



Ore Community Land Trust
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Latest on Land Acquisition in Speckled Wood

Ore Community Land Trust has purchased two key plots of land in Speckled Wood below the Village Green in Old London Road, Ore - *see map below*.

It is another crucial stage in the process for making Speckled Wood into a community owned woodland to ensure that it will never be developed and will remain an attractive and peaceful 'green lung' in Ore Valley for residents to use.

The two plots of land that have just been acquired are very well positioned for the **location of a small volunteer base** and facility for training, organising community events and walks through Speckled Wood. This 24 ft portable unit will be moved there in September.

Vehicular access to this land via Graystone Land is of considerable importance to allow materials, equipment and other items to be delivered.

These land purchases also mark the start of the project to create a **Village Green for Ore** that will include a children's play area and a performance & events space. More land will be acquired in this area for this longer term project that received considerable local support when it was proposed and designed a few years ago.

The first stage in preparing this land will be the felling of 4 very large sycamore trees that have grown to dominate and overshadow this land to open up the area for grass and plants to flourish. The scrub and undergrowth will be cleared and a base made up for the portable unit *shown in the photo below* that is currently stored elsewhere. When this has been fitted out Ore CLT will organise a **Community Event to celebrate** this positive step forward.

We will also be seeking to **recruit more volunteers** to help with our woodland work who will be able to make use of the new base near to the centre of Ore Village.

All this work including the purchase of this, and another volunteer base unit; the purchase of the two plots of land and the design work on the Village Green project have been **funded by Big Local North East Hastings**, for which we are very grateful.



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