



**We Can Do It Ourselves –  
Tackling Bridport’s housing crisis through  
community-led solutions**

**An evening talk and discussion**

**Thursday October 21st 5.30-7.30pm Town Hall Bridport**

As part of Bridport Housing Week, the local affordability challenge for those in need of a home will be discussed and solutions explored.

The evening will include an opportunity for seeing how another community has addressed this issue, and exploring how their successful approach, or something similar, may be applied here in the Bridport area.

The keynote speaker will be Melissa Mean of Knowle West Media Centre Bristol. Melissa is involved in **We Can Make** which uses a novel approach to re-imagine “how to do housing”. **We Can Make** starts with the know-how and resources the community already has, and uses a process of co-design to work towards developing housing that the community needs, but on their own terms.

Following Melissa’s talk there will be an opportunity for questions and round table discussion to explore the scope for adopting similar action in the Bridport area, as well as identifying potential sites for community led housing.

The opportunity will also be taken during the evening to:

- Introduce **Bridport Area Community Housing**, and their potential role in delivering Bridport’s housing needs
- Assess the potential of ‘modern methods of construction’ and digital design with the focus on Bridport’s **Raise the Roof** project.
- Consider self-build and self-finish as a contributor to solving housing poverty in the Bridport area?

*The evening will be hosted by Wessex Community Assets.*

**Book a place** via - [Eventbrite link](#) or email [lucy@wessexca.co.uk](mailto:lucy@wessexca.co.uk)

For more information on:

- Raise the Roof visit: [www.raisetherooft.info](http://www.raisetherooft.info)
- Bridport Area Community Housing visit: [www.bridportach.org.uk](http://www.bridportach.org.uk)

