

What does affordable housing mean?

'Affordable' housing means different things to different people. To a property developer, affordable means what they can afford to sell the property at. To a local family on low wages, it means what rent they can afford to pay and still pay all their other bills etc. One of the tasks of the Ross District CLT will be to decide what 'affordable housing' means for people planning to set up home in our area. Please join the CLT to make your views known.

How will homes be allocated?

RD-CLT will need to decide the allocations system based on the type of housing we build and the people we house. The system will need to be fair and based on housing need, but we can take a range of factors into account to give local people more chance of getting a new home.

Who will own the homes?

We may need to sell some homes to provide the capital to enable the housing we retain for rent etc. but the remaining homes will not be subject to the Right to Buy and will be owned by RD-CLT in perpetuity for the benefit of local residents.

Where will homes be located?

This will depend on who gives us the opportunity to acquire land and/or the buildings we need. If you have a development proposal you would like RD-CLT to consider please talk to us.

Who will make it happen?

If you are interested in supporting the work of Ross District CLT, we hope the answer to the question is you!

*Please complete the membership application and we will get in touch about how you can help us.
Become a member at
www.rosscdt.org.uk/RD-CLT*

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ROSS DISTRICT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

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Ross District



**Community
Land Trust**

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST?

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) are community controlled and owned, with an open democratic structure. They provide genuinely affordable housing and other community assets, obtaining funding and advice specifically for that purpose.

A CLT's assets can never be sold, so will always be available for Ross & District residents.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF ROSS DISTRICT CLT?

- To provide genuinely affordable housing for local people to rent or buy.
- To acquire or develop new homes and look after other assets for the benefit of our community.

WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING?

A wide variety of new homes could be developed.

Once established the RD-CLT Steering Group will organise a survey of local residents to establish what types of affordable housing are most needed in the area.

Requirements for a local family needing to stay local will be different from those of an elderly person wishing to 'downsize' in the area.



HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

WHAT HAS THIS GOT TO DO WITH ME?

There are sites in the Ross district owned by Herefordshire Council, organisations and private individuals that could be developed for new affordable housing.

A CLT can build affordable housing with priority given to those with local connections.

The Ross Almshouse Charity and five Civil Parish Councils were overwhelmingly in favour of forming a CLT for the Ross district.

You could provide voluntary help with setting up and running the RD-CLT, through for example, joining the Steering Group, or by offering some time or expertise. This is a major opportunity for residents of the Ross district – help us shape it together!

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

The more members the CLT has, the stronger it becomes.

With more members we have more credibility to apply for loans, to lobby Herefordshire Council for building sites – we are representative of our community.

If you or your family have a need, you can make it happen.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Any adult who lives or works in the area of the five Civil Parish Councils of Brompton Abbotts, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Walford and Weston under Penyard can become a member for £1.

The more people who join the CLT, the stronger we become. You can join online at www.rosscdt.org.uk/RD-CLT or phone 01989 313002 and request a form.

WHO WILL MANAGE THE PROCESS?

Before the CLT is incorporated, a Steering Group will be formed which will operate under the auspices of Ross-on-Wye Community Development Trust.

Once incorporated, RD-CLT will be managed by a board of directors, elected by its members at the first AGM. This board will consist of:

- Local people who stand and are elected as voting directors
- Non-voting representatives of key organisations – elected councillors serving on the Civil Parish Councils and Herefordshire Council
- A non-voting representative of an interested group such as Ross Almshouse Charity.

For further information on our progress so far, plus details about upcoming events and contact information, please visit our website at www.rosscdt.org.uk/RD-CLT

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