

Rural Affordable Housing Case Study

Practical Advice and Workshop to better understand how Community Land Trusts can meet rural housing needs

In recognition of the rising interest in Community Land Trust models as a possible solution to meet rural affordable housing needs, this conference has been organised by CCB in partnership with SERCC and funded through support from various organisations.

Conference Objectives:

- What is a Community Land Trust?
- What are the models?
- How are they set-up?
- How are they financed?
- How are they managed?

Who is the Conference for?

- Rural Housing Enablers
- Housing Professionals (Housing representatives and Planners from Local Authorities)
- Housing Associations
- Landowners
- Parish Councils

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Community Land Trusts – an option for affordable housing in rural communities

Tuesday
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10.00 – 16.00
The Town Hall, Reading

A National Conference to share knowledge and experience of how the Community Land Trust model can provide housing and services in rural communities

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Background: National Community Land Trust Conference Organised by Arlene Kersley Rural Housing Enabler for Berkshire

In the early research stage of my role as RHE in Berkshire I came across references to Community Land Trusts. When I tried to get information about them I found there was very little available but recognised the potential of CLT's for delivering housing in rural areas. I suggested to SERCC that we run an event to provide information to RHE's on CLT's.

At the same time the ARHC report and the CRC report on Rural Affordable Housing were published both promoting the use of CLT's in delivering on rural sites. However no specific training was being offered to the enablers who are in a position to promote and facilitate CLT's in the communities where they are needed.

After finding a source of funding (East Hampshire District Council) and attending various events and meeting experts on the subject I decided to go ahead and arrange an event with the support of SERCC and CCB.

In November 2006 the National Community Land Trust Conference was held at Reading Town Hall. Delegates representing RHE's as well as other housing professionals came from all over England and Wales.

Speakers included: Richard Clarke from the British Social & Housing Foundation who spoke on the theory of CLTs; Jonathan Brown from Land for People in Wales spoke on CLT's in Practice; Steve Bendle from Community Finance Solutions gave a talk on finance. Our own Andy Lloyd spoke about his experience at High Bickington and other speakers came from Stroud and Cornwall Rural Housing Association.

As a result of this event, further events have now been running across the Country. Roger Jones recently organised a similar event in East Riding and Richard Clarke is running a major event with New Start Magazine on the 26th of April.

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