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## What we do

We cover the whole of Scotland

We tackle **social inequalities**, **repopulation** and **rural regeneration**

We bring together public & private stakeholders to provide **community-led, affordable housing** and accompanying facilities

We pioneer a range of **housing tenures, financial and technical solutions** to create sustainable futures for rural communities – including initiatives such as Long Lease, Empty Homes and Woodland Crofts



Cairngorms, low-cost home ownership



Staffin, NHS health centre



NVLT Passivhaus, Closeburn



Old Police Station, Langholm



Former Hotel and New Town Hall, Whithorn



## Where we work

Our community-led projects and developments across Scotland



# 'township'

Holistic and  
creative approach  
to community-led  
developments



*Woodland Crafts*



*Low-cost home ownership*



*Homes & NHS health centre*



*Primary school*



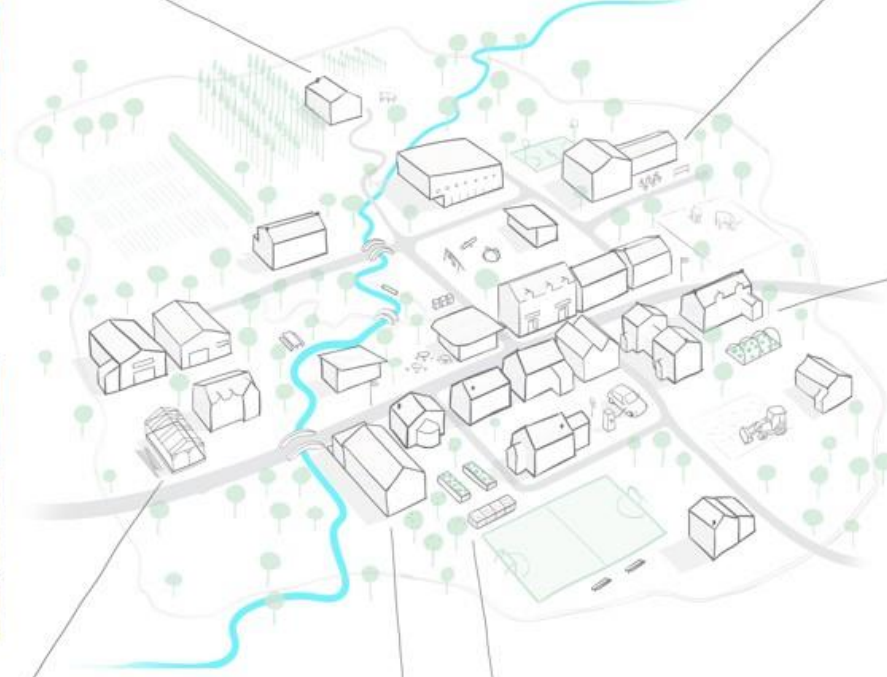
*Greener Homes*



*Mixed affordable tenure homes*



*Self-build*



*Community-owned renovations*



*Discounted self-build*



*Tourist Hub (Passivhaus)*



*Community growing spaces*



*Rent To Buy homes & shinty pitch*

## Routemap

Free guide and films to support communities with community-led housing.

Download at:  
[chtrust.co.uk/routemap](https://chtrust.co.uk/routemap)



# Holistic rural sustainability: **Achtercairn, Gairloch**



# Access to services & repopulation: **Staffin, Skye**



**CHT Discounted Sales**

**SCT Low Cost Rent**

**LSHA Low Cost Rent**

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**GP Surgery &  
Business Units**

**6 affordable homes** of 3 different tenures, with 3 housing providers  
**Commercial units, workshop & storage space**

A new health centre in partnership with **NHS Highland** will provide improve healthcare services in the area, increasing access and reducing long journeys  
**Population has increased;** school roll not declining  
Staffin Development Video:

<https://youtu.be/7Ja70ueNpb4>

## Community & climate resilience: **Glendale, Skye**



### **Ongoing project:**

- The Glendale Trust purchased the derelict school and schoolhouse in 2014 with support from Scottish Land Fund
- We are supporting the renovation and conversion into 5-6 affordable homes

### **Key aims of project are:**

- Recycling and reuse of materials
- Supporting rural trades
- Establish skills training scheme
- Retrofitting for the climate crisis
- Provide solutions for overcoming barriers of community restorations of disused buildings

**Funders:** Historic Environment Scotland, RCIA Fund, AHF, Crown Estate Scotland, HIE

**Partners:** Zero Waste Scotland, Local Energy Scotland, Skills Development Scotland, CSIC





## Glentrool Community-led Regeneration, Dumfries and Galloway

- Remote community in Galloway Forest Park / Biosphere
- Long-term empty homes – 3 x affordable rent, 2 x rural housing burden
- Community acquisition of closed school to create business space, visitor accommodation, flexible community space, café and shop for creative professionals – plus community growing project and greenspace
- Creation of 3 new jobs and 5 apprenticeships in construction.
- Creates a more vibrant, resilient, sustainable community and place.





## Wigtown Affordable Homes and Book Town Bunkhouse, D&G

- Rural small town on Machars peninsula
- Closure of local bank in 2017 – community group WBCI enacted CRTB
- Town centre regeneration via repurposing of redundant building and reinstatement of empty home
- 2 x homes for affordable rent – family home and fully accessible wheelchair unit
- Affordable bunkhouse for visitors to Scotland's Book Town created 3 x local jobs – includes new facilities and bike storage to rear to encourage active travel
- Extensive garden to rear provides community allotments

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