

## December 2021, Update

#### Dear Supporters,

We hope we find you well in these difficult times we all live in.

The need for affordable homes still continues and our overarching aim of making available a long-term stock of genuinely affordable housing. These are intended to allow local people to rent or occasionally, buy a home and to offer short-term rented accommodation to key workers.

2021 did see some good news in that we purchased our first 2 houses and in June successfully found local tenants to occupy them.



The rest of the year has seen us explore a number of opportunities and in 2022 we hope to announce further purchases and developments. The current economic climate has meant that the building trade has seen challenges of the cost of material as well as a shortage of people. We hope as things settle down next year and that the supply chain will improve and prices will stabilise.

2022 should also see us being recognised by the Charity Commission and this will greatly enhance our ability to raise further funding and an opportunity to approach Homes England to apply for more substantial grants.

We again have had huge support, funding and advice from both Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park. We really thank them, and we look forward to continuing to work with them in 2022.

#### **Town Hall Meeting**

As soon as we've some firm news on our next site we are planning to organise a long overdue Town Hall meeting at the Old Library, probably sometime in February.



### Thanks for your time and support

# Wishing you and your families every best wish for Christmas and the New Year

Please encourage family, and friends to register their support for the Midhurst Community Land Trust.

Please take care, keep safe and look after those around you during these difficult times.

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