

RED KITE connect

All the latest news and views from
Red Kite Community Housing



Little Door Knock Edition



Meet our new Chief Executive

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See how our volunteers make a difference

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Welcome!

Welcome to this special Little Door Knock edition of our new newsletter, Red Kite Connect.

You're receiving this because we've visited your home as part of our Community Morning, during which we're aiming to speak to 1,000 households in person. Later in the year we intend to extend this to the Big Door Knock where we will visit all our homes.

We'd like to introduce you to Peter Cogan, our new Group Chief Executive - who joined us in April - and his plans for the future of Red Kite:

Why did you want to take on the role of Group Chief Executive at Red Kite?

I felt, as I still do, that Red Kite has so much potential, and with that potential comes the opportunity to do more. I was also attracted by the fact that we are a tenant-led organisation, that was especially important to me.

What motivated you to work in housing?

Having spent most of my career in the private sector I made the change to housing about seven years ago, predominantly because I passionately believe in what we do, and the positive impact we can have on people's lives. We should never underestimate the importance of having a safe and secure home.

How will you stay connected to the day-to-day experiences of tenants?

There will be a few different ways. I attended a volunteer thank you event the other week and it was great firstly to see that tenants will volunteer their time - nearly 1,600 hours in the past 12 months - but also to hear how they are experiencing our services, and their passion that they want us to be better. Of course, the Resident Representative Team will also be important in keeping me updated on those lived experiences.

What do you think are the big issues that Red Kite is facing?

I think one of our biggest challenges is to ensure we are consistent in how we are providing services to our tenants. From those I have spoken to it's clear that repairs are the service that requires continued focus. The team have done an excellent job in improving the day-to-day service, but there is still more that needs to be done, in particular around keeping tenants updated on their repair.

What excites you most about the future of Red Kite?

It goes back to that point I made earlier, I am excited by the potential of Red Kite, I think there is so much more that we can do, but I also love the great examples I have seen so far where tenants and staff are working together to improve our services.

You don't have to wait for the Big Door Knock to share your feedback, you can contact us by calling **01494 476100** or email **contact@redkithousing.org.uk**



Peter Cogan - Group Chief Executive

Give us your feedback

Feedback can come in the form of a complaint, compliment or general comment - but whatever it is that you want to tell us, we're here to listen and do something about it. Visit **redkithousing.org.uk/feedback** or call **01494 476100**.



Events

Rotary Club Centennial
Saturday 18th July -
Adams Park -
12pm-5pm

Opportunity Bucks Event
Tuesday 27th October
- High Street, High
Wycombe - 10am-3pm

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 15th
September - 4pm-
5.30pm - Members
invited to attend

To find out more about what's on, please visit our website:

www.redkithousing.org.uk/whats-on



Twelve homes ready to welcome new tenants

Former car park transformed to modern development with social rent and shared ownership.



This month we are due to complete our project to create 12 new homes at Foxes Piece in Marlow.

These high-quality, energy-efficient homes were built on a former car park site. There are six one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments, with half available for social rent and half for shared ownership.

The development includes 45 car parking spaces, exceeding the council's parking standards, with 27 for existing Foxes Piece residents and 18 for the new homes and their visitors.

As a tenant-led organisation, we put tenants at the heart of our decisions, with our Development Panel members helping shape the final look and feel of the apartments by selecting materials for kitchens and bathrooms, including worktops, cupboards, handles, carpets and flooring.

Peter Cogan, our Group Chief Executive, said: "We know there is a real need for affordable homes across our communities, and Foxes Piece is a great example of how we're responding to that need. Along with other development opportunities, by developing land we already own we can make the best possible use of existing sites to deliver high-quality, energy-efficient homes that people can be proud to live in."

The social rent homes have been advertised through Bucks Home Choice. The shared ownership homes are being advertised through Keegan White Estate Agents.

Foxes Piece forms part of our wider programme to build more affordable homes and support local people to live well in the communities they call home, as part of our commitment to deliver 500 new homes by 2030.

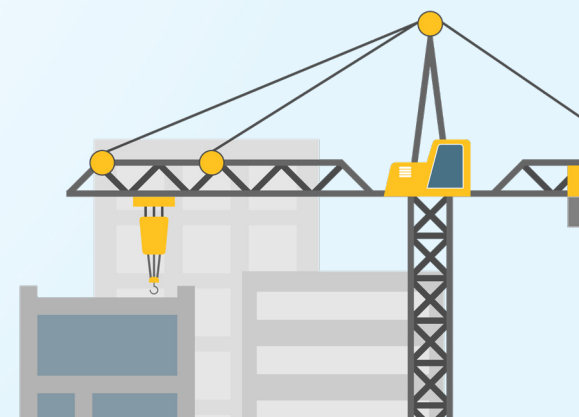


Current sites under development

- **Four flats** at **Havenfield Road**, High Wycombe, for social rent
- **16 flats** and **houses** at **Shiplake**, Henley-on-Thames - 12 for affordable rent, 4 shared ownership
- **133 flats** and **houses** at **Harvest Hill**, Maidenhead phases 1 & 2 - 60 social rent, 44 affordable rent, 29 social rent
- **Four houses** at **Auckland Road**, High Wycombe for affordable rent
- **Three houses** at **Rutland Street**, High Wycombe all for affordable rent.



To find out more about our developments visit **www.redkithousing.org.uk/development** or **SCAN** the QR code.



Volunteers shape Red Kite's future

At Red Kite being tenant-led isn't something we say to sound good, it's something we live and breathe every day.

We've built Red Kite around the belief that the people who live in our homes should have a real say in how they're run. That's why our volunteers are at the heart of our decision-making, helping shape services, influence priorities and improve our communities.

Our tenant volunteers are involved in a wide range of roles that directly impact the lives of our tenants. From carrying out estate inspections to sitting on procurement panels, they help us make informed decisions that reflect what matters most to our tenants. When we appoint new staff, our volunteers are there too, joining interview panels to ensure we recruit people who share our values and understand our communities.

We also work closely with our Resident Representative Team and other specialist groups, who challenge us, scrutinise our services and hold us to account. Their insight helps us continuously improve, whether that's refining how we communicate or shaping how we deliver major projects.

Our volunteers have played a key role in reviewing the way we communicate about important initiatives, such as energy-efficiency upgrades. By working alongside us, they've helped ensure our messages are clear, accessible and genuinely useful to the people receiving them.

We offer a variety of opportunities so that everyone can get involved in a way that suits them - whether that's influencing how we manage repairs, contributing to new developments, or supporting environmental improvements in their neighbourhood.

Just as importantly, we invest in our volunteers. We provide training, mentoring and ongoing support so they feel confident and empowered to make a difference.

If you would like to volunteer with us visit www.redkithousing.org.uk/volunteer to see the roles we have available and how you could help.



Tenant volunteers **Kathy** and **Daffodil**

Did you know?

In the last year our **63** volunteers provided us with **1,599** hours of volunteering.



Our staff and volunteers gathered at Wycombe Heights Golf Centre in May for our annual Volunteer Thank You Event, celebrating the dedication and impact of those who give their time to help shape services for tenants, with a Mad Hatter's Tea Party theme. The event welcomed 57 guests for an afternoon of food, activities and recognition.



Have your say

Join our Tenant Voice Panel!

Visit redkithousing.org.uk/TVP or **SCAN** the **QR** for more information.

