

Newsletter
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5 mins of your time

Can we ask you to help the CLT, by completing an online survey to try to assess the social impact the CLT is making locally? It's very short (only 9 questions!)

Each year we complete our annual financial accounts. However, we'd also like to include with the accounts an assessment of the *social* impact of our activities. It isn't necessarily easy to measure the social value we add, but we are going to try our best this year. As a first step, we have devised this survey to try to get a sense from our members, supporters and contacts (ie, you) of what you think about our work. Be as honest as you like!

You will find the survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqXqxbn8Owiv9xO9fMMGdgNzjd5v-06HVexnOFv2DLcQvh9A/viewform?usp=sf_link

There's a shortened link to the same website here:

<https://forms.gle/fJP19a4QypNn3kCJ9>

(If possible, do the survey now, before you forget...)

CVCLT is getting known

We're one of the few Community Land Trusts in the country to have chosen to become a Registered Provider of Social Housing, and to submit to the regime overseen by the Regulator of Social Housing. The Confederation of Co-operative Housing (CCH) thinks this makes us potentially of interest to other CLTs, and have commissioned Phillippa Hughes of Sheffield University to research and write a short case study. You can read it here:

https://www.cch.coop/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/cch_casestudy_Calder-Valley-WEB-SINGLES.pdf

National publicity for Walsden development too

Our Walsden development has also attracted national attention. We must admit that we're pretty pleased that a photo of Birks Court is on the home page of the National CLT Network's website (<http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/>).

The Housing Learning Improvement Network include an account of our partnership with local almshouse John Eastwood in a recent briefing note:

<http://www.caldervalleyclt.org.uk/docs/HLINViewpoint.pdf>

We're also featured in the latest issue of Almshouse Gazette:

<http://www.caldervalleyclt.org.uk/images/AAGazette.jpeg>

Community share issue is imminent

Despite covid-19, we are delighted to say that our plans for a community share issue to acquire the buildings and land adjacent to the Fielden Hall in Todmorden are now well advanced and we are working actively now on the marketing. This will be a chance for local individuals and groups to make an interest-bearing withdrawable share investment in the CLT (min £250, max £20,000). Details shortly.

Strengthening the CLT

As you'll probably know from past newsletters, we have recently run a recruitment campaign to bring in another 2 or 3 new trustees. We've been delighted with the response: four very strong applications from local people. The holiday period has slightly delayed things, but we hope to have our new trustees with us next month.

And that's when we'll also be ready to launch our CLT Advisory Panel to enable us to have a group of people with specialist knowledge we can turn to when we need advice. This will enable us to make use of the skills of people who are perhaps too committed elsewhere to be able to join the board of trustees. There will be full details of the Advisory Panel launch next month.