



Campaign to Protect
Rural England

Policy Position Statement

Hunting with Hounds

The Campaign to Protect Rural England does not campaign for or against hunting with hounds.

The issue of hunting raises very strong emotions for and against, but it has a very limited bearing on CPRE's mission – to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country. We use the resources we have on campaigning, promoting and researching in areas of direct and immediate relevance to our charitable objectives.

We recognise the contribution made by field sports and the stewardship of country people to the evolving character of the English countryside over the years. But the issue of field sports is not central to the charter of CPRE. We believe we should not be distracted from our key policy work of protecting and enhancing the English countryside by being drawn into arguments on field sports, on which the CPRE membership holds very diverse views.

What can you do?

If you are a member of CPRE but feel strongly about this issue, our stance clearly does not preclude you from getting

involved in the debate about hunting in a personal capacity. But whether you are one of our members or not, please respect our carefully considered neutrality on this issue.

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