

- The [Community Housing Fund](#) has been extended with a fund of £4 million for 2021/22 for CLH groups' revenue costs only. No capital funding through this fund so doesn't address those groups who can't access the Affordable Homes Programme or the Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme (they would need to become a Registered Provider/Investment Partner or partner with one to access these). The National CLT Network are making the case for groups to access alternative funding sources like the Levelling Up Fund for capital funding.
- Shepherdswell and Coldred Community Land Trust in partnership with English Rural have submitted their planning application for 10 affordable homes and 3 open market bungalows on an exception site in the village. The bungalows are for cross subsidy purposes but also meet older peoples' downsizing needs in the village as identified by the housing needs survey 2020 – these properties will be prioritised for local buyers for an initial time period.
- We have held 2 events since December - CLT/RP Partnership Model and Sustainable Community Led Housing.
- Events currently open for booking:
[Student Cooperative Housing](#) – 16th Feb
[A networking event for CLH groups](#) – 18th Feb (trying to limit this first networking session to groups/aspiring groups only)
[Urban Community Led Housing](#) – garden villages/towns. S106 sites – 23rd February
- Subscribe to our [website](#) for monthly newsletters and upcoming events
- Specific pieces of work currently focusing on engagement with existing housing cooperatives in Kent. We're also planning work on cohousing as a downsizing option for older people in rural areas but also with **Housing 21** who are looking at developing cohousing schemes in areas of deprivation for older people in Birmingham. This is a model that could be introduced to Kent (urban or rural areas) and they are keen to explore this.

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