

Tideswell and District CLT

Membership policy

Tideswell and District Community Land Trust (TDCLT) was incorporated on 6th October 2025. It is a membership organisation. Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the Tideswell Ward of Derbyshire Dales District. This includes Tideswell, Litton, Litton Mill, Cressbrook and Wheston (the TDCLT area).

This policy gives more information about membership of TDCLT. It expands on the registered rules of TDCLT (the TDCLT Rules)¹.

A Purpose and nature of membership

1. TDCLT was incorporated for the benefit of the community. It aims to provide and manage housing (including social housing), help to house people, provide associated facilities and services to relieve financial hardship, advance education and training, and provide buildings and assistance to people needing help setting up businesses. This is just a summary and the full objects are set out in the Rules.
2. The main purpose of membership of TDCLT is so any person living or working in the TDCLT area can jointly own and control TDCLT in carrying out its purpose.
3. Under paragraph C12 of the Rules the Board sets, reviews and publishes its policies and objectives for admitting new members. New members will only be admitted in accordance with the policies. This document sets out the current membership policy and objectives. The Board considers each membership application and decides whether or not to accept it.
4. The Board has decided that “any person living or working in the TDCLT area” should usually mean any person who has lived or worked in the TDCLT area for at least a year. It does not include any person who owns property in the TDCLT area but who usually lives in another area, or who owns property in the CLT area but who usually lets the property be used by holidaymakers or used on a temporary basis by people who are themselves not persons usually living or working in the TDCLT area. For the avoidance of doubt a person who works in the TDCLT area does not also need to live in the TDCLT area.
5. Any person wanting to be a member completes an application form setting out their reasons for applying. The form is at the end of this policy². They

¹ These can be found on the TDCLT website at <https://www.tideswellclt.org/>

² It will also be available at TDCLT events and on the TDCLT website

should deliver, post or send by email the completed form to TDCLT's registered office, or hand it in to a Board member at a TDCLT event. Each applicant pays with their application an equal share (£1) to join TDCLT (this is returned if the application is not accepted, but is not returned if a membership later ceases for any reason). Once they are a member they have an equal vote at TDCLT General Meetings.

6. Members must be 18 years of age or older and must meet the other requirements set out in paragraph C8 of the Rules. They will immediately cease to be a member in the circumstances set out in paragraph C15 of the Rules.
7. All members must subscribe to the Objects set out in paragraph A2 of the Rules, and through their actions support TDCLT in carrying these out. Members who act contrary to the interests of TDCLT, for example if they behave vexatiously and / or actively seek to oppose or frustrate agreed actions or activities carried out by TDCLT in line with its Objects, may have their membership ended at the next General Meeting under the provisions of paragraph C16 in the Rules.
8. The TDCLT Board (the Board) and any of its sub-committees shall endeavour to involve TDCLT members where appropriate and in reasonable ways. This is to help the organisation be democratic and inclusive.
9. The Board and any sub-committees shall also seek to involve members and the wider community in developing its key strategic decisions. This is so that strategy is in line with the views and wishes of the membership as representatives of the local community. Therefore, the Board and any sub-committees will periodically consider how to:
 - a. Understand the needs and wishes of the local community;
 - b. Explore with members and the wider community how they would like to be involved;
 - c. Carry out consultation programmes on key issues, allowing members and the local community to respond in different ways.
10. Members shall be updated from time to time on the TDCLT's activity, including through an email newsletter.
11. Members do not have to attend meetings or participate in the governance or activities of TDCLT. But this will be encouraged and facilitated. Where appropriate, members will be provided with training and information to support their participation.
12. From time to time the Board may decide to issue shares for the purpose of raising funds pursuant to paragraph C38 of the Rules. At such time the Board may decide to waive its usual membership requirements as to living or working in the TDCLT area for those who wish to purchase shares as

supporter members or pioneer shareholders if it is reasonable or expedient to do so in order to maximise the fund-raising opportunity for TDCLT.

B Membership code of conduct

1. Members should engage in and support the activities of TDCLT in a positive way. They must always act in a way that reflects TDCLT's objects, Rules and policies.
2. Members are expected to uphold the following values in their conduct:
 - a. **Integrity** – put the wider social, economic and environmental interests of the community first, declare any interests and act appropriately.
 - b. **Openness** - be as open as possible about decisions and actions they take.
 - c. **Honesty** - be open and truthful about their views and activities, including where they may have a personal interest.
 - d. **Respect** - show respect for other members and the local community.
 - e. **Curiosity** - be open-minded about the direction and activities of TDCLT.
3. All members are expected to consider, and when appropriate, avoid conflicts and perceived conflicts of interest between their personal (or commercial) interests and those of TDCLT, especially when voting at General Meetings.

Some conflicts of interest are inevitable and should always be declared. For example, as members live or work in the TDCLT area they may benefit personally or commercially from:

- the provision of homes and other facilities, or
- the engagement of professional and trade services by TDCLT

The TDCLT does not maintain a register for interests for its members, but members should declare any interests at relevant meetings and consider whether or not they should take part in any relevant discussions and decisions. Such declarations will be minuted.

4. Anti-social behaviour by members in meetings or while carrying out the activities of TDCLT is not tolerated. Complaints about members will be reviewed by the Board and recommendations for removal may be made to a future General Meeting.
5. Where the Board and sub-committees request that information is kept confidential, members should respect that confidentiality. While TDCLT will

generally aim to be open and accountable to the wider local community, some information may need to be kept confidential, at least temporarily.

C Equality and diversity

1. TDCLT aims to build a large and membership representative of the local community of the TDCLT area. That aim includes representation in terms of the local demographics, with particular attention to protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010. (including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation).
2. TDCLT aims to work towards a Board and sub-committees that reflect the membership and local community of the TDCLT area.
3. TDCLT shall use reasonable endeavours to train and support such representative people taking an active role in the organisation.

Tideswell and District CLT Membership Application Form

About TDCLT

Tideswell and District Community Land Trust (TDCLT) is a charitable community benefit society set up to maintain and/or improve the physical, social and economic infrastructure within the Tideswell Ward of Derbyshire Dales District Council. Its primary aim is **to provide affordable housing for people with a strong local connection**, but it also has other aims (as set out in the TDCLT Rules). It also wishes to provide an opportunity for people and organisations to contribute to the community through becoming members and shareholders. TDCLT's goals are long-term and community led.

If you would like to become a member of TDCLT, you can apply to do so for £1. This buys one share. If your membership is accepted, this gives you one vote. No matter how many further shares you may buy later (if or when we seek shareholders) you will always have only one vote (one member one vote in line with co-operative principles). Membership of TDCLT does not give a member any preferential advantage, but as a member you will be able to vote at any general meeting of the of TDCLT to support its aims. If your membership of TDCLT subsequently ceases the £1 membership is non-returnable.

Applicants can only buy a £1 membership share at this stage. TDCLT hopes to have projects and these will need money (and time and enthusiasm!). If TDCLT needs to raise money it may seek further capital through shares. TDCLT will pay no dividend to investors: any surpluses will be reinvested for the benefit of the community. Shares will never be worth more than you paid for them and they could reduce in value. Members cannot sell or otherwise dispose of their shares to anyone else, but may ask to withdraw their shareholding. But withdrawal would only be possible if the Society has sufficient funds available at the time of asking.

For further information please read the Rules. These are the TDCLT's governing document (available from the Secretary or on TDCLT's website).

Please keep this part of the form and return the application form with your payment to the TDCLT's registered address below.

Tideswell and District Community Land Trust Limited

a charitable community benefit society

Registration No. 9623

Registered Office: The Cottage, Cherry Tree Square, Tideswell, SK17

Email: admin@tideswellclt.org

<https://www.tideswellclt.org/>

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Membership Application Form

I _____ (full name) **support the aims of the Tideswell and District CLT (TDCLT) as set out in its Rules and policies and apply to become a member.**

I understand and agree that:

- Persons under 18 may not be members.
- I have lived or worked in the Tideswell Ward of Derbyshire Dales District for at least one year. This includes Tideswell, Litton, Litton Mill, Cressbrook and Wheston.
- Members each have one vote at general meetings regardless of how many £1 shares they hold.
- Shares will never be worth more than I pay for them. Shares could reduce in value and no dividend is payable. Interest may be applied as set out in the share offer document, subject to the Rules and discretion of the directors.
- By acquiring at least one share, I am signing up to and agree to follow the governing documents and policies of TDCLT (the TDCLT Rules)
- This is not a savings scheme. I may not get all or any of my money back should I ever ask for this in the future (and my initial £1 is usually non-refundable if my membership application is accepted). TDCLT cannot guarantee it will have sufficient funds to enable you to withdraw your shareholding.
- If I wish to leave TDCLT I must apply in writing to the Secretary at the Registered Office. The Board will consider whether my share money can be returned.
- The shares are not backed by any compensation scheme or ombudsman.
- This application will be considered by the Board and may not be accepted.

I have filled in the information box on the reverse and submit this application form with my payment of £_____ in cash, paid online (account details available on request), via SumUp, or cheques payable to Tideswell and District Community Land Trust)

I agree to my contact details being stored and processed for the TDCLT's lawful purposes only. TDCLT will not share your personal data without your consent. I agree to contact being made via email.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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| Surname | |
| First Name(s) | |
| Title | |
| Registered name of Organisation <i>If shares are to be held by an organisation</i> | |
| Postal address | |
| Postcode | |
| How long have you lived or worked in the TDCLT area? | Lived in: Worked in: |
| Give brief reasons why you are applying to be a member of TDCLT | |
| Email address <i>Email is our preferred method of communication</i> | |
| Landline number (if any) | |
| Mobile number | |
| Date of Birth / confirmation that you are over 18 | |
| Number of shares to be purchased at £1 each | |