



# Homes of Our Own

## Who we are

We are a Community Led Housing Hub, originating from a desire to engage communities in providing housing for the future. This hub builds on the work of The Wiltshire Community Led Housing Partnership, which was formed by Community First, Wiltshire Community Land Trust and Wiltshire Council in 2017. Following a successful bid for funding dedicated officers were recruited to promote and support community led housing. We are a team who have skills and experience in community led housing, community engagement, housing needs, Affordable Housing, planning, procurement of services and project management.

## What we do

We provide support to community groups within Wiltshire and Swindon to enable them to deliver alternative solutions to their community's housing needs through affordable housing development providing defined community benefits that are protected in perpetuity.

We also support community groups working in a developer-community partnership as well as facilitating the creation of relationships between Registered Providers of Affordable Housing and community groups where knowledge, experience and information can be shared for the benefit of the community.

Stronger and more resilient communities can be built through the provision of Affordable Housing and we support community groups to do this.

### We can: -

- Help community groups form;
- Help community groups to decide what they want to achieve and how they are going to do it;
- Present information to community groups;
- Attend regular meetings with community groups and partners to provide advice and information, update on the project and gather information and experience;
- Help community groups to identify housing need in their local area;
- Help to build links with Registered Providers of Affordable Housing and Wiltshire Council as well as other relevant parties;
- Support community groups to identify and bid for funding for their projects;
- Promote sites to meet local housing need.

For more information on what we do, please see our 'useful information' section or contact us.

## Is there a fee?

Due to the way our work is funded, and in order for us to be able to continue providing this service, we charge an enabling fee. Please contact us for more information.



# What is community led housing?

Community led housing is about local people playing a leading and lasting role in solving local housing needs, creating genuinely affordable homes and strong communities in ways that are difficult to achieve through mainstream housing delivery.

## Community led housing is: -

- Housing which is built on meaningful community engagement;
- Projects that are initiated by, wanted and supported by the local community;
- Homes that are owned or managed by people in the community in a manner of their choosing;
- Providing clearly defined benefits to the local community that are legally protected in perpetuity.

## Projects

Currently there are 5 established community groups within Wiltshire, with others in the process of forming. These groups are proactively working within their communities to drive forward the delivery of affordable housing within their local area. Further information on the groups can be found below.

- Broad Chalke Community Land Trust: [White Horse Housing partnership with Broad Chalke Community Land Trust](#)
- Cricklade Community Development Foundation: [www.crickladefoundation.org.uk](http://www.crickladefoundation.org.uk)
- Nadder Community Land Trust: [www.naddercommunitylandtrust.org](http://www.naddercommunitylandtrust.org)
- Seend Community Land Trust: <http://www.seendclt.org/>
- Wilton Community Land Trust: <http://www.wiltonclt.com/>

## Useful documents

Introduction to CLH and the Wiltshire and Swindon hub leaflet

## Links

- Wiltshire Council Community Led Housing Partnership - [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-community-fund](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-community-fund)
- Community First Wiltshire - [www.communityfirst.org.uk](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk)
- Wiltshire Community Land Trust - [www.wiltshirecommunitylandtrust.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirecommunitylandtrust.org.uk)
- Community Led Homes - [www.communityledhomes.org.uk](http://www.communityledhomes.org.uk)
- Homes 4 Wiltshire choice-based lettings - [www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk](http://www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk)
- Swindon Homebid - [www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20151/council\\_housing](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20151/council_housing)



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