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**PRESS RELEASE: Countryside charity marks a year of success at packed Members' Day**

***CPRE Sussex members enjoy talks and tours at annual general meeting.***

CPRE Sussex has celebrated a year of success during a packed Members' Day at Amberley Museum.

Members heard from vice chair David Johnson and director Paul Steedman about the impact the charity has made over the past 12 months.

Mr Steedman said: "Highlights of the past year include successfully opposing housing development that would have destroyed green spaces and affected water quality, planting new native hedgerows and lobbying MPs to back rooftop solar. We also saw more than 1,500 visitors flock to our first Countryside Day and the event was so successful we are holding it again this September."

Members were also treated to a fascinating presentation from Prof Clive Webb, an author and history professor at the University of Sussex, on The Invention of Sussex and an exclusive curator's tour of Amberley Museum.

Anyone interested in helping CPRE Sussex do even more to protect the countryside and attending special events like this one can join the charity at [cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member](https://cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member).

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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.

