

News release



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Kingfisher HVHS hosts benefits take-up day

Kingfisher HVHS Housing Association is holding a [benefit take-up day](#) for residents on Thursday 19 November.

The event is the first of its kind for Kingfisher HVHS which will give residents in the Borough a valuable opportunity to find out more about benefits that may be available to them, or to get further advice on benefits they are already in receipt of. Representatives from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Housing Benefit team, Citizens Advice Bureaux, the Pensions Service, Basingstoke Credit Union, to name but a few, and Kingfisher HVHS, will all be on hand to help with residents queries.

Kingfisher HVHS has its own Tenancy Support Officer who is able to offer free, impartial advice and support for tenants. This year we have supported over 23 new housing benefit applications and assisted with benefits claims resulting in back payments being awarded to residents totalling £18,000, and many incomes have successfully been increased through the provision of disability benefits, liaison with creditors and food parcels.

The benefits take-up day is being held at St Michaels Church Cottage, adjacent to St Michaels Church in Basingstoke town centre on Thursday 19 November between 9.30am and 6.00pm.

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Notes to Editor:

- *A photographer and/or reporter are invited to attend.*
- *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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