

# A BRIEF OVERVIEW



**Twigloo** is based around a housing development of roughly between 12 and 20 houses. We will use sustainable construction techniques and we hope to make occupancy carbon neutral. Our chosen approach will make the houses really affordable to acquire and to occupy.

The houses will offer versatile living spaces, making them well suited to growing or extended families and groups of individuals. Each household will be a micro community; committed to the flourishing of each member.

The affordable homes will exist to offer a lower cost of living to those that have a vision for a project that will make a significant and positive societal impact. The low occupancy costs will reduce the need for **sustenance led work** and release time for **impact led work**.

Twigloo will then take this dynamic and multiply it across 12 to 20 households, creating a space where **a mutual creative community of pioneers, supporters and enablers** can emerge and do life together, sharing resources, from ideas and time, to cars and childcare.

**Twigloo** will offer shared workspaces, workshops and meeting areas where ideas can be brought to life. These spaces will offer a hub through which a **wider virtual community** of pioneers can connect and be supported.

We'll also develop shared leisure spaces that are open to the wider public to use and connect with the Twigloo residents. Examples might include a playground, arts centre or community cafe.



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is a  
**Residential**  
**IMPACT INCUBATOR**  
**AN**  
**ENABLING**  
**COMMUNITY**



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**& Purposeful work**

We often describe Twigloo as hoping to... Reimagine the Relationships between People, Community, Land and Purposeful Work.

We have a problem, where the inequality of land ownership often makes land the master. The vast majority of people have to engage in work that is often divorced from their personal gifts, skills and talents, to raise income to cover high costs of living. This can steal people's time and stifle creativity.

Through **Twigloo**, we hope to flip this on its head and demonstrate how property can be an enabler for a **vibrant creative community that makes a genuine impact**.

Across the team we have expertise in social housing, eco building, managed workspace, team dynamics and curating grass-roots activism. We are passionate about delivering projects in community with others and have a track record of doing this successfully.

Part of our day-job includes developing land diversification projects and there might be opportunity to link **Twigloo** with another project that either meets the needs of a land owner, or provides a source of income and jobs for **Twigloo** and the wider local community.

We are currently looking for land and have written a concept document to help start conversations with landowners. If you'd like to discuss or explore anything then we'd love to hear from you. [sam@mantes.com](mailto:sam@mantes.com)