

CVCLT  
February 2021 news

### **CVCLT gets National Lottery support**

Some exciting news we've just heard. Our CLT has been awarded £85,000 over the next three years, from The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) Reaching Communities programme.

This is a highly competitive funding stream, so we are naturally delighted to have been chosen. (In fact, we had the funding bid ready to go a year ago... before covid-19 intervened and TNLCF stopped accepting new applications. But we got there in the end.)

The funding will enable the CLT to move forward to a new phase in its life, with the prospect of being able to have a member of staff employed in due course to relieve the day-to-day pressure on the trustees. Yes, we're growing up. We'll be working hard to make sure this period of transition goes smoothly and without the CLT losing any of its values.



### **Our celebratory social**

A reminder that we are organising an evening social (by zoom) at 7pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, complete with live magic and live music. Our 251 members (including our new investors) have already been given the details on how to book places, and we'll send another reminder shortly. If you're a non-member of the CLT and haven't had the invite but would like to join us, you'll be welcome too. Please let Andrew our secretary know on [info@caldervalleyclt.org.uk](mailto:info@caldervalleyclt.org.uk).

The social was arranged to celebrate the successful conclusion of our share issue. Of course now we have a second reason to celebrate.

### **Update on the Fielden Acre buildings and land**

As we have the funding necessary from the community share investments as well as the grant on its way from Homes England and the loan from the Community Foundation for Calderdale (thank you to both), we are making the legal arrangements for the purchase of the Fielden Acre buildings and land. We are working towards a date of 1<sup>st</sup> March for the transfer of ownership.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

### **CLT Advisory Panel is recruiting!**

We launched the CLT Advisory Panel last Autumn, but there is still an opportunity to offer to join, if you have skills and experience which could be valuable to our development. And now, with the National Lottery news, we are *particularly looking for someone(s) with HR knowledge and experience* to offer their services. Is this you?

### **New arrangement for Birks Court residents**

From the end of February 2021 the builders of Birks Court will no longer be responsible for any repairs. We have been concerned to ensure that the residents of our four bungalows there, and our new tenants in the Fielden buildings, will from that point have access to an efficient 24-hour call-out service in case of maintenance problems and any other issues.

We have decided that the best way to provide this is to partner with a larger organisation who already have this service up and running. We're at the final stages of agreeing a contract with a local housing association, and anticipate the new arrangement coming in at the start of March.

### **High Street, Hebden Bridge**

Some news of what we've been doing at the Hebden Bridge land. In early January we dug a couple of exploratory trenches above the wall to the north (higher) side of the tarmac track on the site. These investigations enabled us to see that it could be feasible to develop more homes at the Hebden Bridge end of the land, and on the north rather than the south side of the track, materially further from neighbouring properties and, we believe, with significantly less air quality concerns.

So, with some short term grant support from Homes England, we are looking again at a possible development that could still deliver great, affordable, sustainable, green homes for rent in Hebden Bridge whilst taking full consideration of the concerns of the Planning Committee and other consultees.

More news in the next few months.

### **Hebden Bridge Signal Box**

We are keen to move forward as quickly as we can with plans to take over the grade II listed HB Signal Box from Network Rail, now that it is decommissioned. We are well advanced with a prospective grant application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund specifically for this project. Like THLFC, NLHF had also frozen all new applications last year because of covid, but have just reopened again for submissions. We hope to get a bid in in the Spring. (We already potentially have some grant funding lined up from the Railway Heritage Fund).

If railways float your boat (as it were) or if you simply want to help save an important part of Hebden Bridge's Victorian heritage, tell us and we'll ensure you are invited to future meetings of the Hebden Bridge Signal Box Preservation Group. Use the email address above to reach our Secretary.