

GHA Standard



Radcot Cottage, Lincoln Grove, Park Close, Bladon Kingerlee Homes

The members of the Good Homes Alliance commit to working to substantially reduce the negative impacts of housing and renovation, and to substantially increase the factors that make for well-being.

Overall GHA membership encompasses:

- an overarching framework for our aims including ethical and social as well as environmental aims (the Charter),
- a well-known and existing Code (the Code for Sustainable Homes – CSH) which is already in use,
- a statement about our determination to reduce environmental impact *in reality* not just on paper (the 70% reduction),
- a way of showing commitment and of learning more generally from our developments so that experience can be fed back into design, practice and the future development of our Standard (2-year post-construction monitoring),
- a realistic lead-in time and compliance target for developer members (initial target of 50% of all units, with a 2-yearly revision of the Standard).

The Good Homes Alliance 2009 **Standard** is CSH Level 3++

- Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3
- + A reduction in carbon emissions by at least 70% from the average UK building stock according to building type in 2003.
- + 2 year post-construction monitoring.

For Developer Members of the GHA, over 50% of all homes built must meet the GHA Standard and all homes must achieve a minimum of the Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3.

This Standard is to be seen as **part of a process** and will be revised every 2 years to further improve the overall environmental and social impact of GHA homes.