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Housing Associations

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HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS OPERATING ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

What are Housing Associations

Housing Associations are independent non-profit making organisations, which exist to provide homes at affordable rents. They must be registered with the Housing Corporation who oversee and monitor their activities.

Council Housing

The former Borough Councils sold their housing stock to the South Wight Housing Association and Medina Housing Association in 1990, which means that the Isle of Wight Council no longer has property to rent. However, the Council has legal nomination agreements with the three main housing associations to house those who are legally entitled to be rehoused via the Isle of Wight Housing Register.

Are Housing Association Tenancies the same as Council Tenancies?

In practical terms they are very similar, but new Housing Association tenants do not have the Right to Buy. Tenancy Agreements can vary between Housing Associations so the agreement should be studied by a prospective tenant.

What sort of accommodation do Housing Associations provide?

Flats, Bungalows and Maisonettes

For single people, couples, small families and the active elderly including the early retired

Family housing

For families with children

Temporary Accommodation

For homeless people/families who the Council have a duty to assist.

Sheltered Accommodation

Self contained properties with a warden and an alarm call system. Usually there is a lounge for communal activities plus a guest room and a laundry. Sheltered accommodation is suitable for elderly people who can care for themselves and wish to remain independent yet want to have back up support and company.

Special Needs Housing

For people with a special disability or requirement.

Self contained flats and shared housing, hostels and group homes – shared housing usually means that residents share a kitchen and bathroom.

How can I obtain a Housing Association Tenancy?

The Isle of Wight Council works in partnership with the three main housing associations on the Island to provide a Housing Register.

Medina Housing Association

South Wight Housing Association

Vectis Housing Association

These organisations do not keep individual waiting lists, and people wishing to apply for social housing should complete an application form to be added onto the Isle of Wight Housing Register. An application form can be obtained from Housing Services, 7 High Street, Newport, telephone 01983 823040, email housing@iow.gov.uk or Housing Association offices.

Please remember there is a huge demand for Housing Association accommodation and so priority for rehousing is given to those in greatest need.

The main Island Housing Associations

Medina Housing Association

Lugley House

Lugley Street

Newport

Isle of Wight PO30 5EL

Tel: (01983) 822811 Fax: (01983) 825002

Email: reception@medinaahousing.co.uk

Website: www.medinahousing.co.uk

Have just fewer than 3,000 properties mainly in the areas East and West Cowes, Newport and Ryde. Approximately 300 warden assisted accommodation. Medina is a member of Western Challenge Housing Group.

South Wight Housing Association

The Courtyard

St Cross Business Park

Newport

Isle of Wight PO30 5BS

Tel: (01983) 539000 Fax: (01983) 539040

Email: info@south-wight.com

Website: www.southernhousinggroup.co.uk

Manages approximately 3,300 homes. These are located all over the Island and include approximately 320 warden assisted homes and 150 registered and non-registered homes. South Wight is a member of the Southern Housing Group.

Vectis Housing Association

30 Carisbrooke Road

Newport

Isle of Wight PO30 1BW

Tel: (01983) 525985

Fax: (01983) 529956

Email: enquiries@vectis-housing.demon.co.uk

Have just fewer than 250 general needs properties in the East Cowes, Cowes, Newport, Ryde, Wroxall and Winford/Apse Heath area. No warden assisted accommodation. The association also leases a number of properties throughout the Island from private landlords as a means of providing good quality temporary accommodation.

Other Housing Associations

Abbeyfield Housing Society

Local societies all over the Island please see Isle of Wight phone book for addresses.

Website: www.abbeyfield.com

The Abbeyfield Society is a UK wide volunteer-led charity providing housing with care to older people.

Island Cottages

1 Taylor Court

The Green

Shorwell

Isle of Wight PO30 3QL

Tel: (01983) 741001

A small Housing Association with fewer than 40 properties in rural areas such as Shorwell, Brighstone, Chale and Calbourne. Applicants can apply direct.

Solent Housing Co-operative

C/o Foster Insurance Services

2 St Thomas Square

Newport

Isle of Wight PO30 1SN

Tel: (01983 520525)

A voluntary organisation with approximately 50 members. They do not own any properties but lease and manage dwellings all over the Island.

Stonham Housing

8a High Street

Newport

Isle of Wight PO30 1SS

Tel: (01983) 520805

Fax: (01983) 533869

Have just fewer than 30 properties for single people with support needs. Half of the properties are group homes, whilst the other are self contained properties. Also provides a floating support service to tenants. Mother and baby unit in East Cowes.

Non Island Based Housing Associations

Places for People Group (North British Housing Association)

Steve Lockwood (covers Isle of Wight)

East Preston Office

Sussex

Tel: (01903) 856072

Website: www.placesforpeople.co.uk

Email: lockwood.Stephen@nbh.co.uk

Have approximately 120 properties known as Seaside & Country Homes for people over 60 from the London Boroughs, mainly in the Wootton, Ryde and Newport area. Approximately 30 properties for general needs in Wootton and Newport area.

Southern Housing Group

Fleet House

29-61 Clerkenwell Road

London EC1M 5LA

Tel: 02072 516091

Website: southernhousinggroup.co.uk

Email: servicecentre@shgroup.org.uk

Owns approximately 30 properties located in Freshwater, Ryde and Sandown. South Wight Housing Association manages these properties on their behalf.

Western Challenge Housing Group

Hengistbury House
35 Purewell
Christchurch
Dorset BH23 1EH

Tel: 01202 499300/311

Fax: 01202 499322

Email: callcentre@westernchallenge.co.uk

Housing 21

The Triangle
Baring Road
Beaconsfield
Bucks HP9 2NA
Tel: (01494) 685200
Website: www.housing21.org

Has one complex in Carisbrooke, Newport for people over 60 to rent. The complex consists of 29 one bedroom flats and has a live in Court Manager. Applicants can apply direct.

The Council has compiled this list for assistance and every effort has been made to be accurate. The information should not be regarded as a recommendation.

This leaflet is available on request as an audiotape, in large print, in Braille and in other languages. If you require this service, please contact Housing Services on 01983 823040 or email Housing@iow.gov.uk



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