

DUNCAN HEDGES – Personal Profile for Langton Matravers Community Land Trust.

Duncan was born and raised in Parkstone, Poole and spent a lot of his childhood on the Isle of Purbeck. He left home at 16 years old to join the Army as a Mechanical Engineer in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Apart from a 5-year break after 23 years he spent a total of 39 years in military service.

He always said the Isle of Purbeck would be his dream place to live and when the opportunity arose in 2015, he and his wife Katie moved to Langton Matravers. They love life in the village and are both still working. Duncan works for the MOD in Bristol and Bovington and Katie is a self-employed decorator.

Duncan has experience in Engineering, Management, Languages and Culture. He is a Chartered Manager and Incorporated Engineer. He has experience of working with people of different nationalities in diverse and sometimes challenging conditions. In his current role, Duncan is working on a major Defence project to upgrade one of the British Army's family of Armoured Fighting Vehicles. He is also working towards a Masters Degree in Defence Acquisition Management.

Both Duncan and Katie wish to contribute to village life where they can. It is important that families living or who have lived in the village can remain living here and are not excluded because of a lack of affordable homes. A village where people can live and work in a sustainable way is key to keeping Langton Matravers alive all year round and not a partial ghost town.

Duncan would like to give what time he can to assist the Langton Matravers Community Land Trust to bring long term affordable housing to the village.