



# Community Development Trusts

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## **Essentially ....**

### **Community Development Trusts are:**

- set up by ordinary people to improve the quality of life within their own communities
- about communities agreeing their own aspirations and development priorities, and making them a reality
- accountable only to their community and unfettered by outside interests

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# To summarise ....

## Community Development Trusts are:

- Community based, owned and led
- Advancing the broad regeneration/ development of a community/wider area
- Enterprising but not for private profit
- Sustainable organisation
- Committed to partnership working

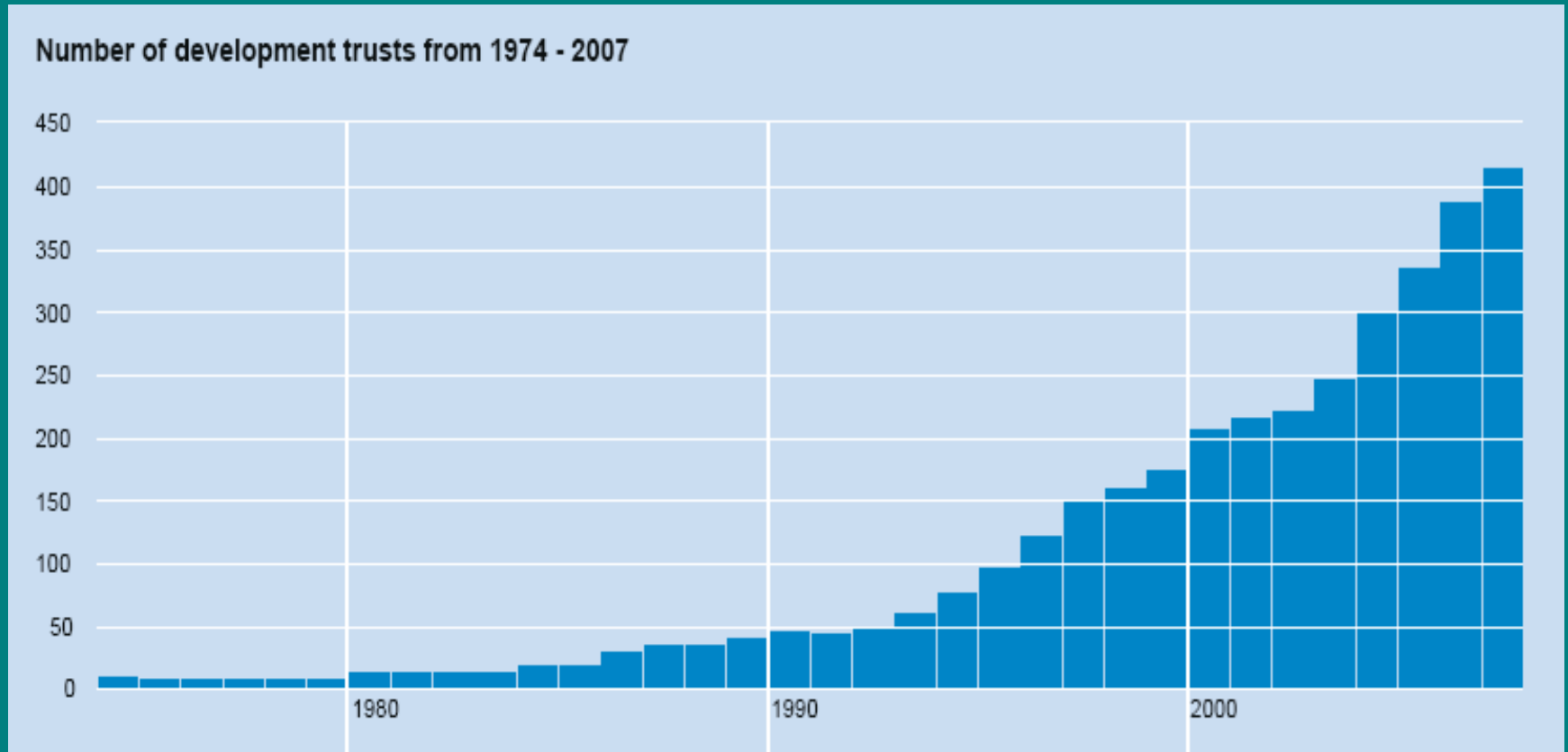
# Consequently ....

## Community Development Trusts are:

- As diverse in nature and activities as the communities they serve
- Focus on ownership and development of assets
- An approach rather than a particular legal form



# Growth of Development Trust Movement in UK



# The Movement (UK 2008)

- Around 500 development trusts in DTA UK membership
- Working in communities that make up one quarter of the UK popn.
- Collectively own £0.5bn in assets
- Total income over £250m, earned income over £100m
- Employ 4,500 staff
- Over 17,000 volunteers

# Why development trusts do what they do.....

- market failure
- opportunism
- generate income

# Market failure

- **Uig** – shop, post office, petrol station
- **Papa Westray** – Gateway House
- **South Uist** – estate buyout



# Opportunism

- **Comrie –  
Cultybraggan**



- **Strathfillan -  
- Railway Cottages**

# Income generation

- **Gigha**- Community Turbines
- **Birse** – forestry
- **Govanhill** – small workspace development



# Benefits of the DT approach

- Community control = credibility
- Open, democratic, inclusive = consensus
- Enterprise = independence and sustainability
- Assets = control and certainty
- Partnership = added value, fills gaps
- Values and builds on skills / abilities of local people
- Part of a growing network

# Characteristics of an effective development trust

- A vision and clear set of priorities determined by the local community
- Strong local leadership
- Strong ongoing presence in and support from community e.g. via membership, newsletter
- An increasing focus on enterprise and the development of a viable asset base
- Strong working relationships with local agencies

# DTA Scotland

- Established May 2003 & now over 160 member DTs
- Independent charitable organisation
- Membership-based & run by volunteer board from DTs
- Consultancy trading subsidiary The Pool

# DTA Scotland

## Vision

“a successful development trust in every community”

## Mission

“to help local people achieve thriving and sustainable communities”

# DTA Scotland

**To help more communities create effective & sustainable development trusts**

- Promoting the DT approach
- Membership support networking & training
- Representation
- Sector Initiatives

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