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LANDS END COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IS UP AND RUNNING

BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR LOCALS TO BUY

The Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust (LEPCLT) is hopeful that it can soon secure land to start building good quality homes for local people to buy. The Trust is currently discussing some small pockets of land owned by Cornwall Council, in the Pendeen and St Just areas, but is willing to work with any other village communities. A consultation event is being held, with Cornwall Council, on Tuesday 5 October, 3 – 7 p.m. at the British Legion in St Just.

We are ready to hear from people looking to buy their first home but who are struggling to afford open market prices. Currently a 2 bed roomed property might be sold for up to £110,000 and mortgage providers are requiring a deposit of up to 20%. Purchasers' will likely need to have household incomes in the region of £25,000 per year, to be confident of obtaining finance.

Sue James, Chair of the Trust says "This is an exciting opportunity for local families, who thought owning their own home new home would always be just out of reach. By becoming a member now, people will be able to have a say in what their home will be like."

In support of the Trust, Chris Goninan, Cornwall Councillor for the area says "I am fully supportive of the Community Land Trust project and will do all that I can to help. I hope and trust that the hard work of the group is rewarded with positive outcomes in the coming months".

BOSAVERN COMMUNITY FARM PROJECT

We have recently appointed a Farm Trainer at Bosavern Farm on the outskirts of St Just. He is keen to get the farm going and involve the community and local schools. The vision is for the Farm to contribute to the production of food to meet local needs. It will also support and advise others, to encourage more local people to get involved in producing their own food. Deb Pepper, leading the Farm team says "anyone can get involved; just come to the farm on a Saturday between 2 and 5 p.m. or Thursday between 10 a.m and 2 p.m. Once the worker is in place more opportunities, for all ages, will become available."

WORKSPACES

In conjunction with Lands End Area Forum and our local Chamber of Commerce, we are finding out what workspaces are needed to enable local businesses to employ more local people. The Trust wants to play its part in developing sustainable communities so recognises that local employment is as important as a local home and local sources of food.

THE TRUST NEEDS YOU

If you want to support the Trust to deliver local homes for local people, to produce more food locally or ensure that local employers are helped to create more jobs for local people then you can become a member for £1. Joining will ensure you are kept informed about the

Trust's activities and will provide you with opportunities to shape future plans. Donations are also welcome for any or all aspects of our work.

For more information and to download a membership application form, go to www.landsendpeninsulaCLT.org.uk. On the website there is also a housing survey. Alternatively, ring and speak to the Chair of the Trust, Sue James on 01736 787223.