



# ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Saving and enhancing green space in the Ore Valley

## NEWSLETTER - December 2017

### Two Plots of Land in Speckled Wood - Now Owned by Ore CLT

The transfer of the two plots of Council owned land shown in the section map below, between Church Street and the stream, should be completed by the end of the first week in December. This is the first stage in our plan to acquire ALL of Speckled Wood and calls for a celebration at our Xmas 'get together' (see below).

A volunteer 'Green Gym' team organised by the local Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV) has started to clear the Church Street access to the larger plot and, along with Ore CLT volunteers, will clear the undergrowth from the top part of the land over the next few weeks. Anyone who wants to help is welcome to join these work sessions:

**Thursdays from 11.00am to 2.00 pm (before Xmas) or tel: TCV 444675**



### Ore CLT Speckled Wood Base and Volunteer Project

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that the Big Local NE Hastings have approved our grant funding application for this exciting new project, which will provide a resource that we have long been waiting for - a place to store our tools and act as a base for volunteers for training sessions, shelter and refreshments.

A strong 24' x 9' site office has been purchased and will be delivered, initially, to the old Power Station site until we have prepared the ground on our land in Speckled Wood, at which point it will be relocated in the early part of 2018. We are grateful to the Heart of Hastings CLT for letting us use their land as a temporary store.



Snow in Speckled Wood



## Ore CLT Members & Supporters Xmas Tea, Coffee & Cake

Do come along to the Ore Community Land Trust annual Xmas 'get together'

**Saturday 9 December - 10.30am to 12.30**

**at the Salvation Army Hall, Old London Road, Ore**

This will be a opportunity to find out more about our plans for 2018, to discuss any ideas or views that you have and to meet with other members and supporters.

It will also be a celebration of the fact that Ore CLT has acquired its first plots of land and is setting up a base in Speckled Wood. You are welcome to bring your friends and family



## Frederick Road Site - Controversial Development Proposals

The two recent development proposals - not yet planning applications - for the Stills site in the Lower Ore Valley and the Frederick Road site, both from Gem Select, are based on high density housing and flats with virtually no amenity space.

In both cases they are way over the design brief dwelling numbers (in the latter case 80 rather than the Local Plan dwellings number of 40). The Frederick Rd proposals do not

include the Ore Valley Greenway route, which has been adopted into the Local Plan, and the site developer does not accept the need for traffic and pedestrian safety measures on the now busy and dangerous Frederick Road. Ore CLT has objected to the loss of the Greenway route and the lack of green amenity space.



## Ore Valley Action Relunched

Ore Valley Action was launched in 2006 to campaign against the high density housing proposals in the Seaspaces Millennium Regeneration Plans for Ore Valley (now abandoned), to oppose the Bellway development plans for the Frederick Road site and to campaign to save Speckled Wood - a role successfully taken over by Ore Community Land Trust.

OVA has been relaunched to lead the campaign to demand a lower density housing scheme for Frederick Road that includes the Greenway and tackles the road safety measures required. **OVA Contact: [orevalleyaction@gmail.com](mailto:orevalleyaction@gmail.com)**

## Ore CLT Membership Subscriptions Due from April 2017

If you have not paid your membership subscriptions for the current year you can pay them at the Ore CLT members Xmas Event on 9 December.

***Best Wishes for Xmas and the New Year to all Ore CLT Members and Supporters***

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