

PRESS RELEASE

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BURTON BRADSTOCK COMMUNITY LAND TRUST BEGINS HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust and Dorset Councils Partnership are working together to conduct an online survey to establish the need for housing in the village.

The survey will help to ascertain what kind of housing, including affordable housing, local people in the parish need.

The results of this survey, which will run until the end of April, will help the Community Land Trust in planning for future development.

CLT Board Chair David Dixon said: “In order to progress with the CLT’s aims of providing new housing for people in need in Burton Bradstock, we need an up to date picture of the number of people in need and the type of housing they require.

“We would be very grateful if everyone in the village could take a few minutes to complete this survey by logging on to <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=155264726952> even if they are already registered with Dorset Home Choice or Help to Buy South-West. They will not need to provide their name or address.

“Board members will be delivering information about the survey to households in the parish and we will be happy to talk about the survey and the CLT’s aims. People will also be able to request a paper copy of the survey if they are unable to complete one online.

“We hope that people will also buy a £1 share to become members of the CLT and have a say in the future of Burton Bradstock.

“With the survey results, we will be able to continue to evaluate possible sites for future affordable housing with current information about the numbers involved and the sort of development that will match their needs.”

Anyone who would like a paper copy of the survey or who has any questions should contact the Housing Enabling Team on 01305 252448, housingadvice@westdorset-dc.gov.uk or Burton Bradstock Community Land Trust on 01308 897603.

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More about Burton Bradstock CLT

The CLT has been registered as a Community Benefit Society and a Board of six local residents has been elected to guide the Trust through its first full year of operation.

The first projects include starting to search for sites for small developments of affordable housing and to promote membership of the CLT to local people who are supportive of providing affordable homes for people with a strong local connection.

The stated objectives of the new Community Land Trust include holding land in trust for the community and providing housing for those in need as well as helping to improve housing standards in the parish.

House prices in the Burton Bradstock are well above the average for West Dorset, meaning that it's difficult for families with strong connections to the village to find affordable homes to buy or rent in the parish.