



St Ives Community Land Trust

Press release

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Community Led Housing Project on Town Deal's List

St Ives Community Land Trust's Old Vicarage Flats project in Street-an-Pol, which will provide six vital, permanently affordable rental homes, has been included in the St Ives Town Fund's plan currently being assessed by the Government.

St Ives is one of four towns in Cornwall been chosen by the Government to receive up to £25 million in funding.

The Old Vicarage Flats project is one of the 43 overall submissions that the St Ives Town Fund board has put forward to the Government to consider. The St Ives Town Fund Board heard from residents that it wanted to favour affordable housing through the Community Land Trust.

Jill Block, St Ives CLT Secretary said, *"We are pleased to be part of the Town Fund as it is one step closer in achieving this project."*

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.

We are, however, disappointed that the board decided not to include our application for funding for the Old Town Fire Station (the former St John Ambulance Station in St Andrew's Street). Although we haven't been successful in being included in the St Ives Town Fund, we are still progressing with this project, which is to offer work spaces to arts and crafts businesses at affordable rates and access to business support"

Please see [stivesclt.org.uk](https://www.stivesclt.org.uk) for more information.

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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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