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Welcome to our December 2020 Newsletter

We warmly wish everyone a happy Christmas holiday
and a positive and hopeful 2021

Progress

It seems amazing now that we started off the year in January with a day long community – wide open meeting at the Memorial Hall to view the community housing plans and drawings. We were all there in person chatting and discussing the designs and little did we know that by the end of the year we would all be used to meeting virtually.

The project has continued to make progress and we had a great response to our website www.hooknortonclt.org.uk. We are delighted that so many people have registered interest in the project, especially in volunteering to help organise and run the communal facilities.

We had a productive meeting with the Housing and Planning teams at Cherwell District Council and the Section 106 agreement and the Land Transfer agreement are tantalisingly close to being completed and signed, which will enable the funding arrangements to proceed in detail.

It is likely that we will be launching a Community Share Offer in the Spring of 2021 and we will keep you updated on details of the launch date and how to invest. Investing in community shares is a direct and engaging way of supporting a project that serves the local community.

HNCLT Membership

As a not for profit Community Benefit Society we will be opening up membership of Hook Norton CLT in 2021 to anyone who lives or works in the local community and you will be able to become a member by purchasing a £1 share and help to shape the future of the project.

Interested in living in one of the homes?

The allocations policy is nearly complete and once finally approved by Cherwell District Council and HNCLT it will be available to view on the website along with the details of the Local Connection criteria. Ahead of that, if you are interested in living in one of the affordable homes available to rent then we strongly advise that you join the CDC housing Register as soon as possible:

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/78/finding-a-home-in-cherwell/225/apply-to-join-the-housing-register/3>

The affordable homes available for rent will be allocated to applicants in housing need who also meet the local connection criteria to Hook Norton. The allocation process will most likely be carried out by HNCLT in partnership with CDC and length of time on the CDC Housing Register could be a relevant part of the process. Please let us know if you have any difficulty with registering.

Finally, thanks so much for your continued interest and support and we look forward to a time next year when we can all meet in person again.

Happy New Year!

All at HNCLT.