

Staffin, Skye

Community-led housing initiative

July 2023



> CHT supported the community, via the Staffin Community Trust, to purchase land and project managed the development

> Developed community business plan for long-term sustainability

> The site provides 6 affordable homes of 3 different tenures, with 3 housing providers

> 2 commercial units provide opportunities for small businesses, helping to grow and sustain the economy of the wider area

> A new health centre in partnership with NHS Highland has provided much-needed local facilities, increasing access and reducing long journeys, to improve healthcare services in the area

> Increase housing stock for local community into the future, retaining younger people and families

Staffin is a small crofting community on the Trotternish Peninsula, on the Isle of Skye. A large proportion of residents are Gaelic speakers, and it remains a working community with many tourists passing through.

However, a lack of permanent all-year round employment and affordable housing, an ageing and falling population and the migration of young people in search of work elsewhere, are just some of the major challenges.

In partnership with the Staffin Community Trust/Urras an Taobh Sear, CHT project-managed a mixed development of six homes, two commercial units for rent including workshop space, and a new health centre for NHS Highland, to replace the existing building which was not fit for purpose.

Residents moved in during February 2022. The homes are a mix of social rent (Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association), community rent (Staffin Community Trust), and discounted sale with CHT. CHT are the letting agents on behalf of SCT in the and management of their 2 rented properties.