

News from the Community Land Trust, April 2019

First things first. Here are two dates for your diaries:

Sat May 18th, 11am. CVCLT AGM. As previously announced, our 2019 AGM will be held at Walsden church (community space). There is still time to join the CLT as a member if you would like to attend.

Mon May 20th, 7.30pm Launch of Community-led housing in Calderdale initiative.

The CLT is taking the lead in a new project to promote all forms of community-led housing in Calderdale, in partnership with Calderdale Council. The venue is the Caygill Suite in the Piece Hall (a very attractive meeting space on the top floor of the Piece Hall).

We'll be showing a short film about community housing developments in Leeds and Liverpool, **Britain's Housing Crisis: A people-powered solution**. There will also be contributions from local groups already engaged in community housing projects of different kinds.

All welcome. Get your free ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-led-housing-in-calderdale-tickets-60196100156>

Both venues are accessible to wheelchair users.

Walsden build six weeks in

Our builders are progressing the construction of our six bungalows at Birks Lane, Walsden. There will be a chance to see how they are getting on after the AGM on May 18th.

Hebden Bridge decision at AGM

Many people are asking the CLT's trustees what we are planning to do, following the planning decision in February to reject (by three votes to two!) our application for our proposed Hebden Bridge development. The trustees will be briefing members at the AGM on the various options open to us and will be putting forward a proposal for members to discuss and vote on then.

Signal box news

At long last, we have managed to get Network Rail back to negotiating with us a possible transfer of the heritage signal box in Hebden Bridge to CLT custodianship. We don't yet know whether the terms which Network Rail will want to impose on any transfer will be acceptable and realistic, but we are at least encouraged that things are slowly moving forward. The recently established Hebden Bridge Signal Box Preservation Group will be meeting on Sunday May 19th at 4pm, and welcome new people to the group. Email hebdenbridge.signalbox.group@gmail.com to get details of the venue.