

#### Dear EcoWarrior

# Join us on a special CPRE Members visit to Colesbourne Arboretum in 2022

As 2022 begins, I want to **thank you for being a member of CPRE Gloucestershire** – The Countryside Charity. Your support helps us to achieve something very special as we campaign to protect and enhance the Gloucestershire countryside, we all love.

## Hidden in plain sight

Sometimes CPRE's work can be invisible unless you know where to look. One simple example of this is a wildlife hedge. Crucial for mammals, birds and insects, we all know that thousands of miles of hedging have been lost. What you may not know is that CPRE is investing, nationally and in Gloucestershire, in the restoration of hedges, so that we can regain the beauty of hedgerows and the important habitat they provide for hundreds of species.

CPRE knows how important it is to protect what we have in the countryside, and often to fight for it.

A grassroots organisation, with active members across the UK, we keep an eye on countryside matters and act when necessary. It is work that is increasingly important as our world changes.

From campaigning for improved rural transport, to commenting on planning applications, to protecting our green spaces by planting new trees and protecting grass verges, we work tirelessly to ensure the countryside keeps its beauty and has a future.



And we do this alongside you, our amazing members and volunteers, not only working across our county but also partnering with other counties and our national colleagues.

### Help us do more in 2022



As we enter 2022, I am reflecting on how we can do even more as an organisation devoted to the Gloucestershire countryside. One really important thing that we can do is to increase our membership.

So, we are asking for your help.

We are planning a very special event on Wednesday June 8th to both thank you for your support and to welcome new members.



If you introduce a new member to our Charity in the next three months, we will invite you and your new member friend to visit Colesbourne arboretum for a personally guided tour by the owner, Sir Henry Elwes. This famous and beautiful estate, with its unique collection of rare and exotic trees, is not normally open to the public at this time. The tour of the arboretum will be followed by afternoon tea – hopefully in the garden if the weather is favourable.

Colesbourne Arboretum will be a very special place in June with summer colours. We do hope you will join us on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> with your new member(s) for an exclusive afternoon visit.

## What you can do to help

Please introduce as many people as you can to CPRE Gloucestershire, so there are more of us to protect our countryside.

Joining could not be easier and membership is from as little as £3 a month.

■ Share the link — Just forward this letter to someone who would like to join the campaign and they simply click on this joining link

(Our website will ask who has nominated our new member(s) so we can invite you both to our exclusive event at Colesbourne Gardens on Wednesday June  $8^{th}$ ).

Every membership works to protect our beautiful county - and we would really love you to help us to recruit new members to join our movement in 2022.

Thank you for being part of the CPRE family; our successes, large and small, could not be achieved without your support.

Best wishes,

**Professor Patricia Broadfoot, CBE** 

Chair of the Board

#### Make a donation

If you would like to make a donation to CPRE Gloucestershire to help us with our campaign for the countryside, please visit our donation page

Visit our website to find out more about our cause and the Member Get Member campaign.