



# Christow Community Land Trust

## Members' Newsletter

Community  
Shop Special!

### Date for your diary

**Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm, Thursday 12 September, Teign Valley Community Hall.** Last year loads of you came, which was great. Maybe it was because we offered wine ... or maybe it was the discussion about the village shop. Either way, both will be back on the agenda for 2024. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Christow Community Shop

Our AGM last year was followed by a discussion on the establishment of a new village shop, following the closure of Christow Stores. There was enthusiastic support for the idea with various proposals put forward. Since then, huge progress has been made:

- Christow Parish Council and CCLT members formed a working group to explore the feasibility of a shop; this has now become a sub-committee of the CCLT, 'The Shop Committee', which allows us to apply to a wider range of funding bodies for grants.
- A community survey in December 2023 got 317 responses (a third of Christow's population) showing overwhelming support for a shop. A copy of the full results is available on request (email Coronay).
- The site for a 'stage 1' portacabin shop has been confirmed: between the public toilets and the bus shelter in the village car park. If the shop is a success, a more permanent structure will be built.
- We're working on legal aspects such as a lease from the Parish Council for the land on which the shop will sit, and repurposing the public toilets to use for storage. The unisex accessible WC will be retained.
- A planning application is nearly ready to submit and we're developing ideas for how the shop will look, inside and out, including a mini-café.

- We've written a business plan, start-up budget (we need to raise £60,000) and cash flow forecast. Based on how other community shops do, we expect to return a small profit by year 3 and any spare surplus after that will go into the CCLT small community grants fund.



*Crackington community shop: could ours look something like this?*

- Grant applications are well underway, to add to the £13,500 already secured including £8,000 from CCLT reserves. A huge thanks to the Teign Valley Farmers Market for their donation of £1,500.
- We'll soon be launching a special CCLT shares offer to raise more funds, or to pledge goods or work in kind. Watch out for your invitation to a launch event on 22nd June!

*If you think you can help in any way, or if you've got questions, contact Iain Wilson, chair of the new Shop Committee: [iainhwilson@mac.com](mailto:iainhwilson@mac.com)*



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