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# News Release

## ALL CHANGE AT THE HELM FOR HVHS

Jackie Bligh stepped down as Managing Director at HVHS Housing Group on 24 October to take up the post of Chief Executive at Merthyr Valleys Homes in South Wales. Jackie has made a fantastic contribution to HVHS over the last year and we wish her well for the future.

We have appointed an interim Managing Director, Heather Bowman, who joined us on 1 October. Heather is currently Projects Director at Sovereign Housing Association and is being seconded from Sovereign to cover the MD post until Kingfisher and HVHS amalgamate next year. Heather joins us with a wealth of experience that includes care, supported, and general needs housing. She has worked at Sovereign since 2001 and prior to that was at Stonham Housing Association for a number of years.

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**For further information please contact Heather Bowman,  
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*Wessex Housing Partnership is a partnership between the well established Housing Associations of HVHS Housing Group, based in Winchester and Kingfisher Housing Association based in Basingstoke, with a combined history of 73 years in operation.*

*HVHS and Kingfisher own around 6,150 properties for social rent, shared ownership and private renting for young single people, couples, families and the elderly. Also over 500 new properties are being developed and bought every year, helping to house local people in housing need.*

*Wessex Housing Partnership operate and own properties in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Berkshire.*

### FACTS ABOUT US

*A social housing landlord managing and renting 1400 homes and 13 sheltered housing schemes throughout Hampshire.*

*Part of the Wessex Housing Partnership Group, a partnership between HVHS Housing Group based in Winchester and Kingfisher Housing Association based in Basingstoke.*

*Operate in Hampshire (Basingstoke and surrounding villages, Alton, Southampton, Winchester, New Forest), Wiltshire and Berkshire.*

*HVHS Housing Group employs 72 staff.*

*HVHS Housing Group is a charitable housing association and has two subsidiaries, Bere Forest Housing Association and Pennyfarthing Management Services Ltd.*

*Established 1946 to provide affordable homes for those in housing need.*



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