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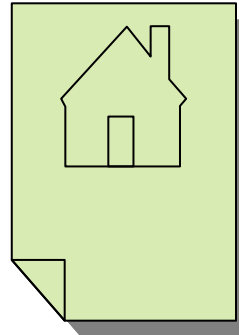


AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We are progressing to planning at both Lafrowda Close, St Just and Moorland Close in Pendeen. Once final drawings are available I will put them on our website and lodge them at St Just Town Council offices so they can be viewed. Hopefully this will be before Christmas or possibly early in the New Year. At Moorland Close, the draft plans provide 2 terraces of three affordable homes (6 in total). There will also be two bungalows sold at open market or near open market prices to help fund the affordable homes. At Lafrowda Close the draft plans provide a pair of semi-detached houses plus a bungalow.

We have had a loan approved to get the project to planning so we are just finalising the documentation so we can access the funds.

Once plans are approved we will be keen to identify purchasers so we are moving our allocations policy towards approval of the Board. This has to tie in closely with the policy of Cornwall Council and will give priority to those with a tie closest and for longest to the locations of the homes. If you are not already on Cornwall Council's Home Choices



register then do apply and pass the news on to others you know who may be in need of housing in St Just or Pendeen. Once the allocation policy is finalised I will place this on the website and at the Town Council offices for viewing. This will be early in January.

Donations or interest free loans would still be welcome to keep our costs down.

Sanctuary Housing

Some may be wondering about the signs at Gew Farm. This is not a CLT project but I understand that Sanctuary Housing, a national housing association is looking to develop 30 socially rented homes. There is a possibility they will consider selling some, as affordable but their priority is rented homes. There is a consultation event planned, I believe for 8 December.

BOSAVERN COMMUNITY FARM: EVENTS REVIEW

It's been another busy couple of months at BCF with lots happening and lots in the pipeline!

We have hosted a couple of extremely lively events at the farm, one for a group of fifty teenagers on a world tour, on a training tallship called the 'class afloat'. Our visitors loved the farm, the project and the group of St Just schoolchildren who showed them around 'their' farm so enthusiastically and with great pride.

BCF also hosted a celebratory event for the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens who invited trainees from their gardening courses to come and take part in some free workshops (put on by BCF staff and volunteers). All enjoyed a great lunch (produce from the farm prepared and baked using the Age Concern kitchen- Thanks Sylvia and Jill!). For the local families we held a pre Feast - feast! A Halloween 'Hextravaganza', at St Just Rugby Club with lots of fiendish games and craft sessions. People enjoyed the hog-roast of our community-pig!! (Thanks to Tom MacFadden for doing such a grand job both cooking and carving...twas enjoyed by all.)

MORE TRUSTEES NEEDED

Now we are well and truly up and running it would be good to get some more people involved as Trustees. We are a team of four, which is a bit small, given our ambitions. Whether your interests are towards the farm, developing housing, affordable workshops or you have other ideas for how the community can benefit from acquiring local land then get in touch. You can come and meet us, without obligation. We are particularly interested in anyone with legal or financial backgrounds and would very much like some-one who would agree to do the notes of our meetings. Your interest in what we are doing is the most important qualification! Ring me, the Chair, Sue James, for an informal chat – 01736 787223.

BOSAVERN COMMUNITY FARM



Thanks to the enthusiasm of one of our newest volunteers, Jenny, our produce is not only to be seen at the Pendeen Farmer's Market but more recently at St Just Primary School. Mrs O'Brien has kindly agreed to us sharing a stall with the school selling our farm produce and produce the school and parents have grown. A great partnership and boost to both our funds. This will be advertised and in the New Year we plan for it to be a regular fortnightly event. On a more practical level....the turkeys are doing what turkeys do best.....getting fat! The chickens are about to be moved to their new site...on the other side of the field! Sadly, the pigs are gone. Sad because they are great animals to have around and we plan to have more...in fact anyone interested in a future share should let us know. All our hay is now sold. The visiting cattle, that have managed our outer fields beautifully, are about to go home for the winter months.

Great news also on the veg growing front as the farm crew have recently erected our new polytunnel. Funding came from a Cornwall Neighbourhoods 4 Change 'pot' along with match funding from BCF business and in-kind labour...so a huge thanks to all our volunteers for their efforts, which were literally doubled in

value!! Thanks as well to CN4C for the cash donation. As far as planning for the future, we have now submitted our final application for a lottery bid that, if successful, will make the dream of owning our community farm a reality. A plan B is always a good idea so the BCF finance team is working on a share issue, mortgage possibilities and potential lending schemes appropriate to a community project.

We would also like to announce and welcome a new member to the team, Jackie Packer, who has kindly offered to help with our bookkeeping and banking (phew!). It's a great relief to have someone with such experience (and patience) to guide us and keep us in check. I'm sure there are lots of things we have missed but you can always come and visit and see for yourself how your community farm is progressing, to buy some eggs or volunteer. Volunteer open sessions remain 1-5pm on a Tuesday and Saturday and 10-3pm on a Thursday.



Finally the fun-d raising team have been working hard on the winter celebration at the farm and the date for your diary is 22nd December between 3 and 6pm. As usual there will be a number of great activities for all the family, some festive food and a chance to gather together for a seasonal sing-song round the Christmas tree...so look out for posters in St Just nearer the day and bring your friends and family. We are also inviting the members from Age Concern, at around 5pm, for a few carols and mince pies in the warmth of the farm kitchen...so please encourage your gran or grandad to come along whether they attend Age Concern or not. Once again many thanks to all who have helped and supported us throughout the year and we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Winter Solstice and a Happy New Year.

BOSAVERN HEN: UPDATE

Well Bosavern hen still rules at Higher Carnyorth Farm and unbelievably, the chick she raised (now grown) has learnt her wandering ways! We now have to warn all visitors not to leave car doors open as she loves vehicles and keeps stowing away!

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