

## What is a Community Land Trust (CLT) and how does it affect me?

We have the opportunity to set up a Community Land Trust. A CLT is a not for profit social enterprise set up to benefit a specific community through the ownership of important local assets.

Managed by a local elected board, a Community Land Trust's first project is usually to help develop an affordable housing scheme, often in partnership with a housing association

By owning the land, the Trust has an input to things that are important to the town such as the development of more affordable housing. It also ensures that people with a local connection have priority to live in them.

The Trust would generate an income from the sale of affordable housing to enable it create more similar schemes.

The Trust can then go on to protect and develop other assets in the town.

**“Help keep  
Dorchester  
vibrant”**

## Public Meeting 4pm-6pm November 30th at Dorchester Town Hall

- Community Land Trusts help prevent the decline of thriving communities
- Come and find out about more about how a CLT could be set up in our town.
- Hear presentations from the Wessex CLT Project, Hastoe Housing, Dorchester Town Council and West Dorset District Council

If you unable to attend, but would like more information, contact:

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## Dorchester Community Land Trust



### **PUBLIC MEETING**

Wednesday  
30th November  
4pm-6pm

Dorchester Town Hall

*This affects you and the  
future of your  
community*

Hosted by  
**Dorchester Town Council**

# What else can a Community Land Trust do?

## It's not only Affordable Housing

Community Land Trusts usually start by helping to provide affordable housing and then go on to look at protecting other things that are important to the community:

Land	Post offices
Homes	Allotments
Pubs	Orchards
Shops	Cemeteries
Car parks	Workshops
Public toilets	Solar power

**By setting up a Community Land Trust now – as part of an affordable housing project - the town will have a vehicle to help protect other assets in the future if it seems that they might be lost.**

## Key aspects of a CLT

1. A CLT is a not-for-private-profit organisation set up to benefit a specific community.
2. CLTs can own land and other assets which are important to a community – with an emphasis on affordable housing.
3. CLTs hold those assets so that they are available and affordable for future generations.
4. A CLT is open to membership by anyone in the community supporting its aims.

## Agenda

**Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>  
4pm-6pm  
Dorchester Town Hall**

- 4.00pm** Dorchester Town Council: Welcome & Introductions.
- 4.10pm** West Dorset District Council: The need for affordable homes for local people.
- 4.20pm** Dorchester Town Council: proposed scheme to develop 20 new flats for young people.
- 4.40pm** How Hastoe Housing can help.
- 4:50pm** Wessex CLT Project:
- What is a CLT?
  - What is the Wessex CLT Project?
  - Examples of projects elsewhere.
- 5:10pm** Questions and Answers – open discussion. Chaired by the Town Council.
- 5:45pm** Forming a steering group.
- 6.00pm** Finish.



# Want to be part of the future?

**Dorchester Town Council has agreed to help set up a Community Land Trust.**

**We now need to know if you want to be part of this. Come to the meeting**

30th November, Dorchester Town Hall at 4pm. This will be a chance to hear more about the Community Land Trust and the first affordable housing project being planned – to develop 20 low cost flats on a site currently used for tennis courts.

With speakers from:  
Dorchester Town Council  
West Dorset District Council  
Hastoe Housing  
The Wessex Community Land Trust Project

**We need you to join the steering group**

We want you to join the Community Land Trust steering group. Once it is set up, anyone who supports its aims can join as a member.