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Highlights from Bristol CLT

BCLT members travel to Freiburg, Germany to visit sustainable quarter



A group of BCLT members, many drawn from the Shaldon Road steering group, BCLT Board members and a Bristol City Council Housing Development Project Manager travelled to Vauban, a district in Freiburg, Germany. 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. Vauban is considered to be an exemplary urban project and a European leader in sustainable development practice. 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.

Over two days, the group heard from Director of City Planning, Wulf Daseking, who oversaw the transformation of Vauban and met residents who formed 'Baugruppen' Building Collective Groups to construct their own homes. The group also met a project manager who specialised in helping Baugruppen to form, find land, cost the project and manage the build. The group were also joined by colleagues from [RUSS](#) and [Oxfordshire CLT](#).



The group hope to apply learning from the trip to the [Shaldon Road](#) project, particularly the form of construction and self finish element.



Book your place now for the BCLT members meeting in October!

BCLT is holding a members meeting on Sunday 18th October at the Events Space, Hamilton House, 80 Stokes Croft, BS1 6QY from 2 - 4.30pm.

This is a meeting for members of Bristol Community Land Trust to come together to debate and discuss the strategic direction of the organisation. This meeting will also incorporate the **Annual General Meeting of BCLT**, the Notice can be found [here](#) on BCLT's website.

Hear from the Chair Keith Cowling around the current opportunities and challenges BCLT faces and take the opportunity to ask questions, put forward ideas and meet fellow BCLT members.

Places are limited so please reserve via the [Eventbrite page](#).



Spotlight on Keith Cowling, BCLT Chair

Keith is a registered architect with 25 years experience as a community architect and social entrepreneur. Keith has lived in Bristol for ten years and has been involved in Bristol CLT since its inception. He feels passionate that the asset lock feature of CLT's is crucial to ensuring the long term stewardship of land BCLT acquires and develops for its members.

Keith takes an active role in Bristol CLT's work and can be found leading the visioning workshop for the [Shaldon Road](#) development applying his experience of community consultation and involvement. As well as chairing BCLT, Keith

Progress on site at 325 Fishponds Road!



Work on site at 325 Fishponds Road is now well over half way and the contractor is making good progress. Homes are starting to rise out of the ground with the first floor now in place on the new build homes and the apertures in the existing building now visible. The self finish group, made up of future residents who will complete the works to their own homes as part of a group effort, have been meeting for several months now and are getting to grips with kitchen finishes, the design of the communal garden and skills assessments.

If you are interested in joining the waiting list for homes at 325 Fishponds Road, 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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also Director of The Community Buildings Federation and [The Peoples Republic of Stokes Croft](#). He also has a rather lovely allotment at [Ashley Vale allotments](#).