

Building Totnes Together: Membership Invitation

Help change how buildings are designed, owned, managed and used in Totnes—to meet your needs and those of people living and working here.

This is your invitation to join Totnes Community Development Society (TCDS). It's FREE and open to everyone over 16 in Totnes and the surrounding area.

Apply online or complete and return the application form on the back of this leaflet.

www.totnescommunity.org.uk/membership
info@totnescommunity.org.uk



Greater than the sum of the parts

TCDS is about development **through a community organisation** of buildings and land in Totnes—owned and managed by those living and working in the area.

This provides the opportunity for local spaces and places to function in a practical way in order to meet our collective needs and for the delivery of essential services and activities that support our community.

We need more affordable housing, workspace and community facilities to support Totnes now and into the future. So, by connecting a range of projects within TCDS, all with the same principle of meeting community need, each can support the others and further needs can be met.

About us

TCDS is a Charitable Community Benefit Society (a not for profit, voluntary organisation). We work to bring land and buildings into community use, management and ownership.

You might have heard of Totnes Community Development Society (TCDS) as the organisation facilitating Atmos Totnes; the redevelopment of the former Dairy Crest site next to the station into community-owned, truly affordable housing, workspace and community facilities.

You might know that we also run the Mansion building on Fore Street as a space for groups offering some essential services to the community, and that we are partnering with Golden Iris Productions, where young people are developing spaces that promote respect, positive mental health and creative activities.

TCDS doesn't have any political affiliation or specific agenda but acts as a facilitator to establish what local needs are from the people of Totnes, and then enable people to work together to meet these needs through the spaces the community owns and manages.

Our projects

Atmos Totnes

Creating an 8 acre, mixed use development designed by the people of Totnes. The scheme has planning permission through a Community Right to Build Order. It will create over 160 jobs, and 62 truly affordable homes and a variety of community spaces.

The Mansion

Managing this vital community building on Fore Street, providing space for local groups and services. In the first 18 months we've increased the number of groups using the space from 17 to over 70.

Golden Iris

Supporting young people to develop spaces for those most vulnerable in our community, including through the Elmhirst Building on Ashburton Road.

Community Labour Initiative

Establishing training and skills development opportunities through all the activities of TCDS to enable individuals in Totnes to thrive and provide the capacity to support services, enterprise and voluntary activities into the future.



2012
TCDS formed to explore bringing Dairy Crest site into community ownership and use as 'Atmos Totnes'

Sept 2014
Agreements with Dairy Crest including for purchase of land around Brunel Building for £1



2015/16
Community design and Community Right to Build Process for Atmos Totnes

Nov 2016
86% yes vote in local referendum on plans for the Atmos Totnes development.



Who's involved so far?

TCDS was established in 2012 by a group of Totnes people interested in how the old Dairy Crest site could be brought into community ownership.

A small team of members, working with a small team of voluntary Directors, have facilitated the work of TCDS to date. From 2017 two members of staff joined the team: one full time who works to co-ordinate the systems which underpin all the active projects, another is part time and provides essential facilities support.

Many more local people have been involved in TCDS consultations, for example there were over 4,500 contributions to the Atmos Totnes design and planning processes.

How can you participate?

TCDS was set-up as a membership organisation so that it will always be democratically controlled with each member getting an equal vote. As the potential and impact of this work grows the membership needs to grow too.



There will be lots of different opportunities to participate in the work of TCDS over the coming months and years but through membership of TCDS we can all have our say, and work together to meet the needs of our community today and into the future.

Having your say

We hope you can see yourself as part of TCDS, that it can help you, your family, neighbours, friends and colleagues.

We're inviting you to become a member now as a crucial step in the TCDS journey.

We need your involvement.

You can help us identify local needs, help make sure our projects are meeting local needs, and ensure that TCDS is run for, and democratically controlled by, the whole Totnes community. **Members have a direct say in how we work.**

As a member you'll have a vote at general meetings, on a one-member one-vote basis. For example, Directors are elected from the membership.

There will be many other ways to contribute. Become a member and help shape the future of your town.

Membership

Any individual aged 16 and above, or any organisation can apply to become a member of TCDS. **Membership is free.**

In becoming a member you'll be given a £1 Membership share, for which TCDS will cover the cost.

Membership shares cannot be withdrawn so if you terminate your membership, the share will be cancelled and the £1 retained by TCDS.

Members can only have one membership share but there will be opportunities to invest in TCDS in the future.

Members agree to be bound by the Rules of TCDS, which can be seen at <http://totnescommunity.org.uk/>

This includes a responsibility to participate in general meetings and take an active interest in the activities of Totnes Community Development Society.

Find out more

We will be holding the following drop-in sessions:

Tuesday 25th September 5-8pm

at Atmos Totnes Hub, adjacent to Totnes station

Saturday 29th September 10am-1pm

at Mansion School Hall, Fore Street

Friday 5th October 10am-12:30pm

at Mansion, Ground floor (Computer Room)

Please come with your questions and to chat about TCDS and membership.

Answers to some common questions about membership can be seen here:

<http://totnescommunity.org.uk/FAQs>

Jan 2017
TCDS takes on community management of The Mansion

March 2017
TCDS receive a Made Community Right to Build Order for Atmos Totnes (Planning Permission)

October 2017
The first Golden Iris Festival takes place in Totnes

September 2018
Everyone in Totnes invited to join TCDS as equal members

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Membership Application Form

The most efficient way to complete this form is online. <http://totnescommunity.org.uk/membership>. Or, please complete the form in BLOCK CAPITALS below and return by post to: Totnes Community Development Society, Atmos Totnes Hub, Station Road, Station Yard, Totnes, TQ9 5JR. **Applications must be approved by TCDS Directors. Acceptance of your application will be sent by email (or letter).**

Are you applying as an individual OR as a representative of an organisation?

- I am applying as an individual
 I am applying as the representative of an organisation

Member information

Name _____

Email address _____

Our preferred method of contact is email so please provide an email address if possible.

Organisation name (if applicable) _____

Organisation type e.g., Charity, Company etc

Address line 1 _____

Address line 2 _____

Postcode _____

NB If you do not have a permanent address, you can provide an address where you spend a substantial part of your time or have some local connection. This includes a previously permanent address, or a shelter or similar.

Phone/mobile number

Date of birth _____

You have to be 16 years or over to become a member. If you are under 16 and are interested in the work of TCDS then please sign up to the newsletter to keep up to date:

<http://bit.ly/TotnesCommunityNewsSignUp>

- I wish to become a member of Totnes Community Development Society, and confirm I have read and accept the Rules of the Society.
<http://totnescommunity.org.uk/about/>
(copies are available at the Atmos Project and the Mansion, including at the events)
- I consent to you obtaining and retaining information in accordance with data protection law and regulations. See small print below.

Other involvement

- I'd like to find out more about future offers to invest financially in Totnes Community Development Society, including through Community Shares.
- I'd like to find out more about helping TCDS by contributing time or skills.

Date _____

Data protection statement

We will only use the information you are providing here for administration and record keeping purposes in connection with your membership and related participation with Totnes Community Development Society (TCDS). TCDS respects data protection legislation (Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulations) and best practice guidance relevant to charitable and small not-for-profit organisations in relation to appropriate data collection, storage and use. TCDS undertakes systematic cleaning of data to ensure that the data it holds is up-to-date and current. The current Privacy Policy of Totnes Community Development Society is available on the organisations website: <http://totnescommunity.org.uk/>

Please return your completed form to our registered address: Totnes Community Development Society, Atmos Project, Station Road, Station Yard, Totnes, TQ9 5JR or scan and email to info@totnescommunity.org.uk. **Thank you for your support.**

Including a donation

There is no cost to individuals or organisations joining as members. This is an opportunity to make a donation to help towards covering the costs of operating a large, truly democratic membership (estimated at £5 per member per year).

- I would like to make a donation to TCDS to help cover the costs of running the membership

Amount of donation £ _____

Method of payment

- I enclose a cheque payable to Totnes Community Development Society
- I will pay by bank transfer to A/C number 65603536, Sort code 089299, with my name as a reference
- I will set up a standing order for a monthly/annual donation of £ _____

For more information and options to donate with a credit or debit card please go to <http://totnescommunity.org.uk/donate>

Charity Gift Aid declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate to Totnes Community Development Society (TCDS).

Gift Aid is reclaimed by TCDS from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address (as provided by you above) is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. **In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:**

- I want to Gift Aid my donation above and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Totnes Community Development Society. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year then it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify Totnes Community Development Society if you want to cancel this gift aid declaration, change your name or home address, or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Signature _____