

Housing Minister Alex Neil MSP Visits Viewfield



Viewfield Court, Ayr, a striking six storey block of flats is the latest addition to Ayr's skyline. The 44 house project was officially opened by Scotland's housing minister, Alex Neil. After meeting a delighted Alison Keating in her new sixth floor home, he said "the Scottish Government is investing record amounts of funding in boosting Scotland's stock of good quality affordable homes".

Paul Torrance, Ayrshire Housing's Chair commented "we were impressed with Mr Neil's frankness about the difficulties that we have getting new affordable housing projects underway at the moment. However, he has some very interesting ideas about how Councils, housing associations, the private sector and the Scottish Government can work in new ways to deliver much needed new housing. We intend to take these up with our colleagues at South Ayrshire Council and with the housebuilders."

An exciting new development within minutes of Ayr town centre

Affordable Housing on sale from September
Choose from 2&3 bedroom family homes both starting from £90,000

Ayrshire Housing and Ayrshire Homestake are pleased to announce the future sale of 25 homes at Lochside, Ayr under the New Supply Shared Equity Scheme. The homes available are a mixture of two and three bedroom terraced, semi-detached and detached properties and are due for completion between October 2009 and March 2010.

Prices start from £90,000. You generally pay between 60 and 80 per cent of the price of the property through a home loan or savings. The remainder is funded by an interest free loan.

For more information you can download a comprehensive sales pack from our website www.ayrshirehomestake.co.uk or alternatively visit rightmove.co.uk



Healthy Working Lives Award Programme

Ayrshire Housing were recently delighted to receive the Healthy Working Lives Bronze Award. The award programme supports employers and employees to develop health promotion and safety themes in the workplace in a practical, logical way that's beneficial to all.

Staff have worked hard during the last year to achieve the award and have been involved in raising health awareness. Staff have challenged themselves to events such as the Land O'Burns Walk (13 miles) and raised money for various charities.

Staff are also enjoying the benefits of healthy eating and have introduced a health events calendar to address various topics, such as Alcohol Awareness, Breast Cancer, Stress and many more.



Staff News

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Senior Housing Officer, Carol Young** on the birth of her second child, Andrew Young. Carol and her family visited the office recently, and we were all delighted to get to meet Andrew for the first time.

We are also pleased to report that **Housing Officer, Isobel Moore** has returned to work after a period of ill-health. Tenants will join us in welcoming Isobel back.

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- Sign up to our e-Newsletter or subscribe to our blog to be kept up to speed with all the latest news from Ayrshire Housing;
- Apply online for a house, transfer, or view tenants who are looking for a swap;
- Find out more about affordable home ownership options;
- Get more information about the work we do.

Community Fund News

Stephanie McGarrity, age 18, of West Sanquhar Avenue, Ayr was delighted to receive a cheque for the sum of £100.00 from David McGivern Housing Manager.

Stephanie has captained Scotland under 17's netball team to bronze medal at the 2008 European Championships. This year Stephanie has been picked to represent Scotland on tour of New Zealand then travel on to the Cook Islands for the World Youth Games. Ayrshire Housing are delighted to help such a deserving cause and wish Stephanie every success!



Vice Chairperson of Ayrshire Housing, Pearl Boyd (photo on the left) presents John Mullholland, Ayr Housing Aid Centre with a cheque.

Ayr Housing Aid Centre is a local charity providing independent housing advice, advocacy services and housing support.

If you require advice or assistance the centre can be contacted on (01292) 288111

If you have an idea or are involved in a small project which would have a big impact on your community please let us know about it! Write to us or email us at info@ayrshirehousing.org.uk

Elections to the Board

The Annual General Meeting of Ayrshire Housing will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2009. In due course, you will receive a formal agenda and a review of our activities and performance in the last year.

As you may know, the Board consists of five tenant directors, five from the community category and five appointed by South Ayrshire Council.

All tenants are members of the company and can thus seek election to the Board. If you have a joint tenancy, both tenants are considered to be members.

There are **two vacancies within the tenant category**, if you are interested in one of the tenant positions, please complete and return the form below by Friday 31st July 2009. If there are more applications than vacancies, a postal ballot will be organised with the result being announced at the Annual General Meeting. Please provide a short statement of around 50 words in support of your application.

This is a real opportunity to influence the quality of service that you and your fellow tenants receive.



I wish to stand for election to the Board of Ayrshire Housing

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Statement:

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Signature:.....

Garden & Pet Competition



We have once again been impressed by the great response we've received to our Garden and Pet Competitions. Judging will take place early August and the lucky winners will be notified in due course. Good Luck!

Whatever your views – Ayrshire Housing is keen to hear from you!
Contact us on (01292) 880120 to share your ideas, or by emailing info@ayrshirehousing.org.uk

Newsletter on Tour.....

With Summer upon us, we know that many of you will be going away for holidays. With this in mind, we are launching our “Newsletter on Tour” competition!

The rules are simple; if you are going on holiday, remember to take your copy of this newsletter with you. A prize will be awarded to the tenant who sends us a picture from the most interesting (not necessarily the furthest away) location, so get snapping!



Just for Fun

How many of these Summer words can you find in the Word Search Grid?

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Holidays

Sunshine

Icecream

Beach

Sandcastles

Sunglasses

Flipflops

Spade

Beachball

Sun Tan Lotion

Butterflies

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