

News release



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Kingfisher lead the way with 40 affordable new homes in New Milton

Kingfisher Housing HVHS Association is a leading provider of affordable housing in Hampshire. They recently held an official opening for their Danesbury Meadows development on 28 October.

Danesbury Meadows sits on the borders of Ashley and the New Forest National Park. It is one of the largest new-build all affordable developments in the county, offering 40 mixed tenure properties.

Costing just over £6 million pounds, the scheme has been funded by Kingfisher, in conjunction with a £2,245,000 contribution from the Homes and Communities Agency.

The scheme is made up of 20 houses offering four, three and two-bedrooms for general rent, 15 New Build HomeBuy maisonettes and houses offering a mix of two and three bedrooms and five houses with two and three bedrooms for Rent to HomeBuy.

The event attracted over 100 business guests, as well as local residents, and was run as a joint venture with Barratts, the housebuilder and developer.

The official ribbon cutting was carried out by Cllr Jill Cleary, Housing Portfolio Holder from New Forest District Council. While the children were entertained by a bouncy castle and balloon modeller there was also a chance for people to have a tour of the new homes. Ballards School was also on hand to provide the entertainment, with students performing a wide selection of music from top musicals to more contemporary jazz.

Chris Holland, chairman of Kingfisher, who gave a welcoming speech, was enthused by the project and talked about the importance of affordable new homes in the area. Sarah Keeping, who now lives a four-bedroom detached home, noted, "It's great to have a lovely new home which I can afford where my three children have the space to be themselves. Before they were all cooped up in a small two-bedroom house but now they have their own rooms which makes my life much easier."

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Notes to Editor:

- *The Sovereign Housing Group is made up of five charitable associations: Kingfisher HVHS Housing Association Ltd, Sovereign Housing Association Ltd, Sovereign Housing Group Ltd, The Vale Housing Association Ltd, and Twynham Housing Association Ltd - plus their subsidiaries.*
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