

Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT)

A Community Land Trust model for supporting community groups wanting to engage in Nature Recovery activities.

MMCLT What are Community Land Trusts?

- ▶ CLTs are democratic, non profit organisations that own and develop land for the benefit of the community.
- ▶ CLTs act as long-term stewards of land and the assets on it. They ensure that it is put to the benefit of the local community, not just for now but for the future

MMCLT core business

- ▶ Work with our existing land holdings, organisations, partners and individuals to improve connectivity and habitat recreation for Nature Recovery.

See legislation: Environment Act 2021

- ▶ Assist and enable community groups to acquire and manage land within an agreed plan.
- ▶ Set up, host and lead events and conferences for members and supporters
- ▶ Build membership and supporter base

MMCLT land acquisition

- ▶ As an independent organisation we can move quickly to purchase land of high wildlife value or potential.

An example is Norbury Hill

- ▶ We can also assist local communities who wish to protect and/or enhance land.

Examples are Cudwell Meadow in Little Stretton and High Leasowes Meadows in Church Stretton

MMCLT Hub and Spoke model

MMCLT have developed a hub and spoke model to assist local communities with purchasing and protecting such land by providing a hub of support services:

- ▶ The ability to launch appeals and raise funds
- ▶ Financial management.
- ▶ The legal ability to own land.
- ▶ Land management expertise.
- ▶ Publicity and engagement with local communities and wider.
- ▶ Access to advice, conferences and events

MMCLT Working with constituted community groups

Local groups provide a constituted body we can work with to:

- ▶ Help raise funds for the acquisition and later management of land for Nature Recovery
- ▶ Communicate with other local groups and statutory bodies
- ▶ Form a local committee to manage the land with an agreed plan.

MMCLT Opportunities

- ▶ Preserving green spaces for local communities and Nature.
- ▶ Advice and alternative suggestions as to how to land could be safeguarded for nature.
- ▶ Although MMCLT as a voluntary organisation has limited resources

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MMCLT Website

<https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/>

- ▶ Our website contains information which will help local groups and Town/Parish Councils take action to enhance biodiversity.
- ▶ A Major requirement for Nature Recovery is to increase the connectivity of the countryside by, for example, allowing gardens to be wildlife friendly, establishing new woodlands, planting hedges, maintaining ditches and restoring wildflower verges