

Community Led Housing

How do you get started?

Every community led housing scheme starts from a different first point. Listed below are some of the steps you will need to tick off on your journey, though not necessarily in the order shown.

- ☐ Bring together a group of interested people to lead the project.
- ☐ Establish local housing need.
- ☐ Visit or talk to other communities to see how they have done it.
- ☐ Decide on the right community led housing model and housing mix for your area.
- ☐ Consult with your community and gain their support.
- ☐ Find a suitable piece of land or existing building.
- ☐ Talk to the local authority about planning and help.
- ☐ Raise initial finance for feasibility work.
- ☐ Prepare a business plan and budget.
- ☐ Become a legal entity.
- ☐ Design your housing.
- ☐ Raise finance for the build.
- ☐ Secure planning permission.
- ☐ Tender the building work.
- ☐ Manage and maintain the new homes.



For further info or help with taking that first step contact:
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In partnership with:



- Looking to deliver new housing for your community?
- Worried about whether local residents can afford to live in your area?
- Lacking smaller homes for young people or long term residents to downsize to?
- Seeking a long term income to pay for local facilities or services?

Community led housing can offer a solution



A community led housing scheme consists of quality, affordable homes to buy or rent. The homes are owned by your community – and the community has a say in who lives in them.

Community led housing is all about meeting the housing needs of your area. Your community can build homes for people who already live or work in the community or who have relatives living there.

Community led housing is a practical and rewarding alternative to developer led housing. With plenty of support and advice available locally and access to national funding streams, there has never been a better time to find out more about taking forward a scheme in your town or village.



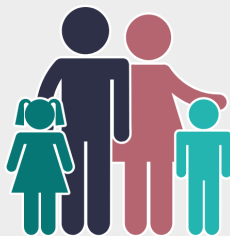
What is community led housing?

Community led housing schemes are:

- Homes built and owned by the community for the long term benefit of the community – whether that’s income from rents going straight into the community purse, or homes for sale being kept at affordable prices.
- Run by a local, independent and not for profit organisation – sometimes specially created for the purpose of building affordable homes.
- Dedicated communities coming together to build appropriate homes for local people.
- Housing developments where key decisions on new homes are made by the community - from finding the most suitable site, through design, to deciding who moves in.
- Democratic and accountable to the wider community.



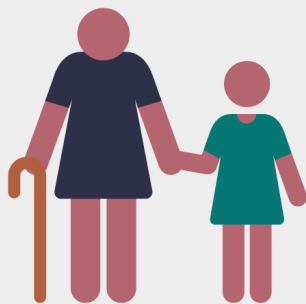
We can help you and your community tailor new housing to meet local, identified need.



We can help you find a solution to your own or your family’s housing requirements.



Groups are dedicated to representing local residents. They do not need to make a short term profit or answer to shareholders.



Community led housing can help everyone –young people, families looking for their first home or older people looking to downsize into more suitable housing.



You can help keep a good mix of ages and families in your community – so they can go on to support the local school, shop, pub and post office. A mixed community is a thriving community.

When it comes to community led housing there is no ‘one size fits all’ approach. It could be a community land trust or a co-operative, co-housing, community self build, for sale or for rent, with a developer or land owner. You may want to do this all by yourself or work in partnership with a developer or a housing association.

So much choice can be confusing, but we are here to help you make sense of the options and make the right decisions for your community from the very start of your community led housing journey.

Moving forward with community led housing takes enthusiasm, energy and time. The North Yorkshire & East Riding Community Led Housing Hub is here to support you with advice and guidance at every stage.

The Hub takes a collaborative approach, to provide effective solutions for communities to help them deliver affordable homes for local people. 1-2-1 specialist support encompassing all stages of a community led housing project, from community engagement right through to build and live stage, is available. Together we could build something great!



Celebrate!
New homes successfully built, owned and managed by the community, for the community.

