



Welcome to the Lakeland Housing Trust

We provide rented homes for local people who cannot afford to buy or rent accommodation at current market prices. Our affordable rents have ensured that many families have been able to stay living in the area where they were raised and now work, keeping communities alive and thriving.



Neam Hurst Langdale

Tourism is an essential part of life in central Lakeland. However, the increasing second home and holiday let market means that house prices in some areas have increased at a rate that makes it increasingly difficult for local people to buy or rent a home.

The Lakeland Housing Trust has grown significantly in recent years and currently owns over 50 homes. The Central Lakes, where second home ownership and consequent high property prices are most acute, has been our focus. However, we are now expanding our portfolio to other areas where we can support those living with similar issues. For example, the Trust now owns property in Kendal and will soon also own property in Broughton-in-Furness.

Several properties have been left to the Trust as legacies; others have been purchased and funded by gifts, loans, or bequests.

History of the Trust

The Lakeland Housing Trust (formerly known as the Lake Country Cottage Society) was founded in 1937 by a future-thinking group of individuals. Even before the Second World War there was a serious shortage of houses for workers and their families in the Lake District. The society set out to help them find a home.

They could have had little idea however, that homes for local people would grow into one of the most pressing issues of our time...

What we do

The day-to-day management of our properties is primarily undertaken by H&H Land & Estates. Our Board of voluntary local Trustees also play an active role, ensuring that the charity is managed effectively and sustainably - selecting new tenants,

visiting, and inspecting properties and overseeing the acquisition, building and maintenance programme. We all have a deep commitment to upholding and improving our local communities, whilst preserving the properties in our care.

Vacancies are advertised in the local press, on our website and through our newsletter. Priority is always given to local people with low incomes – whether they are working in the community or retired.

Our properties are situated in Central and South Lakes, with homes currently in Ambleside, Coniston, Grasmere, Hawkshead, Sawrey, Troutbeck and Kendal.

The purpose of the Trust

“The very purpose of the Trust is to offer low cost rented housing which helps keep villages alive and allows local people to live and work in the heart of the Lake District.

We currently own 52 properties, several have been generously given, others bequeathed and some bought at well below the market value.

To allow us to reach out and assist some of the many committed, hard-working Lakeland people who are currently in desperate need of a good home, we need your help.

We must make the Trust’s work more widely known to encourage both funding and support, which will ultimately enable us to buy more properties for local people.

There are many ways you can help us – even the smallest actions make significant differences.”

Lord Inglewood

President



Cottage in Ambleside

What our tenants say

"The Lakeland Housing Trust have been fantastic, enabling me to live in a wonderful property in the area I was raised in for almost 8 years. I will really miss my home, but know it will be a wonderful place for other locals to stay and keep the Lake District thriving".

"I would like to thank the Lakeland Housing Trust for giving us the opportunity to live in one of your properties... the very reasonable rent has provided us time to build a deposit. Our aim was to own our own home which with your help we have achieved."

Calvin & Sally

"This house has been an amazing home for us both and we would like to thank all on the Trust for accepting us as tenants... we are now in a position where we can afford to rent locally and allow someone else the opportunity of a Lakeland Housing Trust home, as we know there are other people out there struggling."

Anna & Matthew

"10,000 thank yous for the most perfect home for us and for the last 2.5 years".

John & Family

"David also has reason to be grateful. Without his Trust cottage in the heart of Lakeland, he would be miles from the area, away from work, friends and his parents. He's on the parish council and the local recreation ground committee.

"Without a lottery win there's no chance I, or most other average Lakeland wage earners could buy here. The Trust needs to be supported because without affordable housing, our communities will disappear".

Lancashire Life article

"When a locally well-known and highly respected lady recently died, she left her family countryside cottage and her life savings to the Trust to be used in her local area. The Trust has respected her wishes. The cottage has been thoroughly modernised and is now home to the seventh generation of a local family. "It's almost impossible to find somewhere to live. Locals have little or no chance of staying in their home village", says the tenant.

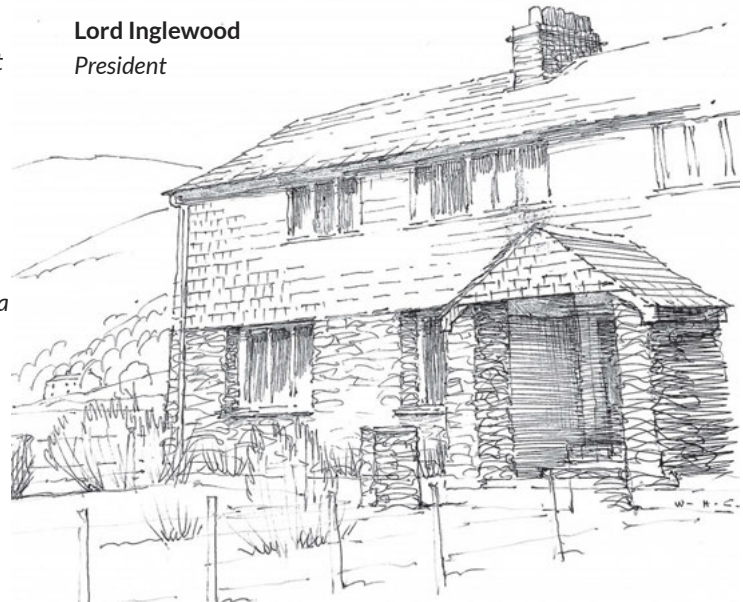
Westmorland Gazette article

How can you help?

- Donating a property or land to Lakeland Housing Trust, or selling to us at a discount from market value
- Selling the freehold of your property to the Lakeland Housing Trust (with the guarantee of continuing to live there as a tenant for life, freeing up capital and responsibilities for maintenance and repair)
- Making a regular or one-off donation
- Remembering the Trust in your will
- Allowing us to manage and let your property to local people at a reasonable rent
- Passing on information about the Trust's good work whenever possible

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