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Community Land Trusts (or CLTs) are when people from a village, street, neighbourhood, town and so on get together to create a non-profit organisation for the good of their community.

Run completely by volunteers, a CLT strives to meet the long-term needs of its community, for example building permanently affordable housing, workspaces or acquiring pubs, gardens and shops; these then stay owned by the CLT organisation forever.

## Does it actually work, or is it another one of "those things"?

Yes it works!

**Stretham and Wilburton CLT** - is building 50 new homes 15 of these will be affordable homes, a new doctors surgery, small

business units and green space for leisure and play.

**Swaffham Prior CLT** - is now building 8 affordable new homes, and the CLT setup costs are being covered by East Cambridgeshire District Council

**Soham CLT** - we're involved in discussions between landowners, the local authority and local people to devise a way to ensure that the newly formed CLT for Soham can provide permanently affordable housing for local people on a major urban extension on the edge of the town

## What about profits?

A CLT is a not for profit organisation, any profits goes back into the organisation, to be used for a new project for the CLT.

## How does a CLT get land?

- Get public land at little or no cost
- Purchase a rural exception site at agricultural value
- Get a site at open market value using a grant
- Already own a site

## How does a CLT get funding?

There are a number of sources of funding including the CLT Fund, local authorities and the parish council.

## Can a CLT partner with a Housing Association?

Some of the most successful CLTs have benefited from partnering with not-for-profit housing associations to develop and manage their homes.

## How do you setup a CLT?



## Want to know more?

Check out the CLT East website for more information about CLTs and what's happening in the East at [www.clteast.org](http://www.clteast.org)

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