

Under housing I would like there to be an audit of long term empty property. For example, Hebden cord has been empty for 7 years, Clarks candy box for nearly 20 years. It is not right that anonymous owners have the right to leave a valuable resource empty while there is a shortfall of accommodation and plenty of builders wanting work.

It would be quite an easy exercise because we can ask local residents identify empty property near them (thus also raising the awareness of empty property as an issue), then there's a bit of research after to find out who owns and why it has remained empty.