



Providing Sheltered Accommodation to Retired Sportspeople

About the Charity Proposal

To raise funds for and purchase in partnership with a Housing Association (East Boro Housing Trust) a block of self contained flats which will then be offered to retired sportspersons who would benefit from support due to each nominees particular necessitous circumstances.

THE CYRIL WOOD MODEL

Michael Soper is a voluntary Board Member of East Boro Housing Trust and the Chairman of Cyril Wood Memorial Trust (East Boro is the Corporate Trustee of Cyril Wood Memorial Trust), which is a sheltered housing scheme set up to provide housing for retired artists, musicians, authors, or anyone from the arts/crafts world. The concept of Cyril Wood was conceived and founded in 1975 by people from all areas of the Arts. The main contributors were Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Joyce Grenfell, J.B.Priestley, John Le Carre, Lord Goodman, Viscount Cranborne and Victor Bonham-Carter. It is a scheme of 24 self-contained units of accommodation with a large communal lounge area and a separate shared studio which allows all residents to continue to follow their career passion and interests whilst living with other retired neighbours from the world of arts. Cyril Wood was supported by and receives nominations to the scheme/accommodation from the Performing Rights Society Benevolent Fund and is the actual operating example that has inspired Michael to make this proposal.

Michael is using his experience of the success, popularity and need of Cyril Wood and has taken the "Cyril Wood Model" and combined this with his lifelong knowledge and passion for cricket, to show how retired sportspersons in necessitous circumstances could be helped by being provided with a secure, safe, maintained and affordable home.

The Reposm Sporting Housing Trust will create a fund to purchase a block of flats solely for retired sportspersons who after their career has come to an end need housing and assistance/welfare assistance and support from the SPB or a sportspersons benevolent organisation. The fund would consist of funds donated by professional sporting bodies, private donors and commercial companies with a contribution also being made from East Boro Housing Trust.

The Detail – Purchase, Nominations, Management, Governance and Security

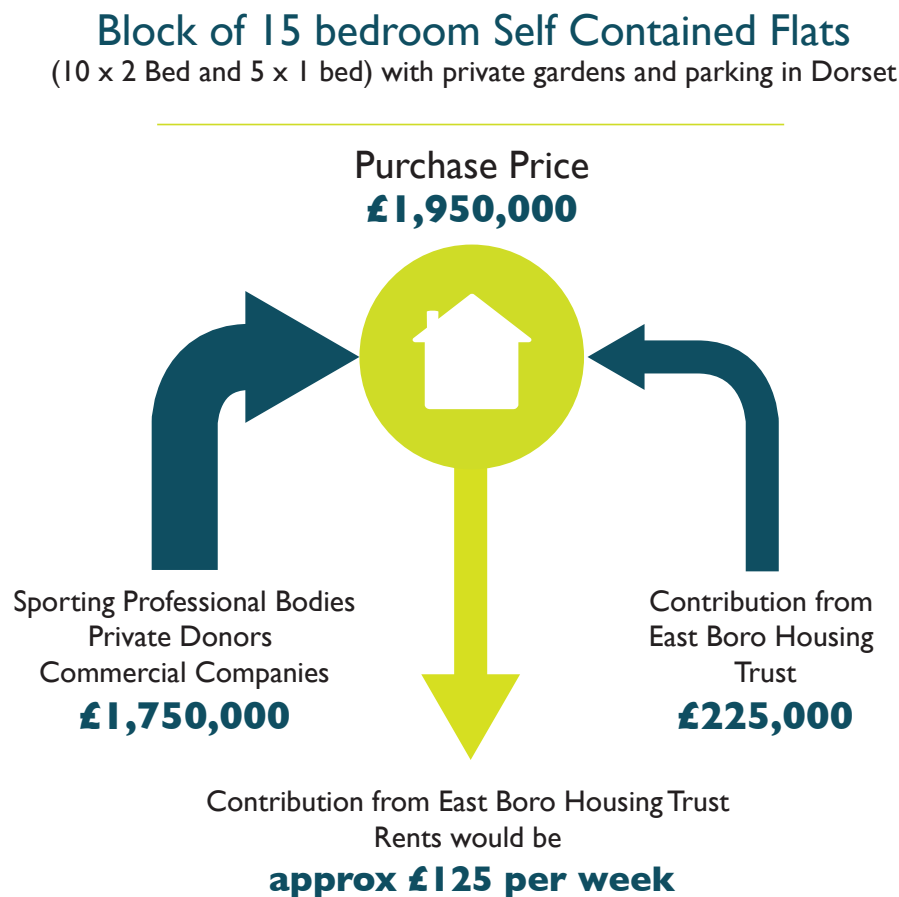
East Boro is a charitable not for profit registered housing association. It is managed by a team of professional housing staff who report to a voluntary Board of Management. Michael Soper is one of the twelve voluntary board members whose skills cover and range across business, accountancy/audit, banking, law, social care, health, human resources, building/engineering, surveying and public service.

The Reposm Sporting Housing Trust and with East Boro would purchase the flats and have complete responsibility for the flats ongoing management and maintenance. The Reposm Sporting Housing Trust and East Boro are not for profit social housing organisations that would ensure that rents are let at a “social housing rent level” (the lowest possible rent level) ensuring that the gross charge for rents and eligible service charges would reflect the level of the Local Housing Allowance Cap for the size of the relevant flat and this would see that Housing Benefit would meet the vast majority of these charges should the occupant need housing benefit/welfare assistance.

The Reposm Sporting Housing Trust and East Boro would also ensure that there was an “Enhanced Housing Management” Service supplied to the flats/scheme. This would ensure extra assistance could be provided to the future occupants covering all aspects of benefits/welfare, community support, individual support to avoid isolation and general daily activity, scheme wide trips/events and individual one to one support when it is required.

An Example Reposm Scheme

An example is detailed below of how a possible scheme may work financially



*Eligible Service Charges approx £12 per week
(Inc hallway lighting, gardening, caretaking, fire safety, enhanced housing management etc)
Non eligible service charges approx £5 per week.*

The Trustees of Reposm



Michael Soper
Chairman

Born, bred, schooled and ran businesses in Croydon. On retirement, Michael moved to Dorset. Michael was Managing Director of several companies in Croydon mainly specialising in Computer Business Forms and A&E Clinical Excellence Documents. He also held directorships in companies that were involved in printing, debt collecting, home security and a cricket school. Since 1980 Michael has been involved in cricket administration. In 1995 he became Chairman of Surrey County Cricket Club (SCCC).

In 2003 he was appointed Deputy Chairman of The England & Wales Cricket Board and was also Chairman of the First Class Forum, in charge of all the 18 First Class Counties. Michael resigned in 2008 and in 2009 became President of SCCC for one year. He is also a Vice President of Hampshire County Cricket Club. Michael too is Chairman of the 450-member strong SCCC Dining Club which he jointly founded in 1995.



David Cawdery
Deputy Chairman

Born in Liverpool in May 1946, David attended boarding school in King's Lynn. He joined Barclays Bank as a junior and enjoyed a highly successful career working all over the world. David is married to Pauline and has one son, Simon.

David enjoyed a 36-year career with Barclays Bank which saw him work all over the globe including Malta, Nigeria, Fiji, Cayman Islands, Bahamas, Middle East, Bahamas, Bermuda, United States, Barbados, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Poole! One of his most prestigious roles was manager of Barclays' operations on the QE2. David was involved in computer systems design and so following his retirement in 2001 he undertook IT consultancy work in places such as Bangladesh, Malawi and Zambia David is a big sports enthusiast and particularly enjoys football, golf, cricket and rugby. He is a Norwich City fan, a member of Broadstone Golf Club, is a member at Hampshire County Cricket Club and was lucky enough to attend the Rugby World Cup final in South Africa in 1995. David Cawdery joined the Board of East Boro Housing Trust in March 2003 becoming the Trust's Chairman in 2007. He retired from the Chair in 2017..



Richard Teather
Honorary Treasurer

Born and brought up in Manchester but has been moving south ever since. Arrived in Dorset in 2000, found he couldn't get further south without getting his feet wet, so has settled near Bere Regis with his wife, two children and an increasing number of animals. After a law degree from Oxford, Richard qualified as a Chartered Accountant with what is now Deloitte, specialised in tax and went to work in a leading law firm in the City of London. In 2000 he moved out of London to become Senior Lecturer in Tax Law at Bournemouth University. He also writes about tax reform, systems, including introducing VAT to Jersey. Richard is a Freeman of the City of London, is a Fellow of the Adam Smith Institute and is listed as one of the 500 most influential people worldwide in global finance..

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