

Inveralligin

Empty home restoration model

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- > **Bequeathed property owned by the National Trust for Scotland**
- > **For local community benefit/control**
- > **Unsuitable for local authority or housing association renovation due to cost**
- > **CHT developing a replicable model for self-renovation targeted at relevant skills**
- > **Model would provide permanent, quality, affordable homes in rural areas**
- > **Model would also attract or retain construction skills in rural areas**
- > **Supports ongoing sustainability of rural areas while also reducing environmental impacts of travel**
- > **Further development for specifying and monitoring the work is being undertaken**
- > **Will provide fiscal and planning recommendations for scaling up**

Craigloiste is a small derelict property in Inveralligin, Torridon on the north-west coast which was bequeathed to the National Trust for Scotland (NTS).

With the stipulation it had to be for the benefit of the community, NTS brought CHT on board. We are looking at it as an opportunity to develop a new tenure model for empty and derelict homes in rural areas, in order to provide more homes, but also to attract or retain key trades, a growing issue communities are facing.

CHT will identify applicants with the skills to renovate the house, initially on a repairing lease, with the later ability to purchase at a discounted rate through the Rural Housing Burden.

Developing a replicable model for other rural communities is key here.