

bridport Cohousing



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...a place to grow...

Welcome to **Hazelmead**, Bridport's first cohousing neighbourhood.

53 stunning new affordable and sustainable ecohomes on a seven-acre site in an area of outstanding natural beauty, within walking distance of all amenities in the thriving market town of Bridport, West Dorset.

Situated on the north western edge of town, next to the NHS Community Hospital, it adjoins the Allington Hill Nature Reserve and is surrounded by fields and breathtakingly beautiful countryside.

The scheme has been sensitively designed to sit well in its rural landscape, much of it shown in this film:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7GLNmjeuuc&feature=youtu.be>



Bridport's architectural character with its broad central streets and charming back ways is a legacy of its ancient origins as a Saxon port and of its historic rope and net making industry. It is a colourful town offering a vibrant culture of festivals, heritage, local food and arts.

Only a short bike or bus ride to West Bay and the Jurassic Coast, it also connects by public transport to major cities like London, Exeter and Bristol.

What makes this scheme so significantly different is that it is a cohousing scheme, and offers a way of living that supports residents as they respond to the future and its changing demands.

...neighbourly...

what does cohousing mean?

In a cohousing neighbourhood each home is self contained and private, but the residents benefit from having extra facilities in the common house and outdoor space, which they collectively own and manage. Living in cohousing means that residents take on some extra responsibilities but enjoy many more benefits than other new housing developments can offer. Every resident's voice is considered in the decision making process, young and old alike.

The original members of Bridport Cohousing worked together with professional advisors to design a site that would encourage social contact and a sense of neighbourhood. Cars are kept to the perimeter, giving adults and children a safe place in which to move about and play.



If you are looking for a modern, well designed eco home for you or your family, in a safe and friendly environment, with neighbours who share your values of fairness, equality and real sustainability, then Hazelmead in Bridport is the place for you.

...sustainable...

the homes

South facing terraces of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses with their own front and back gardens and two apartment blocks of 1 bedroom flats, for single and double occupancy. All are architect-designed and built to the Association for Environment Conscious Building (AECB) Silver Standard and providing high levels of insulation.

the common house

is for the use of all residents to provide extra social rooms, a laundry and a kitchen and dining area with the option to cook and share meals.

the land

has food growing areas, orchards and shared green spaces. It is landscaped to increase biodiversity and to provide an extensive leisure area for residents. Rainwater run-off from roofs will be collected into a sustainable drainage system and used for garden irrigation.



...sustainability meets affordability...

reduced bills

- The well-insulated homes need less heat.
- Homes and water heated using heat pumps.
- Electricity generated by solar arrays on rooftops connected to a microgrid.
- Kitchens fitted with responsive induction hobs.
- Food grown on site contributes to reduced food bills.
- Car club can reduce or eliminate costs of car ownership. Shared electric bikes and covered bike storage near to homes provide a healthy alternative.
- The availability of guest bedrooms enables residents to have guests to stay without needing a spare bedroom in their own homes.
- Residents will be encouraged to be creative about lowering their carbon footprint.

...affordable...

26 homes are for rent at 80% of open market value from our partner Housing Association, Bournemouth Churches. In order to qualify you will need a local residence, family or work connection in Bridport or one of the surrounding parishes.

Because we are a Community Land Trust and our goal is to keep these homes at 80% of open market value there will be **no 'right to buy'** on these homes.

27 homes are for leasehold purchase at 80% of open market value. For more information please see our Sales Brochure.

We have a local lettings policy that applies to all residents, renters and leasehold buyers.

All homes will be subject to a ground rent of £50 per year and an annual service charge of £5.00 per sq. metre to cover the running costs of the common house. These charges will be included in the rent.

how to apply for a home

Step 1, apply to become a member of Bridport Cohousing CLT.

This involves attending some of our events to meet other members. You then complete a form describing why you want to join and what interests and experience you could bring to the neighbourhood. During this time the process of renting and buying at Bridport Cohousing will be explained. If membership is agreed you sign a commitment and pay a small joining fee.

Step 2, to rent a home from Bridport Cohousing.

If you have a local connection to Bridport you will need to make sure you are on the housing register, and state that you are interested in cohousing. Applications to join the housing register can be made via <https://www.dorsethomechoice.org> or by calling West Dorset District Council on 01305 251010. When the homes are being built they will be advertised on Dorset Home Choice, at which point interested people can make bids, bearing in mind that already being a member will speed up the process of becoming a tenant.

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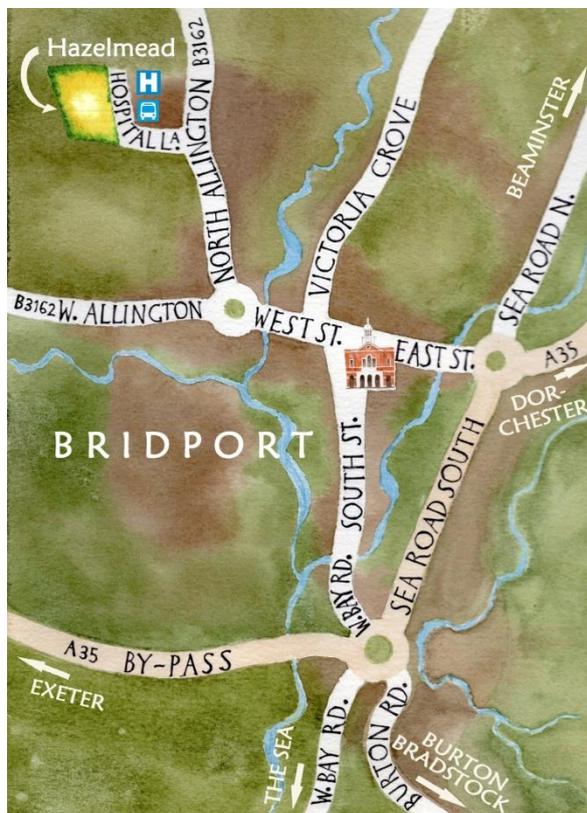
where is Hazelmead?

Our site is next to Bridport's Community Hospital, Hospital Lane DT6 5DR, off the B3162.

It is a 20 minute walk or 6 minute cycle ride to the town centre and 15 minutes to cycle or 10 minutes by car to the beach and coastal footpath at West Bay.

Our no. 40 bus stop connects with Beaminster, Crewkerne and Yeovil. Town centre buses run to Weymouth, Axminster and Dorchester. Trains to London, Bristol and Southampton connect from Dorchester.

Many of the local schools are within walking distance. St. Mary's Primary is a friendly, one form entry school, opposite the Leisure Centre. It is part of the Minerva Trust, with two other local primaries and the town's comprehensive, the Sir John Colfox School. There are several other small primaries in outlying villages, including neighbouring Symondsburry.



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