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PRESS RELEASE: Ask your candidates to back the countryside

Sussex charity urges everyone to write to candidates in their constituency to champion environmental policies.

CRPE Sussex has launched a tool to make it easier for everyone to contact their local candidates in the upcoming election.

The tool allows anyone living in Sussex to write a single email setting out their priorities for the countryside and send it to candidates standing in their constituency with just a few clicks.

It also includes draft text, based on <u>CPRE Sussex's election manifesto</u>, which can be edited and personalised.

CPRE Sussex director Paul Steedman said: "The more candidates hear about the importance of climate, nature, affordable housing and appropriate planning, the greater the chance our next Sussex MPs will make these a priority. We encourage everyone to make use of our new tool and call on all candidates to back the countryside."

CPRE Sussex has also written directly to candidates in every seat asking them how they will prioritise a new plan for land in Sussex.

Start your letter using the new CPRE Sussex tool here.

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For press inquiries and interview opportunities call Sheena Campbell on 07709 354924.

## Notes for editors:

## **About CPRE Sussex**

CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities
- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health
- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.