

Community Bulletin for October 2017

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Towards community-owned housing on the Rame Peninsula

Housing is one of the biggest problems affecting our area. *Community-owned homes could be one answer.*

We have started a programme to create new homes on the Peninsula, under the following basic principles:

- Decent new homes, for rent that people can afford to pay.
- Do not build on greenfield sites. We live here - we don't want to see our open green areas lost.
- Work with Councils and local people to find sites - derelict houses, unused space or old buildings.
- Make sure the new houses really are for local people. We want full community control over allocation.

Public Meetings

Next Monday, 9th October, The Community Hall, Kingsand - 7.30pm

Tuesday week, 17th October, The Village Hall, Millbrook - 7.30 pm

We have three current opportunities to create housing - we'll present them at these public meetings

You can also contact us at the Rame Centre – details and opening times below.

We have to start with a survey

How many local people need housing, and what type? Many have left the area because there are no homes - do they want to move back? We're running a survey to get the information. Click [here](#) to do it online, or visit the Rame Centre to fill in the paper version. There have been loads of surveys already, but this one will give us an up-to-date picture, and is the vital tool to unlock the new activity. It's short – please complete it!

Do you need a home?

Cornwall Council wants everyone to sign up to their "Homechoice" system. Most people don't bother, because there aren't enough council houses to go round - but unless people register, there's no "official" problem, so the homes don't get built. Please sign up - search online or come to the Rame Centre and we'll help.

Is this programme actually going to create homes?

Yes, it really is. We've got the skills and contacts, we've got the community support. It won't be fast –

there's loads of bureaucratic work to do – but we will find our way through that and make it happen.

Do YOU know of a suitable location?

Have you got a piece of land, or a house, that could become a home for local families? Please contact us, confidentially - we have support and finance available.

The Millbrook Work Units - it's all coming together

The Work Units plan is moving ahead.... slowly. We've done loads of the work - getting architects, arranging for sewage, water, electricity, sorting out foundations, designing the new path through West St park.

The target is to build between January and March, aiming to be open for the new tenants from April. The weather might just interfere with this, but it's a start.

Anyone interested in a unit should contact us.

The Memory Café - can you help?

The Memory Café works really well to support those with dementia, and their carers. Sessions run first Tuesday of the month at Millbrook Scout Hall, 2-4pm. It's run by volunteers, and numbers are low.... can you help? We need just a few hours a month, and the more people we get in, the more we can do. Please contact the Rame Centre for information.

The Rame Centre in Millbrook

The Rame Centre is our main public location. Thanks to our community volunteers we offer a huge range of services:

- Library and computer centre -
- Local Art displays and sales -
- Meeting space, window displays -
- Welfare support and information -
- Adult Ed classes and courses -
- Community information

The centre is open Mon to Fri, 10.00 am to 4.00pm, and Sat 10.00 - 1.00 pm

We need more volunteers to help run it - please call in if you are interested

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