

## **Stoke Gabriel Community Land Trust**

Stoke Gabriel Community Land Trust was set up several years ago with a view to developing affordable housing for people with a local connection to the village. The perpetual issue is land suitable for building houses, and we haven't yet been able to secure anywhere. However, the general climate for building affordable housing has moved forward in that time, and once we get land we are poised and ready to go:

- South Hams District Council has declared an affordable housing emergency, and there is support available from them to help take a suitable scheme forwards.
- Community Land Trusts have come of age and are now regularly used to build affordable housing; when we started very few projects had been taken to fruition.
- Construction techniques have moved on: if we were to commission houses to be built offsite and the units assembled onsite it would reduce the amount of project management needed and help set and stick to a budget.

We are still actively looking for suitable land and hope to have news before too much longer.