

Dumfries & Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust

The First Three Year Plan

DGSCHT

The Dumfries & Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust is an agency for promoting housing investment and the provision of affordable housing in small villages and settlements.

How can it do this?

Land-banking

- Land purchased and then sub-divided into affordable plots for applicants of the Communities Scotland Rural Home Ownership Grant Scheme

House Purchase

- Properties purchased and rented out through a Housing Association
- Properties purchased and renovated using the CS Rural Empty Property Grant Scheme

Current Position

- Funding now in place until March 2009
- Development Officer due to begin mid
February
- Premises about to be secured in Castle
Douglas

DGSCHT - Year 1

- Carry out 4 Housing Studies
- Purchase First Area of Land
- Purchase First Property
- Recruit and Train 10 Volunteers
- Recruit a Further 3 Staff Members

DGSCHT Year 2

- Carry out 6 Housing Studies
- Purchase 2 more areas of land
- Purchase 2 more properties
- Complete between 10 – 15 Rural Home Ownership Grant Applications (some applications from previous year)

DGSCHT – Year 3

- Complete a further 4 Housing Surveys
- Purchase an additional 2 more areas of land
- Purchase an additional 2 more properties
- Complete between 10 – 15 Rural Home Ownership Grant Applications

In addition to these activities:

- Offer a Housing Sign-Posting service to anyone wishing assistance
- Provide assistance and support to local affordable housing groups
- Offer European Computer Driving Licence Training to all Trust Volunteers
- Support housing agencies and groups within D & G on additional projects leads to further housing in rural areas

DGSCHT - Board of Directors

We are currently seeking representatives from
Community Groups within our Region to
join our Board of Directors – interested?

Questions?