

Sheltered Modernisation News

A quarterly newsletter for sheltered housing residents

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Celebrations as work starts on new homes for older people in Nailsworth

We are pleased to report that work has now started on the construction of eleven new apartments at Tanners Piece, Nailsworth. The new apartments which are being built on land formerly occupied by eight prefabricated bungalows have been designed specifically for older people.

Gloucester-based company EG Carter were selected to build the apartments. The high quality new homes will facilitate independent living in a safe and secure environment. Features include light, spacious rooms which are economic to

run, a secure scooter store and lift to the first floors.

Matthew Vye, Partnership Housing Manager at EG Carter & Co Ltd said:|
“EG Carter is both proud and excited to be working with Stroud District Council to provide these new apartments for older people in the area. As a local contractor it is even more special to be able to work close to our base, bringing our experience and expertise to provide local people with a quality new home.”

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A fresh look for Sherborne House



New comfy seating in the communal lounge



Above: The wide corridors are colour themed, which helps to provide distinct areas within the scheme.

Sherborne House in Stonehouse is the first scheme to be improved as part of our Sheltered Housing Modernisation Programme. The communal areas have been transformed into light, bright spaces which are warm and welcoming.

Beard Construction were appointed by SDC to make the improvement works, starting on site in May this year and completing the work in September. They have a wealth of experience when it comes to managing major refurbishment in buildings with residents living there.



Above left: A new bright spacious kitchen, perfect for the tenant's social activities. Above right: The entrance was re-modelled to create a large welcoming feeling.



The contractors phased the work which allowed the communal lounge, kitchen and resource room to be handed back to residents in August. SDC held the first coffee morning for tenants to thank them for their patience during the works.

We're delighted that tenants have reported that Beard Construction worked hard to minimise the disruption during the work, and were polite and courteous. Sherborne resident Linda Thomas said: "The contractors were amazing. They were very friendly and kept us informed about what was going on all the time."

The tenants are delighted with the new communal areas.

Linda continued "I'm thrilled to bits with it, it's wonderful. As well as our regular coffee and craft mornings we're planning a film afternoon."



Linda's neighbour Tina agreed "The kitchen is so much better than before, the new hot water machine is an absolute Godsend. The Sheltered Modernisation Team took our views into account and were very good at answering our questions."

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The start of the £1.6million scheme was marked by representatives from Stroud District Council, Nailsworth Town Council and EG Carter in September.

The timeline (right) sets out the current estimated programme of work, with the scheme due to complete in summer next year. The plans for the nearby Ringfield Close sheltered scheme have been delayed to allow the builders to use the site as a base and to park vehicles, reducing the impact to neighbours.

Tanners Piece Timeline



Local Updates

Wotton-Under-Edge

We have agreed terms with the buyer of the **Drylease Court** site. We expect to complete in mid December.

Dursley

Chris Eadie, our Tenant Liaison Officer is continuing to work closely with the remaining few residents to help them find homes they are happy with.

Once **Cambridge House** is empty we will begin marketing the site for sale. As with **Drylease Court** the proceeds from the sale will be used to build new sheltered housing and will also be re-invested in the existing schemes.

Cam

We are now considering dates to meet with residents from **Glebelands** in the New Year. At the meeting tenants will be given a moving home support pack and we will explain the support we will provide during the scheme closure.

Stonehouse

We will be in touch with tenants at **Willow Road** soon to arrange a meeting before Christmas to update them about the future of the scheme.



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Concord plans take shape

This month tenants from Concord have been invited to have a tour of the recently refurbished scheme at Sherborne House, so they can get a feel for the changes ahead. As well as seeing the improvements for themselves, we also wanted them to have the opportunity to speak to tenants from Sherborne about their experiences throughout the work.

Tenants have also met with us this month to contribute towards the design of the lounge and to choose their preferred colour scheme. These colours will be used to coordinate the new furniture and furnishings in the communal lounge with the decoration throughout the building. In addition to these improvements, the team are also hoping to enhance the entrance and corridors, as well as improving accessibility throughout the building. We hope to bring you exciting updates on this scheme in the next issue.

Future editions of Sheltered Modernisation News

We've been listening to feedback from tenants about the way we communicate with you.

The majority of readers enjoy hearing about the project but agreed that as most residents now understand about the Sheltered Modernisation Scheme and how it will affect them, we can now move to a twice yearly newsletter.

So look out for the next edition which will be out in Spring 2019.

