

SCARBOROUGH: Lealholm Community Land Trust

Lealholm Community Land Trust (CLT) is a community-led housing group set up in 2018 to provide affordable housing for the local community in Lealholm village and the wider parish of Glaisdale. The steering group was initially granted £4,850 by Scarborough Borough Council to undertake community development work and set up as a community-led housing organisation. The group became Lealholm CLT Limited and in late 2018 became constituted as a Charitable Community Benefits Society with community benefit objectives.

Over the past 18 months the group has been working with Scarborough Council's Housing Services team and Colin Huby, the Scarborough RHE, to develop a community-led housing scheme within Lealholm. Local concerns regarding the lack of affordable housing in the village meant that residents were worried about the village's sustainability. Colin undertook a feasibility appraisal to explore the potential for an affordable housing scheme in the village. Working in partnership with the North York Moors National Park Planning Authority and Glaisdale Parish Council, he identified 17 households in housing need. Based on these findings, the National Park Authority indicated that a development of eight to ten properties would be acceptable. At the same time, Colin worked with the Park Authority and parish council to identify suitable sites for affordable housing in the village and a preferred site within the centre of the village, next to the public car park, was subsequently found.

Following a procurement exercise, Native Architects was appointed to undertake a feasibility study, through which proposals for a scheme for 12 homes has been proposed. The scheme includes a community play area and orchard. A viability appraisal is underway, following which the CLT will be looking to appoint a development partner.



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