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Sussex

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**PRESS RELEASE: New Sussex charity chair vows to stand up for local communities**

***CPRE Sussex chair Corinne Stuart will work with local people to help keep our countryside a thriving part of Sussex for generations to come.***

The new chair of a Sussex countryside charity has vowed to protect the landscapes and biodiversity local people care about.

Corinne Stuart was appointed chair of CPRE Sussex at the charity's annual general meeting. She combines a lifelong love of the countryside with a wealth of experience working with membership organisations, including the Royal Institution and Countryside Alliance.

"I was born in Sussex and grew up in Kent, surrounded by fields, hedgerows, and woodland," said Corinne.

"My family farmed in the Heathfield area for generations, so the countryside was always part of my life. I remember the abundance of wildlife when I was young – bees, butterflies, bats – and I've seen with real sadness how much of that richness has been lost. That's what drives me to help protect what remains and restore what we can."

With natural landscapes under increasing pressure from development, pollution and climate change, Corinne believes it is more important than ever to stand up for the green spaces that support our wildlife, wellbeing and communities.

Talking about her plans for CPRE Sussex, she said: "My aim is to ensure we continue to stand up for local people and communities, protecting the landscapes and biodiversity they care about and making sure their voices are heard in decisions that shape the future of Sussex."

"Together, we can help keep our countryside a living, thriving part of Sussex life for generations to come."

Feeling inspired? Find out how you can help protect the Sussex countryside at [cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/](https://cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/).

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## Notes for editors:

### About Corinne Stuart

Corinne brings more than 15 years' experience working with membership organisations, including the Royal Institution and Countryside Alliance. She's a natural connector, passionate about engaging people and building lasting support for causes she believes in.

She now leads a national professional body, where she's responsible for its overall direction and financial health.

Born in Sussex and raised in Kent, Corinne returned to East Sussex in 2019. Her family has deep roots in the Heathfield farming community, and her lifelong love of the countryside is shaped by early memories of rich wildlife and open landscapes —many of which are now under threat.

As Chair of CPRE Sussex, Corinne is dedicated to growing support across the county and helping protect the countryside so it can be enjoyed by future generations.

### 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.