

Cheshire Life / CPRE Cheshire Writing Competition 2009

Every month, Cheshire Life features some of the wonderful scenes our county has to offer, and we're teaming up again with the Cheshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England[1] for our seventh annual Writing Competition to give our readers the chance to tell us about their favourite Cheshire landscape, and possibly see their work published in Cheshire Life.

We were delighted with the response to our 2008 writing competition, and the judges found it very difficult to select a winner as the overall standard of entries was so high. The winners were:

Under 18 category:

Winner – Callum Fryer, Prestbury CE Primary School

Runner up – Serena Grace, Malpas

Highly Commended – Madeline Travers, Prestbury CE Primary School

Adults:

Winner – Elizabeth Lloyd, Congleton

Runner up – Mrs Pauline Temple, Lymm

Highly Commended – Sarah Egerton, Nantwich

Cliff Lomas, Macclesfield

Certificate of Merit – Doreen A. Ellison, Warrington

Theresa M. Carrier, Davenham

The Campaign to Protect Rural England has been fighting for our countryside since 1926. In just over eight decades of achievement, the countryside campaigners can count the establishment of National Parks, giving everyone access to magnificent landscapes, and the setting up of Green Belts to halt urban sprawl among their many successes. But increasing pressures for new roads, housing and warehousing means many areas of our Cheshire countryside are still under threat.

We are asking aspiring writers to tell us, in no more than 250 words, about what makes their favourite place in Cheshire special to them, 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 children, schools and adult education writing groups are very welcome. Articles must reach CPRE Cheshire by 30th November 2009. The winner in each age category will be published in Cheshire Life in Summer, 2010.

Becca Nelson, Cheshire CPRE's Press and Membership Officer and the organiser of the competition said: "We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful county, with most of us within easy reach of glorious countryside, but we can't afford to take it for granted. CPRE is working hard to make sure that inappropriate development doesn't deprive future generations of the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of our landscape, and to make sure our towns and villages are vibrant and thriving.

"Local Government has been reorganised this year, but CPRE Cheshire Branch represents the historic county of Cheshire as it stood before 1974, and we are keen to celebrate the diversity of rural character that this area offers. We want to know what it is that you love about Cheshire – perhaps a pocket of tranquillity or a place for exploring and adventure."

Entry forms are available from Debbie Janney at CPRE Cheshire's Branch Office, 01606 835046, or to download from our website at the following address: . For more information about the

competition, or about Cheshire CPRE, please contact Becca Nelson, Press and Membership Officer, mobile 07905 394121, email press.membership@cprecheshire.org.uk, visit our website – www.cprecheshire.org.uk - or ring the Branch Office between 9 and 12 Monday to Friday.

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Notes:

[1] The Cheshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is a membership-based registered charity which 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.