

# News release



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## **“Taking Steps” launched from Kingfisher HVHS Community House**

Kingfisher HVHS are delighted to support the launch of the project group “Taking Steps” which is to be based at the Kingfisher Community House in Branton Close, South Ham, Basingstoke.

Ward councillors and senior officers from Kingfisher HVHS (KHV) and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council joined local professionals at the launch of “Taking Steps” earlier this week. The project is a community based service which has received support and approval for funding from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council,

Speaking at the launch, Gerrie Jordan, Taking Steps Co-ordinator said: “‘Taking Steps’ is a support group for male or female sufferers of Domestic Violence. The group will use the Kingfisher Community House at 32 Branton Close, South Ham, Basingstoke on a weekly basis from 1 February. Couples and individuals suffering from domestic abuse will be able to use the service for confidential support and mediation.”

Luke Bingham, KHV’s Assistant MD, said: “We are really pleased that ‘Taking-Steps’ are to use the Community House as its base. The Kingfisher Community House was opened in March 2007 as a base where various agencies could operate to form a presence in the area. Currently the Police Community Support Officers, Two Saints Floating Support and KHV staff regularly work from the Community House supporting the local community.”

The Kingfisher Community House, which was the first of its kind in Basingstoke, is managed by Kingfisher HVHS who are responsible for its rent, repairs and maintenance, allowing it to be used free of charge by many agencies as a vital community resource.

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**Notes to Editor:**

*Photographs attached.*

- *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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*'Taking Steps' is launched at the Kingfisher Community House, Basingstoke*