



## Headingley Development Trust

### Vision, Purpose and Values 2016

#### The Vision for Headingley

Headingley Development Trust (HDT) is a resident-led organisation with a strong community based membership of over 1100 local people, organisations and businesses. It is one of the largest Development Trust of its kind in the UK. Its vision is of Headingley as a sustainable, balanced community that is welcoming and neighbourly, offers a good mix of housing, has a successful and diverse local economy, and is an attractive, place to live, work and visit. It aims to help meet the needs of all sections of the community.

#### Purpose

HDT's purpose is to contribute to the achievement of this vision by delivering, brokering and supporting a range of initiatives that benefit the local community. It aims to build on and complement other beneficial activities in the area. As a community membership organisation it takes an enterprise-based approach; its rules allow it to undertake "any trade, industry or business for the benefit of the community". Through this approach its members aim to help create and support a community in Headingley where people are *connected, co-operative, enterprising and engaged*.

#### Values

HDT seeks to fulfil its purpose on the basis of a set of core values. It

- facilitates community participation and acts in ways that promote community empowerment
- demonstrates a commitment to creativity and innovation
- delivers projects to the highest quality and environmental standards, and promotes good practice
- develops its own and the community's sustainability and resilience in economic, social and environmental matters
- celebrates and promotes diversity in the local community
- adds value to, and avoids duplicating, existing services, provision and activities.

As a democratic organisation its members are its lifeblood; it works openly and transparently and keeps members informed and engaged.

#### Achieving HDT's purpose

HDT achieves its purpose through running projects, managing services, and acting as a catalyst, broker or enabler. Its activities can be grouped under four themes: *food and retail, community, arts and leisure, enterprise, and housing and environment*.

#### Food and Retail

- Headingley Farmers Market – enables the community to connect with and support local producers and provides a monthly focal point in central Headingley
- Fowl Co-op – community supported agriculture project, enabling members to buy humanely reared meat at a fair price from a local organic producer

- Natural Food Store – bought by the community with help from HDT. The NFS is a separate co-operative business owned by its members, but retaining close links with HDT.
- Headingley Country Market – an independent producers co-op, established with the help of HDT.

### ***Community, Arts and Leisure***

- HEART (Headingley Enterprise and Arts Centre) provides community centre facilities for Headingley, together with arts exhibition and performance spaces, an events programme, a cafe and enterprise space. HEART is HDT's flagship project.
- Café Scientifique – providing information and discussion
- Films at Heart – a film club for Headingley, complementing the programme at Cottage Road Cinema and Hyde Park Picture House
- Table Tennis at HEART – a weekly table tennis club open to all
- Headingley Festival of Ideas – an annual festival of conversation, debate, shared ideas and music on key themes

### ***Housing and Environment***

- Headingley Homes – renting out leased single household properties to people with a commitment to the area, together with enabling activity with Manning Stainton (local estate agents) promoting house sales between and to private buyers
- Headingley Community Orchard – establishes and maintains community orchards around the area
- Apple Day – celebrating the fruits of gardens, allotments and open spaces.

### ***Enterprise***

- Pulse co-working and hot-desking space – this enterprise is a key part of HEART

**HDT is always looking for new ways to improve life in Headingley, either through its own work or in partnership with others.**

For more information see [www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk](http://www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk) or email [Info@headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk](mailto:Info@headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk). HDT board members are always available at the HDT stall at the monthly farmers' market.

**Headingley Development Trust is a Registered Society (formerly Industrial & Provident Society) number 29983R**

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