

# MUTUAL EXCHANGES

**Q** How long do I need to have held my tenancy before I could be considered for a Mutual Exchange?

**A** Mutual Exchanges are normally only considered when tenancies have been held for one year, although each are considered on their own merit. Please contact the Association if you require further advice.

**FROM:** Recently decorated 2 bedroom flat in Dunollie, Oban  
**TO:** 2 or 3 bedroom house in Oban area.  
**CONTACT:** 01631 570136 or 07887 866 190

**FROM:** 2 bedroom ground floor in Port Appin  
**TO:** 2 bedroom ground floor in Taynuilt, Connel or Dalmally  
**CONTACT:** 01631 730 550 or 07810 116 165

**FROM:** New build 2 bedroom ground floor flat with garden, Polvinister  
**TO:** 2 bedroom flat or house. Anywhere in Oban considered except Soroba.  
**CONTACT:** 01631 570 472

**FROM:** 3 bedroom mid-terrace that has full gas central heating, front & rear garden and is close to shops and schools. Rent is £94. 76 Located in Farnborough, Hampshire  
**TO:** A 2/3 bed property in Oban area.  
**CONTACT:** Ms Jones on 01252 409 514

**FROM:** 3 bedroom semi detached house, large garden, 5 minutes from school, shop, in village of Salen, Isle of Mull  
**TO:** 3 bedroom house or flat in any area of Oban and surrounding mainland area  
**CONTACT:** Graeme on 01680 300 509

**FROM:** A 4 apartment semi-detached house in Ayr with gas central heating; double glazed; front, back and side garden; near all amenities in good area of town.  
**TO:** A 4/5 apartment house or similar. Oban/Dunbeg/Connel or surrounding area.  
**CONTACT:** Mr Mckinnon on 01292 269 115 or 07818 670 221

**FROM:** 2 bedroom flat in town, modern, central heating, security entrance, large rooms and nice décor  
**TO:** 2 bedroom house with garden in Oban  
**CONTACT:** 01631 563935

**FROM:** 2 bedroom, 4 in a block ground floor flat in Kinlochleven  
**TO:** 2 bedroom house with garden in Oban, Connel, Taynuilt, surrounding area or Mull  
**CONTACT:** ON 07899 810 137 OR 01855 831 147

**FROM:** 5 Nelson Road, Oban, 2 bedroom house with front and back garden  
**TO:** 3 bedroom property Oban/Dunbeg preferably with garden but not essential  
**CONTACT:** 07979 743 706

**FROM:** 1 bedroom in Nelson Road, Oban  
**TO:** 2 bedroom house with back and front door in Taynuilt, Connel, Loch Awe or Dalmally  
**CONTACT:** 07919 097 289

**FROM:** A 2 bedroom house in Dunbeg  
**TO:** A 3 bed house in oban  
**CONTACT:** Michelle on 01631 562 132 or 07776 133 165

**FROM:** 3 bedroom semi detached house in Nelson Road, Oban  
**TO:** 3 bedroom house in Dunollie  
**CONTACT:** Susan on 01631 564371



**FROM:** Refurbished 1 bedroom ground floor flat in Dunollie  
**TO:** 2 bedroom flat/house anywhere in Oban considered except Soroba  
**CONTACT:** 01631 570 877 or 01631 563 138



## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you have any questions or comments about the articles, or suggestions for future articles in our newsletters please let us know. We will do our utmost to respond to your query and/or ensure a response is mentioned in our next edition. You can contact us by letter or by phone or if you have access to e-mail please contact [mail@westhighlandha.co.uk](mailto:mail@westhighlandha.co.uk)



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## Spring 2008

### COWAN PLACE, GLENSHELLACH, OBAN

West Highland Housing Association are pleased to announce that all 17 flats at Cowan Place have been purchased under the HOMESTAKE low cost home ownership scheme and at going to print some families have taken up occupancy.

Homestake is a shared equity scheme enabling people to progress onto the property ladder who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to do so. Prospective purchasers can buy 60%-80% of the valuation of the property and will own the property outright.

Following on from the successful uptake of its first Homestake properties West Highland Housing Association plan to build more in the future.



*Ken McColl Chairman of West Highland Housing Association, handing over the keys to David MacDonald, the first owner to move into Cowan Place*

### PROJECTS CURRENTLY ON SITE

The Association currently has the following developments on site:-

<b>Scarinish, Tiree (Phase 2)</b>	4 No. 2b x 4p houses 4 No. 3b x 6p houses	<b>Glenshellach Terrace, Oban</b>	8 No. 1b x 2p flats
<b>Dalavich</b>	2 No. 3b x 6p houses		
<b>Glenshellach Phase 5, Oban</b>	2 No. 1b x 2p flats 20 No. 2b x 4p cottage flats 16 No. 3b x 5p houses		12 No. 2b x 4p flats 6 No. 2b x 4p houses 1 No. 4b x 7p houses



### AIDS & ADAPTATIONS

If you feel that your needs have changed and you require extra assistance, for example getting in and out of the bath, please contact the Association for further advice.

### TELECARE

If you or someone you know is vulnerable, has a long term health condition, is frail or liable to fall, has memory difficulties or is at risk of domestic abuse then contact the Argyll & Bute Council's Telecare team on 01546 604275 to discuss what options are available.

Telecare is a range of equipment which is linked to a response centre via a phone line. In practical terms it involves the installation of an alarm unit attached to the telephone line which can have a range of sensors and monitored wirelessly connected. If one of the sensors is triggered then someone from the response centre can talk to the client or to a nominated contact to initiate an appropriate response to the alarm for £4.00 per week. Alternatively the alert can pass direct to their carer.

# HOME CONTENTS INSURANCE

## - DON'T BE CAUGHT OUT



The Association has a Building Insurance Policy which covers the basic structure of all properties.

As this policy does not cover contents, such items as carpets, soft furnishings, televisions, DVD players, white goods and personal belongings it is therefore important that you take out your own CONTENTS INSURANCE POLICY to protect you against loss.

A competitive quote can be provided by SFHA Diamond Insurance Scheme - forms can be obtained from the associations office.

Please contact a member of the Housing and Customers Service Team if you require assistance.

## ALDERSYDE

The Association's project to build 25 rented properties at Aldersyde, Taynuilt consisting of eight 1-bedroom, thirteen 2-bedroom and four 3-bedroom units was completed in February 2008. The project was a Design & Build partnership between the Association and Lonan Properties Ltd. using local sub-contractors and design consultants.

The buildings are constructed to high space and insulation standards using modern methods of construction.



## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Croftpark, Isle of Jura

The Association's second phase of the Jura development consisting of three 2-bedroom and one 3-bedroom unit was also completed in February 2008. The project was built by TSL Contractors and was the final phase of the Jura Progressive Care development.



## REGENERATION PROGRAMME

The Association has set up the provision of an investment programme to cater for the Association's first 2 years legal responsibilities in respect of the Scottish Housing Quality Standard. The programme generally addresses the properties with the greatest amount of work needed to meet the standards set by the Scottish Executive. The work required to be carried out on the remaining properties will be programmed in subsequent years.

Tenders have been received and are being considered for the properties at 19/23 High Street - Oban, Burnside - Connel and Keil Gardens - Benderloch. It is anticipated that work will be split into separate phases with some decanting required. Tenant participation regarding the proposals is a core requirement of the Association and we intend to keep you informed of each stage in the process.

# Following the rent increase on 1st April 2008. PAYMENT BY STANDING ORDER

If you have not already done so please ensure that you notify your Bank of the change to your monthly (Standing Order) rent account.



## STAFF NEWS

The Association wishes to welcome both Catriona Macdonald and Daniel Johnstone as Housing Trainees.

We wish them both a prosperous career with the Association.

West Highland Housing Association have a long association with local charities.

As part of this ongoing commitment the Association wanted to assist Homestart Lorn – a local charity that helps families in the area. Homestart has a substantial number of volunteers but funding is always welcome and the Association is delighted to associate itself with an organization that has an enormous impact with over 300 families being helped in the area.

The staff decided to host a Wine Tasting evening earlier this year. Not only did this help to raise money for Homestart it also proved a learning experience for everyone in the subtleties of wine tasting. The Association was supported by both contractors and consultants and all enjoyed the challenge of the wine tasting as well as being able to partake in the excellent buffet provided by the staff.

A cheque for the sum of £1,032 was presented to Aileen Binner by Kenneth MacColl, Chairman of West Highland Housing Association on behalf of the staff of the Association.

Homestart is also supported by the Oban Charitable Trust.



## For the Financial Period to 31st March 2008 The Association has contributed the sum of £10,500 from funds to Oban Charitable Trust

which is a registered charity based and administered in Oban

The Trust seeks to help any organisation or group  
in need of financial support by application for funds addressed to their offices at  
Queens Buildings, George Street, Oban  
or by phoning 01631 562308/563737

Any organisation who believes that they would benefit from this service  
are encouraged to contact the Oban Charity Trust.