

Providing Options

Partnerships

As three-times winner of the What House? Gold Award for Best Partnership Development, we believe partnership working is the way forward. It adds value, is more efficient and ultimately means we can produce better housing options for all.

Housing Corporation partner

The Group was very pleased to be chosen as one of the first partners in the Housing Corporation's Partnering Programme. During 2004/2006, the first two-year cycle under the new grant allocation system, we outperformed targets by over a third. The Housing Corporation has allocated the Group £65 million for 2006/2008 to fund the development of over 1,100 homes in London and the South East.

Millennium Plus, Nightingale Estate, Hackney - partnership award

The innovative Millennium Plus development on the Nightingale Estate in Hackney provided two hundred affordable new homes in a five-year £20 million project. The Group and its partners, Countryside Properties and LB Hackney won the What House? Gold Award for the Best Partnership Development in 2002. The judges explained: "The 'Rethinking Construction' agenda was a challenge. The Nightingale Estate has met it. Design innovation, supply chain initiatives, the dynamics of partnership and community involvement make for a striking scheme."



Resident consultation at the Nightingale Estate.

Royal Arsenal, Woolwich - partnership award

This development includes 1,200 homes, 25 per cent of which are for mixed-tenure affordable housing. In 2003, the Group won the What House? Gold Award for the Best Partnership Development for Royal Arsenal along with partners Berkeley Homes and Greenwich Council. The judges praised the professional working relationship between the Group and Berkeley Homes in taking on a development that was far from straightforward and gave us maximum credit for "dealing with the challenge with a pragmatic and constructive approach."

New River Green, Islington - partnership award

The Group won the Best Partnership and Contribution to Regeneration Award in the Affordable Home Ownership Awards for our New River Green development in Islington. For this mixed-tenure scheme of 75 new and 787 improved homes, the judges were particularly impressed with the shared ownership gallery flats that have met with high demand from local residents.

The East Kent Triangle

In this major new partnership, over 1,000 new affordable homes are being built in East Kent in the next five years. Thanet District, Canterbury City and Dover District Councils have linked together with Southern Housing Group and three other housing associations, The Orbit Group, Amicus Horizon and Town and Country Housing Group, to form the East Kent Triangle. The councils are committed to working with us for the next five years, ensuring that dedicated development resources are focussed on the needs of the area.



Signing of the East Kent Triangle Protocol.

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