High Bickington Community Property Trust

Torridge District Council/North Devon





Housing Need Survey Result	High need to retain skill and families in the Parish	
Size	8 hectares	
Scheme	Mix of homes for market sale, low rent and low cost home ownership (resale covenant keeps costs below open market). Community assets include a new primary school, sports	
	centre, community woodland and workspace.	
Homes	16 Open market17 Low cost home ownership (Equity Purchase)15 Socially rented (Tenancy Plus model)4 Self-build	
Benefits	The scheme provides sustainable living through low cost, high energy efficient homes and community assets such as a new primary school, workspace and an orchard.	
	The scheme is low density with priority given to people with a strong connection to High Bickington.	
	The development has encouraged skills and social networks to be maintained in the Parish whilst households on moderate and average incomes have accessed home ownership.	
History	The scheme is situated within the Parish of High Bickington in the County of Devon, situated 9 miles from Barnstaple. The scheme was used to kick-start the villages' regeneration after the foot and mouth epidemic.	
Legal Incorporation	Company Ltd by Guarantee (definition)	
Funding Model	Devonshire County Council transferred land for £1 to High Bickington CPT, enabling access to capital and start-up funding. Upon completion, High Bickington CPT will repay Devonshire CC £750,000 from home ownership sales and fees.	
Democracy	Stewardship	Affordability
Membership to the scheme is for all people, aged 16+ who live or work in the Parish. The management Board is elected from this Membership.	All Members and residents of the CLT scheme jointly own and manage the land and assets. This protects the scheme from being sold to the open market.	The asset lock of the CLT protects the housing costs and keeps them low in perpetuity. All surpluses are recycled for the benefit of this community.
Further information	www.highbickingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk	