

Words and Deeds

Woodland Trust/CPRE Volunteer Speaker Talk

Like many charities, the Woodland Trust relies on its network of volunteers to provide support for the achievement of its goals. Volunteers can be involved in activities from planting trees to giving talks, and Volunteer Speaker Stephen Halliwell will certainly find himself in the limelight when he turns up at the AGM and 80th Anniversary meeting of the Council for the Protection of Rural England's (CPRE) Lancashire branch on 18th May this year to give a 20-minute presentation on the 'Work of the Woodland Trust'.

Stephen's presentation will discuss the origins of the Trust, its present set-up, its aims and ambitions - including details about ancient woodlands - the creation of new woodland, fundraising, and features of the Trust over the years.

Both the Woodland Trust and the CPRE have recently celebrated major birthdays: the Trust was 40 last year, and the CPRE is 80 this year. As Stephen notes, "In these times of austerity and recession, charities need to support each other and work together, where interests overlap, and by talking to the CPRE's Lancashire members, I hope to not only publicise the Trust's work but to also create a long-lasting bond between the two organisations based on a mutual understanding of the roles, expertise and enthusiasm of each."

Find out how you can become involved in the work of these organisations by visiting their websites: the Woodland Trust is at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk and the CPRE is at www.cpre.org.uk.

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The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading charity championing native woods and trees. It has 300,000 members and supporters.

The Trust has three key aims: i) to enable the creation of more native woods and places rich in trees ii) to protect native woods, trees and their wildlife for the future iii) to inspire everyone to enjoy and value woods and trees.

Established in 1972, the Woodland Trust now has over 1,000 sites in its care covering approximately 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres). Access to its sites is free.

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