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Cheshire CPRE condemns Post Office Closures

Countryside campaigners in Cheshire expressed dismay last week at the announcement that the government plans to close 2500 Post Office branches throughout the country.

Cheshire CPRE[1] campaigned in partnership with Age Concern to overturn proposals to cut Post Offices, which the charity feels will not only inconvenience rural customers, but also lead to the decline of villages and contribute to wider environmental problems.

‘ We are extremely disappointed at this decision,’ said Jean Stainthorpe, Vice President of Cheshire CPRE. ‘ Post Offices are one of the essential elements in keeping our villages thriving. If people have to travel to go the Post Office, they will be tempted to do their shopping in town too, threatening the security of other rural businesses.

‘Our roads are already choking with traffic, and public transport in rural areas leaves a lot to be desired. It is hardly a good idea to add to these problems by taking away services.’

Cheshire CPRE campaigns on a wide range of issues to protect the countryside, support rural and local services and improve the urban environment. To find out more about the charity’s work, call their Branch Office on 01606 835046, or visit their website at www.cprecheshire.org.uk.

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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

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