



**HOOK  
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COMMUNITY  
LAND TRUST**

# Homes for Hooky

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## Hook Norton **Community** Land Trust

Welcome to our December 2022 Newsletter



## Happy Christmas and an Exciting New Year from HNCLT

We wish all of our members and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a Splendid New Year! We would like to say a massive thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Bourne Green community housing project and we look forward to achieving the next steps together in what promises to be an exciting 2023.

HNCLT now have 52 members, a further 96 people who are keen to support the project, and a list of around 46 people who have expressed interest in living in the homes when built.

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## What type of homes are we building?

HNCLT are building 12 sustainable, community-led homes at Bourne Green in the heart of Hooky. The site is designed to increase community spirit and will include facilities to share with the wider community in a purpose-built communal space. The homes and shared space will be built to the highest sustainable standards and will be powered by electricity from a renewable source and have a low carbon footprint.

We are building eight homes for affordable rent, consisting of:

- 2 x one-bedroom houses
- 2 x three-bedroom houses
- 4 x two-bedroom flats

We are also building 4 x two-bedroom flats that will be for sale at market value.



## Would you like to live in one of the homes?

Our Allocations Policy will soon be available on the website, along with details of the Local Connection Criteria.

Ahead of that, if you are interested in living in one of the affordable homes available to rent please be sure to register with

[Cherwell District Council Housing Register.](#)



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## Communal Space Survey

We would like the shared facilities to be as relevant to as many people as possible in the community and also make financial sense. We have been working with [Locality](#), a national membership organisation that supports community enterprise. They have helped us develop the business model but we would like more information to make sure we provide the facilities that most people would like to support.

We would really appreciate it if you could spare 5 minutes to fill in our latest survey. Understanding what the community needs from this space is crucial to our planning process. We will be circulating the survey in various venues and it is available to complete online until 31<sup>st</sup> January.

[Communal Space Survey](#)

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## Hook Norton Christmas Tree Festival

Representatives from HNCLT were at the Hook Norton Tree Festival on Saturday 17th December. Along with our 'Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow' Christmas Tree, we had lots of information about the current stage of the Project, and the Community Share Offer, and almost 100 surveys were filled in.

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# Climate Positive Homes for Hooky

We're delighted to be working with Oxfordshire based, multi-award winning, sustainable construction company, [Greencore Construction](#). They will build the homes using a thermally insulated wooden framed, hemp-lime panel system, at their workshop in Bicester, and fit them together on site in Hooky. It was exciting to visit the workshop recently to meet the construction team and see the prototype panels being made.



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## Working with [Soha Housing](#)

We are really pleased to be partnering with [Soha housing](#) who will take on the lease of the affordable homes and provide a housing management service. Soha are a locally based mutual housing association and their ethos fits really well with the aims of HNCLT.

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## Community Share Offer

Many people have let us know that they are hoping to invest in the community housing project and we are developing our community share offer and plan to launch in spring 2023. Community shares are a great way to support local community enterprises, providing them with the long-term finance they need to develop and grow. As soon as we have the date we will be holding a webinar to introduce the share offer and details will be available on our website and through social media channels.

[www.hooknortonclt.org.uk](http://www.hooknortonclt.org.uk)

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# Why not become a member of HNCLT?

## It costs just £1

Membership is simple and affordable and open to anyone over the age of 18 who lives or works in the local and wider community and who supports the aims and ethos of HNCLT. If you would like to join, the membership form can be found on our website:

[HNCLT Membership Form](#)

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# THANK YOU!



We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to everyone involved with the HNCLT Community Housing Project. Many of whom have been working tirelessly and patiently to enable this exciting project to progress.

If you would like more information about any of the items in this newsletter, please visit our website or email us at [hello@hooknortonclt.org.uk](mailto:hello@hooknortonclt.org.uk)