Stow Community Land Trust News

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Stow CLT is a community benefit society – set up and run by volunteers – with the aim of providing truly affordable housing for local people. Stow CLT is a member of the Community Land Trust Network. Anyone who shares our objectives can join for a membership fee of £1.

The latest on the Oddington Road site

As many of you will have seen, Platform is making progress with its development of 47 affordable homes on the Oddington Road site.

Furthermore, real progress is being made with land acquisition for the CLT (area outlined in red on the photo) – this will now be given straight to the CLT, and we will deal directly with Aster Housing.



Current Platform development showing approximate boundaries of land to be given to the CLT outlined in red © Colin Langford

You can now donate to the CLT for free!

If you shop over the internet – and most of us do – then you can get money across to the CLT, without it costing you a penny. We've registered Stow on the Wold Community Land Trust with #easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 retailers will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Sign up here: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stow-on-the-wold-community-land-trust/xzmvyb/ca/1yUpvjwa/A2303/facebook

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New Builds in the North Cotswolds

The Labour Government, elected in July 2024, vowed to build 1,500,000 new houses over the 5-year life of the parliament. Whilst this may have been a commendable aspiration to ease the current housing crisis nationwide, it appears to be falling very short of its target. There are many reasons for this, some of which are due to circumstances totally outside its control. One of the reasons, however, is that the number of new planning permissions has fallen to a 20-year low. A total of 1,220 sites gained permission nationwide in the first 3 months of this year and, if fully developed, this would only amount to 54,000 new homes. These could take several years to develop.

Here, in the North Cotswolds, Cotswold District Council (CDC) has been tasked with providing just under 19,000 new homes between 2026 and 2043. Patently, wherever they are built they are going to change many towns and villages permanently.

Although Moreton in Marsh has been earmarked for some 1,500 new homes, Stow seems to have escaped comparatively lightly, with the most likely sites being the current development in Oddington Road to the tune of a total of about 45 homes and developments of about 10 homes each at Tall Trees close to the doctors' surgery and a similar number at The Hollies in Lower Swell Road.

Perhaps having a compact parish and being in a National Landscape area has its advantages after all!

Annual General Meeting of Stow on the Wold Community Land Trust

The Stow CLT AGM will be held on 17 September 2026 at 7pm at the Stow Youth Centre, Fosse Way, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1DW. Both members and non-members are welcome.

Sustainable homes for Aylesbury


Habitat+ Architects Ltd

At Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, low-energy sustainable architecture is helping create stability, dignity and healthier futures for people experiencing homelessness.

Working alongside forward-thinking housing association Fairhive Homes Limited, this recently-completed project delivered seven Passivhaus-standard homes designed specifically to support vulnerable occupants through exceptional comfort, low running costs and healthier indoor environments.

For residents, the benefits of low-energy design include:

- Ultra-low energy bills helping remove the risk of fuel poverty
- Stable, comfortable internal temperatures all year round
- Excellent indoor air quality through filtered, fresh air ventilation
- Stress associated with cold, damp or overheated homes eliminated
- Durable, high-quality accommodation designed to last.