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Highlights from Bristol CLT



BCLT on site at 325 Fishponds Road!

The 325 Fishponds Road development has finally started on site after a final push to secure the money to enable the project to get off the ground. It is the first Community Land Trust project to begin building affordable homes in Bristol.

A ceremony took place on 24th March with Assistant Mayor for Place, Councillor Mark Bradshaw formally breaking ground. Councillor Bradshaw said: "I'm really pleased to see this innovative project going ahead to build new affordable homes in Bristol. Community Land Trusts have a lot going for them and are part of the solution to getting affordable homes built. We want to see more schemes coming forward." See the [press release](#) for more information.

Twelve homes will be built at 325 Fishponds Road, six three bedroom homes for shared ownership and six duplex apartments for shared ownership and affordable rent. Allocations have been made but BCLT is still accepting applications to join



Steering group formed for Shaldon Road project

At the last members and local residents meeting which drew over 35 attendees, 15 people signed up and committed themselves to attending regular steering group meetings to guide the project through to a planning application. This group will consider a range of issues such as: how homes and self build plots at Shaldon Road will be allocated, the form and function of a community building, vehicle, cycle and pedestrian routes and parking, design development and site management. The group will make recommendations to the BCLT Board to consider and approve. BCLT will continue to hold public meetings to keep the wider BCLT membership and local residents informed of the projects progress.



the waiting list.

If you are interested in a three bedroom house at 325 Fishponds Road through a shared ownership tenure at a cost of £118,046, please get [in touch](#). You can follow progress on site via the 325 Fishponds Road [blog](#)!

BCLT member trip to Cashes Green CLT and Springhill, Stroud



A group of BCLT members as well as those from [Oxfordshire CLT](#) and [RUSS](#) in London visited [Cashes Green CLT](#) and the [Springhill Cohousing](#) community in Stroud in March. Everyone agreed it was a fantastic day and we all learnt so much from two very different community led housing projects. One BCLT member said: "It was really interesting to see the developments within an urban context and more importantly to meet people who have lived within co-housing for over 10 years. It seems that there is a lot to gain in being involved from the outset in developing your own home and intentionally living within a group of people who wish to live as a community." More trips are planned for **July and September**. If you are interested in joining the group please get [in touch](#).

BCLT member trip to Vauban, Germany

BCLT employs a Self Finish Manager for 325 Fishponds Road!

BCLT is delighted that Jackson Moulding has agreed to act as BCLT's Self Finish Development Group Manager after a formal recruitment process. Jackson's experience is second to none and has first hand experience of building his own home at the Ashley Vale self build community.

Jackson will provide support for the future residents at 325 Fishponds Road who will be working together as a team to complete the internal works to their own homes as well as the communal garden at the front of the site. A series of training sessions will be offered to the group including working with the contractors [Jones Building Group](#) on their other sites across Bristol including health and safety in the workplace and "one on one" workshops designed to give confidence to the group on key tasks.



We would like to hear from BCLT members who are interested in joining a group of 15-20 Board members and members to travel to [Vauban](#) around the period 14 - 17 September.

Vauban is a former French army barrack site that was redeveloped in the mid 1990's. A strong participatory process between the City Council and the citizen's association, "Forum Vauban", led to the development of an environmentally, economically, socially and culturally sustainable district.

One of the unique aspects of Vauban is that future residents were encouraged to form building co-operatives and design and build their own homes. There is a huge amount to be learnt from such a project particularly to inform future BCLT projects such as that currently underway at Shaldon Road.

The cost is likely to be around £300 per person including travel and overnight accommodation for four nights. We are currently exploring whether BCLT could offer a subsidy for BCLT members but at this stage, we'd simply like to know how many of you are interested in taking up this fantastic opportunity! Please get [in touch](#).

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Mission Statement:

Bristol Community Land Trust seeks to open up opportunities for acquiring and developing land for its members and strives to promote the cause of self-organised housing across the Bristol city region.

It also aims to nurture and support locally focussed community land trusts whilst leading by example by developing environmentally sustainable, affordable housing and community based amenities.

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