

Homes For Ulverston CLT Ltd (H4US)

Membership Application Form

I, the undersigned, wish to become a member of Ulverston's community-led housing group. I am over 18.

Title	
First Name(s)	
Last Name	
Address	
Including postcode	
Tel:	
Email:	

Declaration

I have received and read the Values Statement and the Membership Information (below). By joining I am signing up to the values and governing documents of Homes For Ulverston CLT Ltd. I agree to work towards the aims and uphold the values of Homes For Ulverston CLT. NB The Board of Homes For Ulverston CLT Ltd has complete discretion over selection of members.

I enclose £1 non-refundable joining fee.

Note: H4US preferred method of communication is e-mail. Please inform the Secretary if you need to receive information by post.

H4US complies fully with the requirements of the 2018 GDPR Act and will not share your personal details with any 3rd party organisation except where required to do so by law.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please print and send this form, with £1 joining fee to:

Mrs Valerie Holden, Secretary

Homes For Ulverston, 20 Lightburn Avenue, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0DJ

Membership Information – Homes For Ulverston (H4US).

Please note:

Members of a CLT must be over 18 years of age by law.

You need to be a member to have a property through H4US.

Homes For Ulverston CLT Ltd has a set of rules we had to adopt by law. These are called The Rules of Homes For Ulverston Community Land Trust Limited. They are referred to as The Rules. There is a full copy on our facebook page.

All members agree to be bound by The Rules and to act in the interest of this Community Land Trust (CLT)

To be a member you need to buy 1 Membership Share, which costs £1. This is non-refundable if you leave. (Please note that your membership share is different from a share that might be part of a future share issue. If we do a share issue to raise money for houses, those will be withdrawable).

All CLTs have **open membership** and **1 member, 1 vote**. These two rules cannot be changed.

The Rules have been drawn up by Wrigley's Solicitors. The Rules allow our Board of Directors to decide what conditions to put on membership. In the case of H4US, we strongly believe in looking after the place we live in and we also believe that we should respect each other. Please read our values statement before deciding whether to join; we shall act on our Values and will help Members do so too. We shall also be accountable to Members for the way we deliver on the Values.

Valerie Holden (Secretary), H4US

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Values Statement.

“There is no wealth but life” John Ruskin

Our core values

- At the heart of our group values is respect and care for ourselves, other people, the environment and other the species therein. We recognise that these are 'one and the same' for example, healthy people cannot exist without a healthy environment in which to live.
- We value equality and diversity of both ourselves and other species. This means the fair sharing of resources according to true need and a non-profit based approach to economics. It also means ensuring that everyone in the community has 'a voice' and their needs are met.
- We value our local heritage and character, whilst welcoming change, creativity and innovation. We shall seek a balance between being informed by the past but being open to the future.

We recognise that these values operate at different scales and seek to take responsibility for our actions from a local to global scale.

We will create specific policies to ensure that these values inform how projects develop on the ground e.g. an environmental management system/policy a community involvement policy.

Our values in action

In this section we aim to explain how our values might be interpreted 'on the ground'.

The design of site and dwellings

- Creating affordable homes by taking the power into the hands of the local community and bypassing market forces, as controlled by developers and other profit motivated organisations.
- Rigorous standards in terms of carbon footprint, energy usage, low waste (cradle to cradle approach), both in the materials and production process used and in the lifetime of the dwelling or structure.
- Seeking to improve the site as a habitat for other species through preservation and creation of landscape features and new planting/rewilding.
- Creating both indoor and outdoor space for community interaction, celebration, play etc
- Taking cues from existing local design and traditional building materials, balanced with use of new design and modern or recycled materials.
- Healthy spatial design based on the character and microclimate of the specific site.
- Avoiding homogeneity (or 'sameness'), allowing individual choice, whilst an overall aesthetic (or 'look') that hangs together.
- Building quality dwellings that will last well and need minimal maintenance

The process of development

- Working together in a way that reflects our values, for example respecting each other and our diversity of opinions/life experiences, and taking responsibility for ourselves as individuals and awareness of the line between our true 'needs' and 'wants'. Recognising that we are part of a greater 'ecosystem' and that our individual needs must be balanced with the harmony of the whole.
- Seeking to represent a wide range of views. Using our governance structures to ensure all are represented, including the wider community. This might mean having a range of decision-making approaches to hand (such as representational voting, consensus techniques) and selection of the most appropriate on a case by case basis.
- Taking a balanced approach to decision making, that allows for both intuition and logic, pragmatism and idealism.
- Developing the site at an appropriate pace that allows time to work how our values can be most effectively reflected.

With whom we work

- Assessing the suitability of offers of funding and/or support from external organisations through the 'lens' of our values. Establishing a step by step process for deciding whether a partnership is appropriate.
- Ensuring that there is ethical alignment when choosing companies to work with or to supply materials.

Our philosophical 'tool box'

As well as creating specific policies we will borrow from the following approaches and philosophies to help us put our values into action:

Permaculture Design which seek to mimic the intelligence of natural systems to design sustainable settlements and livelihoods. Based on a set of ethics that mirrors ours and a set of principles which can be used as tools in design of both how we work together and what we build.

Alexander's Pattern Design – Architect Christopher Alexander suggested that most design problems occur many times over. There can be a number of solutions. The user must apply their values, ways of living, to the pattern of solutions that exists. In this way the same patterns can deliver many varied, bespoke solutions. Over time we can find our own ways to design our living spaces and our own language to share our vision.

Modern Ecology – a relational approach to ecology that includes the built and social environment. This recognises that human beings are part of 'nature' and therefore 'man-made' things must be part of ecological thinking. The boundaries between ourselves and the environment are blurred, for example, our bodies are constantly taking on external elements through the food we eat and the air we breathe. Recognising the health of the whole ecosystem.

Environmental management systems – (the process that will guide us in implementing our Environmental Policy). We shall undertake a scoping exercise covering everything we own and everything we do, identifying and measuring, where possible, our impact on site, locally and globally. We shall decide how to reduce our impact and we'll set aims, objectives and targets. We shall monitor, measure, record and publish our progress against our targets and we shall note where improvements can be made on our performance, by applying what we have learned to future activity.

"In nature's economy the currency is not money, it is life" Vandana Shiva

Devised by Founders of Homes For Ulverston CLT Ltd.

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Welcome!