**Bruce McLeod**

As far as my background and experience goes, I gained a Ph.D in English and American Literature (and published my thesis with Cambridge UP in 1999).  Originally from the UK (I was born in Scotland) I lived in the US for near a decade, where I studied and taught at the University of Iowa, before moving to Yorkshire in 1997. Three daughters went through Kirkby Malham school and Skipton Girls High before university.  Since 1997 I have written screenplays for the cinema.

I have been a member of Craven CPRE for about 15 years, and on the committee for about a decade.  My specific remit was to organize litter picks and agitate over recycling/litter. We were able, for instance, to convince a number of fish and chip outlets, including Bizzie Lizzies, to either switch to or include biodegradable packaging.

I have also been Chair of the Otterburn Parish Meeting for over a decade.

In the US I worked with a large conservation organization called RiverFields to protect undeveloped land along the Ohio River in Kentucky and negotiated with the state of Kentucky over a road widening project.