

Who are we?

The Esk Valley Camphill Community is the newest member of the Association of Camphill Communities in the UK. We are around 80 people, some with learning disabilities, who choose to live and work together.

Thank you to all those who have supported us in so many ways from near and far, without whom we would not be here to live, work and grow together.



**Esk Valley  
Camphill  
Community**

Fundraising appeal:  
**Healing through community**



Working with:



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## Bio-Dynamic Agriculture

We aim to buy a plot of land to grow field and fine vegetables and salad, to site polytunnels and greenhouses, and to sustain some livestock. We want to provide quality organic produce for the community, and to supply demand in the neighbouring villages.

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**The primary aim of BD agriculture is to heal the land. Production flows from this.**

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## Shared Living

We intend that at least one shared living household will be situated at the heart of the new project. This will ensure a distinctive Camphill identity at its heart. Situated close to the local villages of Castleton and Danby, and the train / bus networks, this situation would be ideal for more independent people with learning difficulties.

## Stepping into the future

We believe the most pressing need of our new community is to develop meaningful work opportunities for our members.

## Why work matters

Work creates rhythm and purpose in life. When we do meaningful work in the service of others we feel needed. We each have a contribution to make, regardless of our abilities. Work gives us our sense of dignity and identity.

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**Work performed with love heals both the worker, and the world she serves.**

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## A community work hub

We plan to purchase a property near the villages of Danby and Castleton, which can operate as a work hub for our community. We currently own no land or workshops. This project would allow us to re-establish our land based work life, with related workshops.



## This project

The founding vision for the Camphill communities was as 'Islands of Health', radiating out into the wider world. This project aims to bring healing to the community by allowing it to reconnect with the land in meaningful work. In conjunction with our existing health shop and community garden (situated in the heart of the local community of Danby / Castleton), we expect the new project to be the focal point of our growing interface with the surrounding villages.

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**In a world of so much suffering, we ask, 'What makes us whole?'**

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## Fundraising Goal

To purchase a property that meets the above requirements, our target is £1 million.

As an indication of our own commitment, the co-workers have already pooled over £100,000 from the transitional support they each personally received from their former employer.

**Please donate to:** Acct: 20673663  
**Camphill Shared Lives** Sort: 16-58-10  
**Communities Ltd** Charity No: EW41352

Contact: [fundraising@eskvalleycamphill.org](mailto:fundraising@eskvalleycamphill.org)

We shall be extremely grateful for whatever you choose to give to this appeal. If we raise more than the funds needed, or in the unlikely event that the project does not go ahead as planned, we shall use the money to support other Esk Valley activities and projects.