

Simon Murray

Appointed Chair of CPRE Gloucestershire



June 2026

Professor Patricia Broadfoot CBE FAcSS has been the Chair of CPRE Gloucestershire since 2017. At our 2026 Annual General Meeting, Patricia will step down from the role as she has completed her term of office under our charity's Constitution.

Following our 2025 AGM, the Board of Trustees undertook a process to find our new Chair. Simon Murray was selected as the candidate by our Trustees.

Simon retired in 2019 after 32 years with the National Trust. Latterly, he held senior roles as both Chief Operating Officer and subsequently Senior Director with responsibility for Strategy, Curatorship and Visitor Experience. In 2020 he was appointed as Chair of National CPRE and led a review of CPRE's governance and the creation of the National Assembly, as well as working with the senior team on a new strategy and preparations for CPRE's centenary.

Simon has been a member of CPRE for many years and joined the local Forest of Dean District Committee in 2015, taking over as Chair the following year. He also sits on several local trustee boards here in Gloucestershire. He lectures widely and has advised overseas governments on cultural heritage and environmental issues.

Simon's experience at National, Local and District Levels will benefit CPRE Gloucestershire immensely. This, together with his leadership and charity trustee experience, will help us continue to take the charity forward in the coming years.

The Board of Trustees therefore recommend to members the appointment of Simon Murray as the next Chair of CPRE Gloucestershire at our 2026 Annual General Meeting taking place on online on Wednesday 24th June.