

Our Annual Report shows our achievements

and performance from April 2020 to March 2021 so you can see how we performing

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Welcome to the 2022 Calendar featuring our work at STAR Housing from April 2020 to March 2021.

I became Chair of the STAR Housing Board in July 2021 and I am proud to be associated with the work and staff of STAR Housing.

I would first like to take the opportunity to pause and reflect on the challenges we have faced over the last 12 months, as individuals and as an organisation. A worldwide pandemic has seriously affected our way of life but, at long last, we appear to be heading in the right direction with a mass vaccination programme.

For those who have seen loved ones or friends pass on, we are truly sorry for your loss and, for those facing ongoing challenges, our thoughts and best wishes are with you.

In reviewing 2020-2021 we have to recognise that the pandemic has impacted on our plans but, having said that, I would like to place on record my thanks to all the staff at STAR Housing for the excellent way that they have responded, making sure that services continued to be delivered to you throughout this period.

One of the things I am most proud of is the way that we were able to make sure that those people who were most vulnerable in our community were contacted early in 2020 to make sure that they had the help and support that they needed. We contacted over 1300 tenants.

We also made sure that those who were without a home were able to access accommodation - over 100 properties were used as temporary accommodation at one point. We are proud that we have helped many people now move into more permanent accommodation.

I would also like to thank you, our tenants. At some points we were unable to deliver all the services we would have liked to. You were so understanding about where there were restrictions. We also witnessed many acts of kindness, with the community pulling together to make sure that those who were most vulnerable were supported.

We still sought to improve services for our residents throughout the pandemic delivering services in different, but effective, ways wherever possible. We brought in-house the Grounds Maintenance service in early 2020 and have seen massive improvements in tenant satisfaction.. This is part of our commitment to continuous improvement.

We are now looking to the future. We have a new development programme starting, continuing to develop a new generation of Council Housing not just in our traditional areas of operation in Oswestry and Bridgnorth but Shrewsbury too.

We are also reaching the end of our current contract with Shropshire Council and we are currently discussing our future. We are very excited for our future, demonstrating through our track record that we are the right people to continue to improve our services for you.

Last, but not least, I hope that 2022 is a good year for you personally and that you know you can rely on STAR Housing to continue to deliver quality landlord services to you.



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Tony Deakin, Chair of STAR Housing Board



Rents

Bridgnorth Low Town



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Our excellent year end figure was achieved by supporting our tenants to claim the appropriate benefits and grants to maximise their income, which resulted in them still being able to pay their rent. This could not be achieved without the experience and knowledge within the Rent Team.

We can't help if we don't know the problem, it's important to talk to us.

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Supported Housing

February 2022



Our alarms, Housing Support and New Century Court staff provide vital support services to our clients and tenants with 128 new alarms installed over the year!

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Planned Maintenance

March **2022**

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357 homes painted, 34 roof replacements, 57 bathrooms replaced

We invested over £3m in our planned maintenance programme which included roofing works, external doors, central heating, kitchens and bathrooms and window replacements.

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Tenant Voice

April 2022



It's important to talk to us.

Giving us your feedback and sharing your thoughts, ideas and suggestions helps us to continuously improve how we provide our services to you and in shaping the future of STAR Housing. Please get in touch with our **Customer Relationships Team on** 01743 210205 to find out how you can become involved.



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Lettings

May **2022**



We don't just deal with new tenancies! If your home is too big then we are here to help move you to more suitable accomodation.

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Get in touch so we can explain how this process works. And, don't forget to let us know if there is a change in your household members - you can find our occupancy form at: www.starhousing.org.uk/ occupants-form

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Montgomery Canal, Maesbury Marsh

Responsive Repairs

June **2022**

of emergency repairs done in 1 day

View from Oswestry Hill Fort

of residents satisfied with recent repairs service

We spent £3.1m in delivering our Responsive Repairs service and we completed a total of 10,525 repairs which includes all day to day repairs.

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Neighbourhoods

July **2022**

Bridgnorth Castle and Gardens



We are committed to creating vibrant communities. Our local neighbourhood housing teams work hard to ensure that your neighbourhood and communities are happy places to live!

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Customer Feedback

August 2022



View from Bridgnorth Castle & Gardens

We put our tenants at the heart of everything we do, working with you all the time to improve our services and this really does show in the feedback we get.

"...the young men were very polite, courteous and cleaned up after themselves. Very, very satisfied, very satisfied, thank you."

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Financial Inclusion

September 2022



We believe that good financial health and wise decisions concerning money leads to happier homes, better lifestyles and vibrant communities.

- We have helped tenants manage £128,205 of debt
- We saved £2,035 for tenants with winter fuel bills
- We have supported tenants to claim additional income or benefits of £39,500

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Development

October **2022**



We have recently received planning permission in Whittington and hope construction work will start very soon. The site will be a split of 8 Shared Ownership and 16 Affordable Rent properties. Developments in Weston Rhyn and Shrewsbury also coming soon.

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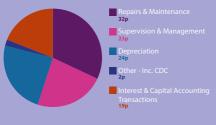
November 2022



Maesbury Marsh

We are committed to making the best use of our resources to deliver excellent services and value for money for our customers, reinvesting any savings that we make. We utilise our efficiency savings on service improvements such as community skip events, fire safety, hoarding and financial inclusion. We saved £50k by bringing our Grounds Maintenance contract in-house.

How each £1 of income is spent



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The Future

December 2022



We look forward to starting work on a number of development sites to build more affordable homes in Shropshire for rent and shared ownership so look out for us popping up in new locations!

We're continuing to invest over £4m a year to improve and maintain the quality of our current homes. We will also be exploring opportunities to make our homes more energy efficient in the future, reducing CO2 emissions and help create a greener planet.

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