

# Community Benefits of a CLT

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) serve to bring together the principle of protecting land for community benefit, and are essentially a mechanism for the democratic ownership of land or buildings by local communities. CLTs offer an innovative model for tackling many of the social agendas that affect both rural and urban communities; from helping to tackle housing shortages, to promoting active citizenship and community empowerment.

The UK enjoys a long standing tradition of protecting land for community benefit; from the preservation of common land, to the Garden Cities movement of the early 20th Century. These community benefits include preservation of green spaces, encouraging collective activism, and strengthening community spirit.

South Brent has a long history of Community Ownership, from the Old School Community Centre to The Island Trust.

Community Land Trust don't just build houses, they are a Trust and hold the land for the community. They can create a stock of affordable houses tailored for the village needs and help keep the village alive. CLT's run shops, pubs, Community Centres and any other asset the village may require, woodland, orchards and community space.

**Trust owned  
assets are  
VILLAGE ASSETS**

**Affordable  
Homes for the  
whole village  
community**

**Houses can never be  
sold on the Open  
Market and will  
remain affordable in  
perpetuity**