



Haddenham Community Land Trust

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Mayor Paul Bristow visits Ovins Rise, Haddenham

Paul Bristow, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority visited the Ovins Rise development on 2 December 2025 along with Anna Bailey, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council. Their objective was to see the Ovins Rise development, meet Trustees of Haddenham Community Land Trust and understand the role community land trusts can play in meeting local housing needs.

Tor Taylor Chair of Haddenham Community Land Trust (HCLT) explained the Trust owns 17 rental properties and 2 further properties under shared ownership on the 54 property development at Ovins Rise near Haddenham village centre. Tor explained “We are proud to have helped 19 local families occupy a mix of 1,2 and 3 bedroomed houses at Ovins Rise and this includes 19 children.” The whole development is laid out on a hillside, the HCLT homes mixed in with those privately owned, the area is landscaped and includes a Parish Council owned children’s play park.

Trustees took Paul Bristow and Anna Bailey to meet one of the CLT tenants Becky Fox who has been living in a CLT property since November 2021, she has recently moved from a 2-bed home to a 3-bed home. Becky explained “I really wanted my girls aged 10 and 12 to have their own rooms, it’s a lovely place to live and I am very grateful to the Trust.”

Council Leader Anna Bailey said “CLT’s like this are fantastic because they are run by local people who shape and control development for community benefits which far outweigh other development projects.”

Mayor Paul Bristow said “The CLT model is new to me and coming here is a real eye-opener, I want to see more local people access local housing. It clearly works well here in Haddenham and I would like to see more of this type of local initiative across the region.”

Haddenham Community Land Trust is a not-for-profit community benefit society, with charitable status, run by volunteers, with the objective of delivering housing and other community projects for the villages of Haddenham and Aldreth. The Ovins Rise development has been delivered working in partnership with property developers Palace

Green Homes and with the support of Haddenham Parish Council, Homes England, East Cambridgeshire District Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

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

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Pictures (all HCLT)

- 1. Ovins Rise showing the children's play park**
- 2. The houses are set in an area landscaped with grass and trees**
- 3. L-R Tor Taylor (HCLT Chair), Mayor Paul Bristow and Anna Bailey (ECDC Leader) chat in front of a CLT home**
- 4. L-R Mayor Paul Bristow, Becky Fox, Anna Bailey (ECDC Leader), Becky showing Paul and Anna her new home**
- 5. The Ovins Rise development includes a range of different types of homes**

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