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Welcome to our July 2022 Newsletter

The next exciting phase of the community-led homes at Bourne Green has begun.

The board of Hook Norton Community Land Trust (HNCLT) are delighted that the Section 106 Agreement and land transfer document have at last been signed and officially sealed by both Cherwell District Council and HNCLT. That means that HNCLT have now taken full ownership of the land and are proceeding with the detailed design stage and planning the construction process of the community building and 12 homes meeting the Community's Housing needs.

We hope that the first homes will be ready for occupation in 2023 and if you would like to live in one of the one, two or three bedroom homes available for affordable rent, we strongly advise that you join the [Cherwell District Housing Register](#).

Register with CDC

Our allocations policy along with details of the Local Connection Criteria and details of how to apply will be published on our website later in the year : www.hooknortonclt.org.uk

Partnership with Greencore Construction



We're really pleased to be working with [Greencore Construction](#) as our Design and Build partner and details are being finalised to take the project on to the construction phase. Greencore Construction are an Oxfordshire based, multi award winning designer and builder of high-performance, climate positive homes.

Enabling works have begun!

Greencore Construction are already on site to begin preparatory or enabling work ahead of construction of the 12 sustainable homes in the Autumn. Enabling work involves temporarily fencing off the area to make it safe, in order to clear debris and some small trees from the site, and level the ground. The team have been working with specialists to ensure that nesting birds aren't disrupted, and that the grounds of neighbouring properties are treated with respect. Their Site Manager, Becks Hyseni, who has worked in Hook Norton before, will be on-site and is keen to answer any questions that you may have. He can be contacted by emailing bekim.hyseni@greencoreconstruction.co.uk or phoning 07960 538421.

HNCLT is very grateful to The Sports and Social Club for providing temporary access while the enabling works are carried out.



Our architectural design team at [Charlie Luxton Design](#) are currently working on some minor amendments to the planning design and we will publish the updated designs on the website as soon as we have received the necessary permissions. These changes have been submitted for planning approval along with some of the conditions we need to meet before making a proper start on the construction.

Could you be our new Company Secretary?



Hook Norton Community Land Trust are seeking a Company Secretary to join the board and help take our Community-Led Housing project on to the next stages of build and occupation. Hook Norton CLT is a not-for-profit community benefit society and the role would be an exciting voluntary opportunity.

Join us and be part of a friendly, supportive team that is taking a creative and innovative solution to the growing housing crisis by building 12 affordable, sustainable homes and community facilities for Hook Norton.

The role involves keeping our policies up to date and advising the board on compliance, regulatory issues and ensuring the annual return is filed with the Financial Conduct Authority. Commitments include a monthly (virtual) board meeting. Previous experience isn't essential, but a knowledge of Governance would be beneficial.

Alongside Company Secretary skills we're looking for someone who shares our passion for the community and sustainable housing. Come and join us and help build the future! If you think you would like to be involved and would like more information, please get in touch with us at hello@hooknortonclt.org.uk

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 Autumn 2022. 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.

HNCLT 2022 Annual General Meeting



Please join us for the 2022 HNCLT AGM which will take place in person on Tuesday September 13th at 7.30pm in the Malthouse Kitchen at the Hook Norton Brewery.

Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible.

Details of the agenda to follow soon.

Community Building Use Survey Results



A huge thanks to all those who completed the Survey asking you, our members and interested individuals, what you would most like to see and use in the shared facilities of the Community Building. The results will be posted on the website soon, but include the following headlines :

71% would use the proposed community café area (additional 12% said 'maybe'), with weekend use only slightly more popular than weekdays.

73% would like hot food available and fresh local produce along with quality coffee came out top of the requirements.

25% would use the proposed spare rooms (additional 35% said 'maybe').

There were some helpful suggestions for the use of both the café area and the multi purpose space, all of which will be taken into consideration during the next planning stages.

If you would like to contribute any ideas don't hesitate to contact

hello@hooknortonclt.org.uk

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](#)

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