



# Community Led Housing

## WHAT IS COMMUNITY LED HOUSING?

- Community led housing is housing that has been built or brought back into use by local people.
- Meaningful community engagement and consent occurs throughout the development process. The community does not necessarily have to initiate and manage the process, or build the homes themselves, though some may do.
- The local community group or organisation owns, manages or stewards the homes and in a manner of their choosing, and this may be done in partnership with a Housing Association.

Community Led Housing has various forms including:

- [Community Land Trusts](#)
- [Cohousing](#)
- [Co-operatives](#)
- [Community Self-Builds](#)

## RACE SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY LED HOUSING GROUPS



- The RACE team are Community Led Homes Accredited Advisers, and we are associate members of the [Community Land Trust Network](#).



- Early-stage support: helping groups get started, developing a clear vision & high-level plans



- Provision of training, events, networking & collaboration



- Building awareness & support aiming to create a supportive public & political environment for community led housing

# Community Land Trust

## Shepherdswell Community Land Trust, Dover

- We are proud to have supported Shepherdswell CLT since the start of their journey.
- They are the first CLT in Kent to develop housing; residents moved in, in March 2024.
- In this model, the CLT own the land and the housing association develop and manage the homes, on a long-term lease.
- The land is a rural exception site and provides 10 homes at affordable rent for local people.



## Benefits of Community Led Housing

- Empowering communities to find solutions to their own housing needs, creating resilience and self-reliance and providing opportunities for upskilling members of the community.
- Helping people to remain in the area, contributing to the longer-term viability and financial sustainability of the community.
- Enabling the continuation of supportive networks, contributing to well-being and community cohesion.
- A stock of perpetually-affordable housing, often managed by the community, with rents tied to local salaries.



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