

Housing Association Directory

Braintree District Council is committed to working in partnership with housing associations to deliver high quality, new affordable homes for local people. There are over 10,000 social rented homes in the Braintree district that are owned and managed by a number of different housing associations. A number of housing associations specialise in providing housing to meet the needs of different client groups such as older people.

This publication provides the contact details of the housing associations operating across the district and whether they specialise in any particular type of housing. At the beginning of the document we have included answers to some frequently asked questions about housing associations and their properties.

Hard copies of this document are available on request by calling Braintree District Council on (01376) 552525 and asking to speak to a member of the housing team.

Frequently asked questions	
What are housing associations?	Housing associations are non-profit making organisations which can provide homes at reasonable rents. There are many different types as well as general needs housing; some specialise in housing for the elderly or disabled, while others offer accommodation for single people, young couples or families.
Who manages housing associations?	<p>Housing associations are managed by committees who decide on such things as rent levels, repairs and improvements to properties, as well as future housing development. The people who are elected onto committee's can be local people, professional people and tenant representatives.</p> <p>Day-to-day housing management is usually carried out from a locally based housing office. A team of officers address the various aspects of tenancy and estate management.</p>
How is renting from a housing association different to renting from a council?	<p>Council tenants have a Secure Tenancy and most housing association tenants have an Assured Tenancy. Braintree District Council has no council stock of its own following the transfer to Greenfields Community Housing in November 2007.</p> <p>For more information about the difference in renting council owned homes and housing association owned homes, Government produced booklets are available from your local council office.</p>
Do I have the right to buy my housing association home?	Some housing association tenants do have the option to purchase the home they rent under 'right to acquire'. You will need to check with the housing association, as some properties are excluded.
How can I move from my housing association home?	<p>An application to the housing register held by Braintree District Council needs to be made and the housing needs of each applicant will be considered.</p> <p>Another option is for tenants to consider a mutual exchange with another council or housing association tenant. Individuals must seek their landlords permission to complete a mutual exchange.</p>
Are there schemes to help me buy a home?	There are a number of low cost homeownership schemes available that can assist eligible households onto the property ladder. Further details about the various options available can be found at www.directgov.co.uk
How do I apply to go on Braintree District Councils housing register	To join our housing register you need to complete an application form. This can be done online: www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk or by phone: (01376) 552525 where an officer will arrange a mutually convenient time for them to call back to take the applicants details.

Housing Association Contact Details Autumn/Winter 2009

Organisation	Details	Category
Abbeyfield Braintree & Bocking Society Ltd	<p>Great Bradfords House, 159 Coggeshall Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 9GD</p> <p>Tel & Fax: 01376 326196 E-mail: abbeyfield@braintreeandbocking.fsnet.co.uk Website: www.abbeyfieldatbraintree.co.uk</p>	<p>Very Sheltered Extra Care</p> <p>Application direct to the Society</p>
Abbeyfield UK	<p>Abbeyfield House, The Chase, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex CO5 9AB</p> <p>Tel: 01376 571455 E-mail: enquiries@abbeyfielduk.com Website: www.abbeyfielduk.com</p>	<p>Sheltered</p> <p>Application direct to Abbeyfield House</p>
CHP	<p>Myriad House, 23 Springfield Lyons Approach, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 5LB</p> <p>Tel: 0845 155 3000 Fax: 01245 603001 E-mail: enquiries@chp.org.uk Website: www.chp.org.uk</p>	<p>General Needs</p>

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Colne Housing Society Ltd	Digby House, Riverside Office Centre, Causton Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 1RJ Tel: 01206 244700 Fax: 01206 760403 E-mail: info@colnehousing.co.uk Website: www.colnehousing.co.uk	General Needs
Courtauld Homes of Rest	Adrian Corder-Birch, Clerk to the Trustees, The Reading Room, Courtauld Homes of Rest, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex CO9 2DN Tel: 01787 462568 E-mail: clerk@siblehedinghampc.org.uk	For people of retirement age who have been resident in the area for at least 25 years, and/or employed either by the former Courtaulds Company, or locally. Application direct to the Clerk to the Trustees.
Estuary Housing Association Ltd	Centre Place, Prospect Close, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2JD Tel: 01702 462246 Fax: 01702 611502 E-mail: info@estuary.co.uk Website: www.estuary.co.uk	General Needs
Family Mosaic	Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester, Essex CO3 3WG Tel: 01206 773000 Fax: 01206 773001 Website: www.familymosaic.co.uk	Supported Housing (vulnerable young people and those with learning disabilities)

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Granta Housing Society	1 Horizon Park, Barton Road, Comberton, Cambridge, Cambs CB23 7AF Tel: 01223 576756 Fax: 01223 576750 E-mail: info@grantahousing.org.uk Website: www.grantahousing.org.uk	Supported Housing (single people with a learning disability)
Greenfields Community Housing	Greenfields House, Charter Way, Braintree, Essex CM77 8FG Tel: 01376 535400 E-mail: csc@greenfieldsCH.org.uk Website: www.GreenfieldsCH.org.uk	General Needs Sheltered
Guinness Trust	Greenwood House, 91-99 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0PP Tel: 01245 496773 Fax: 01245 496782 E-mail: East@guinness.org.uk Website: www.guinnesspartnership.com	General Needs
Hanover Housing Association	Nelson House, Alington Road, Eynesbury, St Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 6RE Tel: 01480 475069 Fax: 01480 217023 Website: www.hanover.org.uk	Sheltered

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Hastoe Housing Association Ltd	Rectory Farm Barns, Little Chesterford, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1UD Tel: 01799 533490 Fax: 01799 531039 E-mail: east@hastoe.com Website: www.hastoe.com	General Needs
Home	Steeple House, Church Lane, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1NH Tel: 01245 346668 Fax: 01245 346700 Website: www.homegroup.org.uk	General Needs
Housing 21	9 Avro Court, Ermine Business Park, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 6WG Tel: 0370 192 4000 Fax: 08701 924401 E-mail: enquiries@housing21.co.uk Website: www.housing21.co.uk	Sheltered
Livability	50 Scrutton Street, London EC2A 4XQ Tel: 020 7452 2000 Fax: 020 7452 2001 E-mail: info@livability.org.uk Website: www.livability.org.uk	General Needs Elderly Physically Disabled

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Moat	Mariner House, Galleon Boulevard, Crossways, Dartford, Kent DA2 6QE Tel: 0845 600 1006 E-mail: info@moat.co.uk Website: www.moat.co.uk	Supported (learning disability) Application direct to Moat
Nacro Services Essex	Trinity House, Trinity Street, Halstead, Essex CO9 1JD Tel: 01787 474526 Fax: 01787 475883	Supported (temporary accommodation for single people with mental health or social problems or ex offenders)
Salvation Army Housing Association	33/35 Chorley New Road, Bolton, Lancashire BL1 4QR Tel: 0800 970 6363 Fax: 01204 375768 E-mail: generalenquiriesCSC@saha.org.uk Website: www.saha.org.uk	General Needs Supported
Sanctuary Hereward	Beacon House, 53-65 Whitehouse Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 5PB Tel: 0845 850 5757 Fax: 01473 238758 E-mail: east@sanctuary-housing.co.uk Website: www.sanctuary-housing.co.uk	General Needs

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Sanctuary Housing Association	Coverdale, The Office, Block 11-22 Pennyroyal Crescent, Witham, Essex CM8 2YH Tel: 01376 514187 E-mail: east@sanctuary-housing.co.uk Website: www.sanctuary-housing.co.uk	Supported Housing (single homeless, those with a mild learning disability or mental ill health, and ex offenders)
South Anglia Housing	Blackwater House, 132a High Street Braintree, Essex CM7 1LB Tel: 0845 600 1543 Fax: 01376 340044 Website: www.circleanglia.org	General Needs Sheltered
Springboard Housing Association Ltd	Springboard House, 2A Cloughton Road, London E13 9PN Tel: 020 8475 0033 Fax: 020 8503 4286 E-mail: info@springboardha.org.uk Website: www.springboardha.org.uk	General Needs
St Matthew Housing	Glen House, 332 Coggeshall Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 9EH Tel: 01376 342389 E-mail: info@stmatthewhousing.org Website: www.stmatthewhousing.org	Supported (homeless or unsuitably housed single people)

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Suffolk Heritage Housing Association	Avocet House, Station Road, Framlingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 9EE Tel: 0845 601 3390 Fax: 01728 727500 E-mail: shsgman@flagship-housing.co.uk Website: www.flagship-housing.co.uk	General Needs
Suffolk Housing Society	Old Mission House, St Botolph's Lane, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 2AX Tel: 01284 767224 E-mail: customerservices@suffolkhousing.org Website: www.suffolkhousing.org	General Needs
Swan Housing Association	Pilgrim House, High Street, Billericay, Essex CM12 9XY Tel: 0845 612 4700 Fax: 01277 844720 E-mail: info@swan.org.uk Website: www.swan.org.uk	General Needs

	Swan Care and Repair (Home Improvement Agency) Tel: 01255 814410	
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Witham Housing Association Ltd	Podsbroom House, Guithavon Street, Witham, Essex CM8 1DR Tel: 01376 515017 E-mail: info@withamhousingassociation.co.uk Website: www.withamhousingassociation.co.uk	Sheltered Application direct to Association
Witham United Charities	P G Conway, Colne House, 19 Guithavon Street, Witham, Essex CM8 1BL Tel: 01376 513177 E-mail: paul_vgc@hotmail.com	For people over 60 who have previously lived in Witham. Application direct to the charity.