



## St Ives Community Land Trust

### Press release

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#### Old Vicarage Flats Planning Permission: Approved

St Ives Community Land Trust (CLT) is proud to announce that its planning application to turn the Old Vicarage Flats into 6 affordable flats for local people has been approved by Cornwall Council.

The flats in Street-an-Pol will provide six vital, permanently affordable rental homes secured under an asset lock for future generations.

Jill Block, St Ives CLT Secretary said, *"We aim to provide two 1-bedroom flats and four 2-bedroom flats and it is our ambition to charge £96 per week for a 1 bedroom flat and £160 per week for a 2 bedroom flat.*

*Our tenants will enjoy lower energy bills and we will have contributed to wider environmental improvement. The flats will be available for rental as affordable housing and protected for the benefit of the community through the asset-lock protection in our Rules.*

*During the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown earlier in the year we were able to start work on the building by addressing issues to the roof and several windows. Unfortunately, when we started to do the work, it was found that it was necessary to work on the entire roof.*

*We are now eager to start our project internally and will be working towards starting the preparatory building work. Anyone interested in being part of our development team or donating their time for the renovation project, please get in touch."*

Due to the ongoing pandemic, fundraising efforts were affected but have continued with a bid to St Ives Town Deal but our planned Open Days have been postponed. Donations towards the Old Vicarage Flats project can still be made at [www.stivesclt.org.uk](http://www.stivesclt.org.uk).

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Note for Editors:

Community Land Trusts are non-profit community-based organisations run by volunteers to develop housing, workspaces, or other assets that meet the needs of the community and are owned and controlled by the community.

St Ives CLT coordinates the the St Ives Community Charter and also has a second building project to provide creative workspaces in the town centre.

The key objectives of St Ives CLT are

1. Protect existing buildings for community use
2. Promote local economic resilience by developing sites for small and medium size businesses and community ventures
3. Expand long term affordable housing provision
4. Develop community energy schemes

St Ives CLT is committed to conducting community conversations regularly and building strong neighbourhoods through its work.

Currently with over 200 members, St Ives CLT was founded in 2015 as a Community Benefit Society and is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

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