

## About Us

Synergy Housing Group, comprising East Dorset Housing Association, Purbeck Housing Trust and Weymouth and Portland Housing, is one of the largest social housing companies in the Wessex Region, providing quality homes for more than 9,000 tenants. We develop throughout Dorset, the New Forest and Salisbury District, meeting a range of housing needs in urban and rural settings.

The Group's underlying principle is that measured expansion can provide economies of scale and more efficient services. Group members are given a large degree of operational autonomy within a framework of good governance and financial stability. Synergy's central services support enables members to share experience and costs; these services include Asset Management, Corporate Services, Development, Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

## Synergy and Sustainability

One of the Synergy Housing Group's key objectives is to build sustainable high quality homes that meet the needs and aspirations of our tenants and are fit for 21st Century living.

The company has developed a shared vision of helping to build thriving neighbourhoods where people choose to live. Working with the Housing Corporation, our local authority partners, and as a part of the??, we are continually striving to make sure that our developments not only represent value for money but also have good design, a modern approach to construction, and that they address sustainability.



Boscombe Library and Chapter House. Photo:



Grangecroft. Photo:



Bure House. Photo:

## Three of the best

Here are three recent outstanding developments which offer excellent accommodation for tenants, and are of great benefit to the local community.

### Boscombe Library and Chapter House, Bournemouth

Boscombe's new £3 million library was named as one of the most community-friendly developments in Britain.

The Hawkwood Road facility, which includes Chapter House - a block of 24 modern affordable flats - was 'Highly Commended' by judges at the National Housing Federation Neighbourhood Awards in Birmingham.

The development, built by East Dorset Housing Association in partnership with Bournemouth Borough Council, scooped the federation's South West award in the What We Are Proud Of category for housing association-run projects that have improved the lives of their local communities.

### Grangecroft, Portland

Caroline Flint's first public engagement as Minister for Housing was to open Weymouth and Portland Housing's Grangecroft Apartments in Portland.

The development of 33 affordable housing flats cost £3.2m, with the Housing Corporation investing £1m.

Included at Grangecroft are 12 two-bedroom Flats for purchase under the Homebuy scheme and a further nine two-bedroom flats and 12 one-bedroom flats to be let at affordable rents for local people.

### Bure House, Christchurch

Bure House was January 2008 and then officially opened by Prince Edward in early 2009.

The development, carried out by East Dorset Housing Association, is an extra care facility comprising 44 properties, of which 36 are one bedroom and eight are two bedroom.

Bure House also features a communal lounge with residents kitchen, laundry and sluice room, treatment room, guest rooms and assisted bathrooms. There is a dining room with hot lunchtime meals served every day.

Attached to the scheme are three bungalows for younger disabled people.