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SHERE AND DISTRICT RURAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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The activities of this Society, which was founded in 1931, cover the area shown on the map opposite. As far as possible each village has a representative on the Committee. The district lies almost entirely in an area which is designated as one of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Over the years the Society has worked hard to help prevent the district from being spoiled. Its activities have included such matters as the problem of litter and the dumping of rubbish, the preservation of public footpaths, the course of new roads, the provision and siting of car parks and the encouragement among schoolchildren of interest in the countryside. But the main work concerns applications for permission under the planning laws for building and the use of land. This involves constant scrutiny of applications at Council Offices, followed in appropriate cases by putting forward the Society's suggestions—and when thought necessary objections—to the planning authorities.

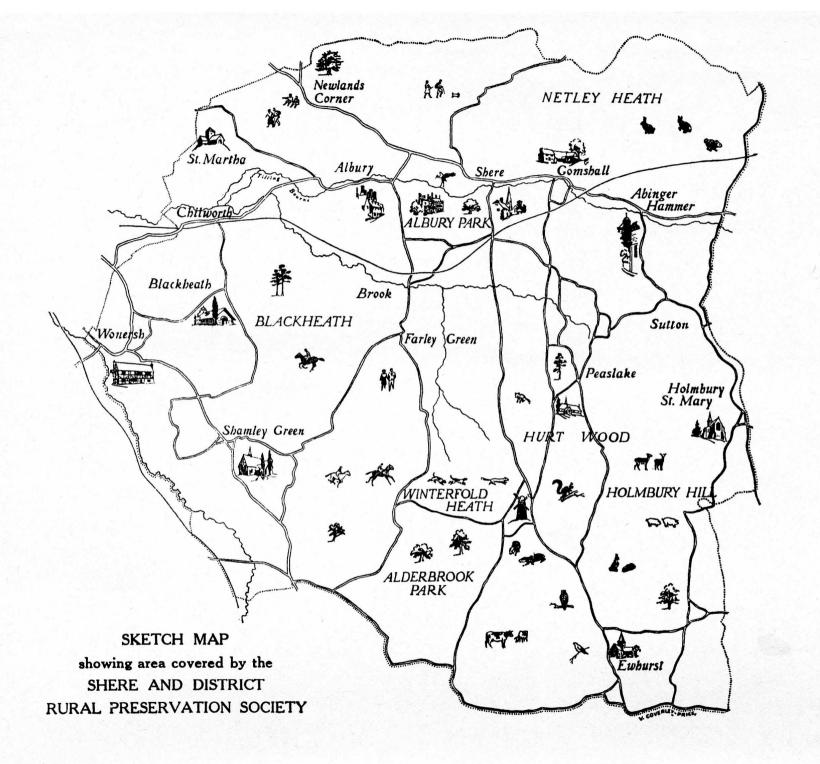
Members are invited to draw attention at any time through their local Committee Member to cases of damage or litter dumping they may notice in the area and to put forward any views about the Society's objects to the Committee or at the Annual General Meeting.

The Society co-operates with similar amenity Bodies in neighbouring districts and is affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Surrey Amenity Council.

The pressures on this small area are plain enough and will grow greater, both as a place in which to live and for recreation. A larger population, more traffic on the roads, more visitors at beauty spots—all these bring problems with which the Society must be concerned.

The Society does not exist to "preserve" in a negative sense but to lend its aid constructively towards keeping this part of Surrey as pleasant as the needs of the community at large permit. In the constant decisions the local authorities have to take they need and value the help that organised bodies such as this Society can give. By becoming a member you will be adding welcome support to those who believe that only by careful and informed planning will the character of this area of great beauty be maintained to the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

The subscription for members is a minimum of annually or £5 for life. A membership application form is on the next page.



To: The Hon. Membership Secretary, Shere and District Rural Preservation Society,

District Rural Preservation Society Life Membership Annual Subscription and I wish to become a member of the Shere and I enclose cheque/P.O./cash for Mr./Mrs./Miss Name

Date. Address.