



## **PRESS RELEASE for local EMS paper: January 2021**

### **Emsworth Community Land Trust looking to the future**

The November AGM for ECLT (on Zoom) outlined the priorities for its plans for next year. High on the agenda is continued work with YMCA who are keen to lead the building of the site for nursery and youth provision on the plot north of Brighton Road. Hopefully, as the Covid lock down reduces in 2021, ECLT aims to work closely with those interested in the way a new centre could provide additional facilities in north Emsworth. A YMCA centre would also help those who move into the hundreds of new homes planned to be developed in North Emsworth in the next ten years in Southleigh area.

With the results of the Housing and Community Survey, the ECLT aims to work with the council to influence the affordable homes that will be coming through to better meet the needs of those who need to live and/or work in Emsworth.

Another key strand of ECLT's work is to continue to be the catalyst for action with the shops in the town centre. The shop owners have worked flat out during the last months to stay afloat. ECLT helped with the Emsworth Alliance launch to help shoppers. A strong sense of connection emerged in the community during this project and ECLT plans to continue to work hard on such key local aims.

There is also an ECLT project afoot to improve South Street to expand some earlier plans for this area. This would work alongside the proposals shown in the last EMS for possible town centre improvements. ECLT also works closely with those at Havant Council and appreciates the support received from them.

The ECLT would like to welcome more local residents to join as members. It costs only £1 for life. (Donations are also welcome, of course.) Try our new website on [www.emsworthclt.org.uk](http://www.emsworthclt.org.uk) and you can drop a signed membership form and £1 into the Emsworth Community Centre (behind the fire station). Please do join us in our dedication to help with improvements in our town.

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