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**PRESS RELEASE: CPRE Sussex Countryside Day is ‘amazing success’**

***Second annual celebration of the countryside sees visitors flock to the Knepp Estate, Horsham.***

Crowds flocked to the Knepp Estate on Saturday (7 September) to mark the second annual CPRE Sussex Countryside Day.

Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the chance to learn more about efforts to protect, restore and celebrate the Sussex countryside.

There were guided talks and tours on everything from forest bathing and foraging to reconnecting ancient woodland. There were also nature-inspired activities for kids and stalls from a host of charities and community organisations.

**CPRE Sussex director Paul Steedman said:** “The CPRE Sussex Countryside Day is a celebration of everything that makes our countryside wonderful. It was fantastic to see how passionate people are about the amazing spaces we have on our doorstep, and the need to protect them from future threats.

“Huge thanks to everyone who came along on the day and, of course, the fantastic talk leaders and stall holders. We would also like to thank the Knepp Estate for once again hosting us at the home of Sussex rewilding.”

**Ned Burrell, chef and director of the Wilding Kitchen and Shop at Knepp said:** “It has been wonderful to have the CPRE Sussex Countryside Day here again at Knepp. It is amazing to see people from all walks of life, from cities to the countryside, engaging in nature and all the countryside and culture that for so long has been part of our existence here at Knepp.”

The CPRE Sussex Countryside Day raises funds and awareness to support the charity’s vital work.

Held for the first time last year, the event was so successful it is now part of a nationwide celebration of everything that is great about the countryside.

Find out more about CPRE Sussex’s work to protect and enhance our countryside [here](#).

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