

# Community Led Housing

Parish update

December 2018

A quarterly update to parishes to inform them of progress to date with Community Led Housing (CLH) and Community Land Trusts (CLTs) within Wiltshire.

## Team Updates

### Starters

James Taylor has now joined the team to become a Project Manager for Community Led Housing.

Harry Tipple has taken over the lead from Community First for the project as Jane Windle-Hartshorn left the organisation in November.

Janet O'Brien has now left Wiltshire Council and has been replaced on the steering group by Simon Hendey, Head of Housing and Commercial Development for Wiltshire Council.

## Community Led Housing Accreditation

Vicky Bodman and James Taylor have now started their training to become accredited Community Led Housing (CLH) advisors by the Chartered Institute of Housing. The first course of 4 was held in Chester from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November. The course gave the opportunity to network with other CLH advisors from across the country and learn from the shared experience. It was also valuable to speak with people who deal with a variety of different CLH models. These models are described below:

### **Community Land Trusts:**

Community Land Trusts are a form of community-led housing, set up and run by ordinary people to develop and manage homes as well as other assets. CLTs act as long-term stewards of land/housing but they may delegate the development and/or management of the asset.

### **Co-housing:**

These are groups of self-contained dwellings with the benefit of shared additional facilities which are all managed by a group. The shared facility may be a large kitchen where group meals are shared, or a hall where meetings and classes may be hosted.

### **Housing Co-operatives and mutual housing associations:**

This is a form of Community Led Housing where it is built and managed by members of a group, with democratic collective control, to influence the scheme and its management.

### **Self and custom build:**

"The [Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 \(as amended by the Housing and Planning Act 2016\)](#) provides a legal definition of self-build and custom housebuilding. The Act does not distinguish between self-build and custom housebuilding and provides that both are

where an individual, an association of individuals, or persons working with or for individuals or associations of individuals, build or complete houses to be occupied as homes by those individuals.

**Self help housing:**

This is about groups of local people bringing back into use existing and empty properties that for various reasons are not in use and have no known or anticipated date when they will find a 'permanent' re-use. Often short-term redevelopment on leasehold arrangements, but this can change depending on circumstances.

**Tenant Management**

This is about existing and future tenants coming together to take collective responsibility for the management of their homes through a formal agreement with their landlord.

**Voluntary unincorporated group working with an enabling partner:**

It may be the case that a community group does not wish to label itself and may wish to work without a legal structure and recognition. They may be very informal and working with an enabling partner that has such legal structure they may be able to deliver outcomes.

interviews. Wilton CLT are working with Aster to identify potential sites.

The Wiltshire CLH team presented to Pewsey on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Interest was shown and a further public meeting is being held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January to raise interest. Seend CLT will be one of the presenters to let the community know how they formed and what their motivation is. Ian Crawley, a national advisor on CLTs will also be presenting alongside the Wiltshire CLH team.

Bromham are interested in exploring CLH and the Wiltshire CLH team will present to the parish council on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Discussions have been taking place with the MOD in regards to land availability.

We now have 25 parishes that shown interest in exploring CLH and hope to be able to assist everyone that comes forward wanting to explore this area as a route to delivery.

## Dates for the Diary

We will be looking to hold an event in the new year to bring the different parishes together to discuss Community Led Housing which we hope you will all be able to attend. ***Please could you let us know if there are any particular subjects you would like covered?***

## Wiltshire Community Land Trusts

As the project moves forward we now have 5 CLTs who have set up:

- Broad Chalke CLT
- Cricklade CLT
- Nadder CLT
- Seend CLT
- Wilton CLT

Both Broad Chalke and Seend CLT have appointed White Horse Housing Association as their Registered Provider to work with following

## Further information

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