



Haddenham Community Land Trust

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Project Complete- Last 2 properties let at Ovins Rise, Haddenham

Haddenham Community Land Trust formed in June 2016 and on 1 December 2022 they finally handed the keys to their last 2 properties over to tenants. Initially completion was planned for 2021 but was delayed due to COVID and building materials shortages. HCLT now owns 17 rental properties and have 2 further properties under shared ownership on the 54 property development at Ovins Rise, just off the A1123 near Haddenham village centre. 19 local families now occupy a mix of 1,2 and 3 bedroomed houses at Ovins Rise through HCLT and this includes 17 children.

New tenants Heather Smith and her daughter Calliope aged 2 were welcomed to their new home. “We are very excited, I was born in Haddenham and my sister, parents and grandparents live in Haddenham and Aldreth,” says Heather, “I am so pleased to be able to come back to Haddenham, to be near family and Calliope’s nursery, in this fabulous house.”

Samuel Males moves in next door with his daughter Erin aged 4. He is very familiar with Ovins Rise because his brother was one of the first HCLT tenants and as Samuel works for Openreach, he visited the site during digital network installation. “Erin is more than excited to move here as she thinks she will have her own personal play park,” says Samuel, “I have watched the site develop and am very impressed with the quality and high spec of the houses.”

Centrally located in Ovins Rise, the Parish Council owned play park has been recently installed to provide a safe play area for local children.

Haddenham Community Land Trust is a not-for-profit community benefit society, working in partnership with property developers Palace Green Homes and with the support of Haddenham Parish Council, Homes England, East Cambs District Council and the Cambs and Peterborough Combined Authority.

“We are local people, working with the support of local institutions to help local people stay local,” says Chairman Stephen Thompson, “We have ensured from the start that our houses are let to people with a strong connection to Haddenham/Aldreth through the school,

family or work. I have only recently become involved in this project and must acknowledge the fantastic work done by past Chair Mark Hugo and his team over the last 6 years.”

For more information see the website www.haddenhamclt.org.uk

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Pictures

- 1. Heather Smith with daughter Calliope and partner Thabo**
 - 2. HCLT Chair Stephen Thompson with Samuel Males in his new home**
 - 3. HCLT Chair Stephen Thompson, with Vice-Chair Tor Taylor, Past Chair Mark Hugo and Ovins Rise Site Manager Paul Elliott of Palace Green Homes**
 - 4. The newly installed play area at Ovins Rise**
 - 5. The Ovins Rise site**
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