

## **South Gloucestershire CPRE**

### **Annual Report**

Over the past year we have held regular monthly meetings at Poole Court and reviewed a wide variety of planning applications. We have also attended and made representations at a number of planning inquiries and we are represented on the Yate Community Plan Steering Group – if any of our Yate members are interested in joining the Environment group do let me know.

We have continued to raise public awareness of the proposed 23,000 additional houses in South Gloucestershire. We have also campaigned against the Planning White Paper and the effects its proposals will have on local democracy and the environment.

The publication of the inspector's report on the Examination in Public of the Regional Spatial Strategy is due during November. When we know the outcome of this we shall decide on our campaigning strategy.

I am sorry to report that our long-standing Treasurer and friend Ralph Lambourne passed away in the Spring and is greatly missed. Les Forrest has kindly agreed to run the district account until a new Treasurer can be found.

For health reasons Alan Isaac has stood down as our representative on South Gloucestershire Council's Conservation and Design Advisory Panel. My sincere thanks to Alan for his valuable contribution over the years. Sue Gawler is our new representative.

We welcomed South Gloucestershire Council's Supplementary Planning Document "Development in the Green Belt" which was adopted in June 2007. It outlines the purpose, importance and characteristics of the Green Belt and explains the limited development that is permitted in the Green Belt. The SPD supplements the policies of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan and will be used when assessing development proposals in the Green Belt. The document can be viewed on the Council's website: [www.southglos.gov.uk](http://www.southglos.gov.uk)

Our Craft Fair was held at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall a couple of weeks ago on Saturday 13 October and it was a very successful day. Thank you to everyone who supported the event or helped in any way.

My thanks to the committee for their continued hard work and support. Special thanks to Gerry Philp who has been our secretary for ten years. He is now standing down but will remain on the committee.

Marilyn Palmer, S Glos District Chairman  
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