its inhabitants. The competition is open to all ages.

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