



# #Emsworth United

## Help save our hospital site – public meeting on August 22

Emsworth Victoria Cottage Hospital, the vandalised empty building opposite the new Baptist Church, suddenly went up for sale on July 25 2018 by the property arm of the NHS. As the building was originally given by the people of Emsworth to the NHS the popular view is that it should be given back to the community so that it can be at least part used for community use.

This centrally located, iconic site could be redeveloped by a local trust, to provide additional community facilities as well as affordable new homes. The first public meeting will take place in the **Emsworth Baptist Church on Wednesday August 22 at 6.30pm**

A campaign – #EMSWORTH UNITED - has been launched by local organisations working together to support the redevelopment of the hospital site by the Emsworth Community Land Trust\*. They will work with the local community to decide the exact use of the site. The NHS could gift this site to the people of Emsworth once they establish that it will be used for local benefit. Will you join the campaign #EMSWORTH UNITED to help influence the NHS decision? Come to the meeting or write to a decision maker – or both!

Elsewhere in the UK (Lyndhurst and Southwold) NHS buildings have been returned to the community, at no, or low, cost, provided that a local group takes on responsibility for developing and running them. Let's get together to achieve something similar. The first step is to have a public information meeting and question NHS Property Company on their strategy. Please come along on Wednesday August 22 2018 at 6.30pm to The Baptist Church, North St, Emsworth.

**Website: [emsworthclt.org.uk](http://emsworthclt.org.uk) for up to date information**

A Community Land Trust is a not for profit, community-based organisation that develops housing or other assets at permanently affordable levels for long-term community benefit. Emsworth CLT is seeking to develop community facilities and affordable housing, focussing initially on the Cottage Hospital Site but will be seeking other sites.

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Please help with this #Emsworth United campaign by registering your details with us (Emsworth Community Land Trust). Fill in the details below and either post it or drop the form in to the office at ECLT, Emsworth Community Centre, North Street, PO10 7DD

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Address .....

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Phone number ..... email address .....

**PLEASE also consider writing or emailing about this issue to the following:**

**Alan Mak MP** [alan.mak.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:alan.mak.mp@parliament.uk) Or address 10 South Street, Havant, PO10 1BU.

**Local Councillor** Cllr Tim Pike Bramlea, St Peters Road, Hayling Island, Hants PO11 0RX

**NHS Property Company.** You can phone on - 0800 085 3015 or email on [customer.service@property.nhs.uk](mailto:customer.service@property.nhs.uk)