

# COMMUNITY\* LAND SCOTLAND



**Land for Housing**  
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## Community Land Scotland

In 2010

- 17 founder members
- Aim - to assist knowledge exchange and to represent the views of our members wherever and whenever

In 2017

- 75 members
- Knowledge exchange, representation and awareness

*Housing is a key issue for many of our members – fundamental to the social and economic development of our communities*

## Routes to buying land

- By negotiation
- Community Right to Buy
- Crofting Community Right to Buy
- Asset transfer

## From summer 2017:

- Community Right to Buy abandoned, neglected or detrimental land

## From 2018:

- Community Right to Buy for sustainable development

## From ???

- Compulsory purchase orders

# AN EIGHT-STEP GUIDE TO A COMMUNITY LAND BUYOUT

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## 1 RESEARCH

- Contact Community Land Scotland (CLS)
  - Find out about what funding is available
  - Get in touch with the agencies that can support you through the journey
  - Look into options: Personal or CLTB
- CLTB has a Process for Acquisition Guide of land with the words 'Community Land' (CL) which could be granted to a community CLB and CLC company.

Community Land is the definition of a community land which allows communities the right to buy and lease or lease up to use.

- Identify who the customer is

## 2 CONSIDER

- Hold a community meeting to explore the options
- If there is community support, start a Steering Group to take forward a possible purchase

## 3 LAY THE FOUNDATIONS

- Constitute a community body if required
- The right to buy or lease may need identifying which is essential to proceed with. There may be additional requirements if you wish to apply to the Scottish Parliament.
- Consult with the community and gather ideas on what people want
  - Bring a brief for a feasibility study and a contractor who can produce it
  - Register as interest in CLTB if required

## 4 PROGRESS YOUR PLANS

- Carry out the feasibility study to determine the best and most practical ideas
  - Meet other community landowners
  - Write a business plan
  - Carry out technical work
- Services and contractors are going to be needed to support it.

- Get a valuation of the land

## 5 RECENT FININGS

- To the community
- To the funders

## 6 GET COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

- Carry out a ballot on the whole community to get agreement to buy the land
- Using CLTB in a community company
- Do get evidence that the community has into the idea

## 7 COMMENCE BUYOUT

- Agree a contract for the sale
- Financial funding
- Complete the work

## 8 CELEBRATE!

- Tell community to show a landowner!

## Scottish Land Fund

- Can be used to buy land or buildings
- For geographic communities
- Stage 1 and Stage 2 process
- £10million a year total
- Up to £1 million per application
- Can provide up to 95% of funding but average contribution is 80%

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## The Pairc Trust

- Population 400
- Elderly and declining population
- Lack of affordable housing
- Carried out a Housing Needs survey
- Scottish Land Fund to purchase an unused care unit
- Will be turned into a four bed, energy efficient, disabled access home
- Now looking at purchasing additional buildings





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YOUR ATTENTION

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