



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Applicants Newsletter

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Annual Housing Review 2008

Every year we carry out a review of our housing list. The current review commenced in September 2008 and we wrote to everyone on the list at that time.

Please respond confirming whether you wish to remain on our list. If we do not hear from you, your details will be removed. The reason for carrying out the review on an annual basis is to ensure that the information we hold is relevant and up to date.

Many people are re-housed by other landlords throughout the year and forget to tell us. This wastes time and resources in trying to contact people no longer living at the address on their application form. You will be taken off the list if you move without given us a forwarding address as we will be unable to make contact with you.

It is also important to let us know of any change of circumstances you may have had in the past year as this may affect the points awarded to you.



Development Update

Falkirk District

The Association has now submitted a fresh Planning Application for ten units for the new build project at McTaggart Avenue in Denny. If successful, the Association intends to acquire the site this financial year to enable a site start on the project early next financial year. This project is vital to enable housing needs within the Falkirk area to be met and in particular those with a physical disability.

Maryhill

The Association is developing nine units for rent including wheelchair accessible accommodation at Ruchill, Glasgow. This project is being led by Maryhill Housing Association and is being developed in partnership with Bellway Homes, Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (GCIL) and the Homelessness Partnership. This project has been subject to delays, but it is hoped that a site start can be achieved early 2009.

West Lothian

The first of the West Lothian Strategic Alliance projects at Eliburn are now complete and five wheelchair accessible properties have been successfully transferred to Horizon Housing Association. The project at Blackburn, which will provide a further eight wheelchair accessible homes for Horizon, continues to progress well and is expected to be complete late 2009.

Harthill

This project will provide around twelve new properties including wheelchair accessible accommodation for mainly older people. The Association has selected a design team and hopes to acquire the site next financial year with a view to commencing on site during 2009/10.

Kelty

This project is planned to be progressed during 2009/10 to provide around seven new properties in partnership with Sense Scotland. The Association is in the process of appointing the design team for the project. Further discussions with our funding body, the Scottish Government are planned.

Carntyne, Glasgow

Following positive meetings with Glasgow City Council, the Association is progressing negotiations with Bellway Homes to develop a range of housing at Myreside Street Carntyne to assist the overall regeneration of the area in partnership with the Local Housing Organisation. Outline proposals have been developed and it is hoped to submit costs to enable the Council to consider the project in more detail. It is hoped to acquire the site within this financial year.

Should you wish further information on any of Horizon's developments please telephone 01506 424140 or email e-mail@horizonhousing.org.

The Scottish Housing Regulator

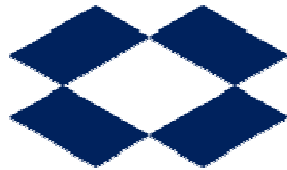
Communities Scotland was abolished on 1st April 2008. On that date, most of its non-regulatory functions were transferred to the Scottish Government's Housing and Regeneration directorate. The work of Communities Scotland's Regulation and Inspection division has been transferred to the new Scottish Housing Regulator.

The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) regulates registered social landlords and the landlord and homelessness services of local authorities. Their purpose is to:

- protect the interests of current and future tenants and other service users
- ensure the continuing provision of good quality social housing, in terms of decent homes, good services, value for money, and financial viability
- maintain the confidence of funders

The SHR register and regulate independent social landlords and also inspect the housing and homeless services provided by local authorities.

For more information please visit www.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk



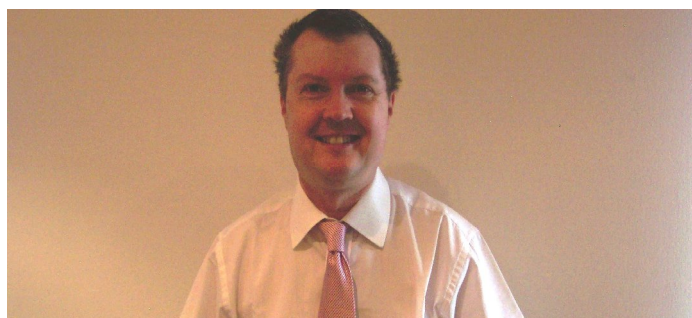
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Horizon Staff News

New Staff!

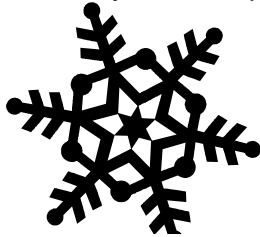
We are pleased to welcome a new face to the Association, John Robertson who joined us on 23rd June as Housing Manager.

Congratulations to John on joining the Horizon team.



Handy hints for beating the cold!

- Make sure heaters are well maintained and working properly.
- Keep furniture away from radiators and other heat sources so that warm air can circulate freely.
- Keep an eye out for your neighbours, especially the frail and elderly.
- If you are leaving home for a couple of days let a friend know you are away so that they can keep an eye on your property.



Some Useful Information

Home Swapper – Home Swapper is for tenants who want a house swap. This is also called mutual exchange. If you live in a council house or housing association property you can swap. For more details visit www.homeswapper.co.uk or call 0845 618 7162.

Homehunt – Homehunt aims to provide a quick, easy to use service for people looking for rented housing. Visit www.homehunt.info or call 0845 602 4543 or e-mail administrator@homehunt.info for more details.

Local Councils – most Local Councils have a list of other housing providers in their area. You should contact your local council for more information.

Citizens Advice – Need some help or advice? Contact Citizens Advice in your area. This is a free service and it is independent, confidential, impartial and easily accessible. Your local Citizens Advice Office will be listed in your phone book.

This leaflet is available in larger print, other languages, audio or other electronic forms. Should you require a copy of this Newsletter in any of these formats please call 0845 600 8648.

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