

# Langley Community Benefits Society Members Application form

**MEMBERSHIP** of Langley Community Benefit Society is open to everyone who has a connection to Langley, Middleton.

Langley Community Benefits Society was created in November 2020 by people from the local community of Langley. It was born from one man's passion to build much needed social houses for the community where he lived, this man was Terry Smith. He was upset because of the lack of social housing and people from his community not being able to get a property near their family, friends, and support networks.

He began by attending conferences all over the country that had community led housing on the agenda. Once satisfied that he could apply for funding and build these much needed houses, he gathered a number of

people from Langley who had the same ambition and they set up a charitable cooperative with the aim of developing community led housing and registered with the Financial Conduct Authority. Langley Community Benefit Society can now invite other community people who have a strong connection to Langley to become members.

If you want to be involved in creating shared community benefits, you can become a member for as little as £1. It would mean that you become a shareholder of the Society and will be able to influence how the Society works.

If you would like to get involved, please read on and visit our website

<https://www.langleycommunity.co.uk/> and

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LCBA4>



An overhead view of the Langley Estate showing Windermere Road and the surrounding area.

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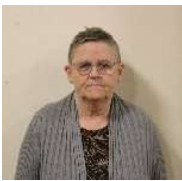
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### ABOUT US



**Terry Smith** (director) began researching Social Housing and Community Led Housing over 5 years ago. But before that he has always been an advocate for social housing. He is a qualified youth and community worker and has been a community activist for over 40 years. To be able to build the much-needed affordable social housing in our community will see one of his main dreams becoming a reality.

Along with his wife he co-founded Status 4 All, a charity on Langley who support children with alternative curriculum activities, and they manage a huge allotment and community space on the Langley Estate, which houses a youth allotment and many other plots that benefit the community. Sue and Terry are also part of Bowlee Community Association who are refurbishing, reopening and taking over community management of the Bowlee Pavilion.



**Ivy Isherwood** (director) is an active member of the community, she has lots of experience in housing issues as she has been the chairperson of Riverside Housing Committee for many years. She is also a volunteer on numerous projects supporting people from the community who are lonely and isolated.



**Kathryn Carr** (director & secretary) is an active member of the community; she's been the secretary of Riverside Housing Committee for 2 years and member for 4 years. She's also a Rochdale Champion for RMBC and has a keen interest in disabilities. She has 20 years' experience of working in the NHS and her and her husband have been foster parents.



**Councillor Sue Smith** (founder member) has been a community activist for most of her adult life, she is a qualified youth and community worker, fitness instructor and local Councillor. She is an active volunteer in the community providing numerous projects with people aged from cradle to grave.



**Jeff Allen** (member) Jeff has 28 years Housing Management experience. Having spent his formative years working across various Manchester Housings inner city areas. The last ten saw him having overall responsibility for the Riverside estate management function in West Yorkshire, Cheshire and Greater Manchester.

Jeff has a comprehensive knowledge of the Langley estate, having spent 19 years as Neighbourhood Manager for the area.

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### Our five principles

**Affordability** - although it is important that the homes, and facilities we use and build are financially viable, its important they are kept affordable to the local community

**Inclusivity** - We passionately believe that we are stronger together and everyone's contribution is valuable. Therefore, we strive to make all our projects inclusive and accessible to as many people as possible

**Sustainability**- We are investing in housing and facilities that we want to last. We look at being sustainable in all ways available to us and balance them out financially, environmentally, and socially and if possible we will create opportunities for the local community to get involved through training, volunteering and employment.

**Connectivity** We are all friends and neighbors. Being connected to the community, local businesses and supporters is key to making our projects happen. Whatever we do we aim to connect people and places that are important to Langley

**Participation** – We are a group of people who want to bring our community together. To make this project happen we need people with a wide range of skills and knowledge. Please come and join us and become part of the solution.

### Our Ambitions

We have already began working on our first community project, the provision of affordable houses on Borrowdale Road. Rochdale Council and Riverside Housing support this need, we have done some online consultation and the group feel there is demand for properties for people to down size, for young and big families and for individuals to move into their own place.

We have already received funding from Resonance Community Developers Fund and Rochdale Council to explore our ideas and produce a viable business plan to show that we can repay the investment.

Our houses will be different to the ones that have been built in the area as they will be built with low energy efficiency, keeping in with the government's green footprint.

We want to include as many people from our community to come on board as a Co-operative and join in our plans and ambitions for our future.

We have started with houses, but we have scope going forward to include other projects that our community greatly needs.

The way to do this is to join our movement and have your say, for you and for our future generations for years to come.



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### **BECOMING A MEMBER:**

Any individual over the age of 16 years and a resident in the UK, or any company whose registered address is in the UK can apply to become a member of Langley Community Benefits Society.

Members have a direct say in how we work and we welcome hands on involvement from them.

Directors are elected from the membership on a one member one vote basis at the Annual General Meeting. Our first one will be in December 2021.

Members can buy shares for as little as £1, but you can increase your stakeholder amount at any time. The maximum amount is £100,000 per member, but each will still only have one vote.

Members agree to be bound by the Rules of Langley Community Benefit Society, a copy of which is available on the website <https://www.langleycommunity.co.uk/>

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Langley Community Benefits Society is a community Benefits Society. It:

- Is owned and controlled by its members
- Has a one member one vote rule, regardless of the members' stake in the society.
- Has no artificial restrictions on membership
- Stresses the need for any member to be a representative of the people in the community
- Has a wider community benefit, rather than just benefits for the society membership.

### **How to apply**

Please fill in the form at the end of the document.

If you want to email your completed form send it to [info@langleycommunity.co.uk](mailto:info@langleycommunity.co.uk) then pay by bacs with your name as recipient.

**Bacs details:** Account number 41436628, Sort code 01-05-63

Or if you want to post your form you can either pay by Bacs with your name as recipient or send a cheque with the form, made payable to **Langley Community Benefits Society** then post to:

Mrs Susan Smith, 157 Winderemere Drive, Langley, Middleton, M24 5NQ

**Acceptance of your membership will be notified by letter or email of acknowledgement and acceptance with a share certificate and a window sticker.**

The directors reserve the right to reject any applicant in whole or in part, in which case the applicant's money will be returned to them either by cheque or by credit to your account, at the directors' discretion.



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## Join Us

Join us if you want to see a strong, diverse, and resilient community in Langley. Perhaps you want to be considered for one of our affordable homes, perhaps you're a successful business and want to give something back to the community, perhaps you want to be a part of shaping the future of Langley. Whatever the reason, take those all-important steps and join us!

Please complete application form on the next page.



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I wish to become a member of Langley Community Benefit Society, in accordance with the rules of the Society. I have read, accepted and understand the terms and conditions of this offer.

I apply for (please state the number of ordinary shares you wish to apply for):

(minimum £1 or £10 for an Organisation).

First Name:

Surname:

Name of Organisation (if a corporate application)

The shares will be held in the name of the applicant or company as appropriate.

Address:

Postcode:

Registered company number, charity number (if applicable)

Telephone

Email

### I understand that

- Langley Community Benefits Society may require ID from applicants for shares
- That interest is not paid for any investment at any one time
- That shares may go down in value

**Payment: I enclose a cheque payable to Langley Community Benefit Society/ I will pay by bank transfer Account number 41436628 Sort code: 01-05-63 (please include your name as reference)**

Data protection: I consent to you obtaining and returning information in accordance with the data protection law.

We value your opinion please make any suggestions you feel we need to know.

I'm interested in helping by:

Signature

Date

Please return the completed application including your preferred payment method to Langley Community **Benefits Society** Mrs Susan Smith, 157 Windermere Drive, Langley, Middleton, M24 5NQ