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HB Village Rushden Breaks Ground



Work has officially started on a brand new purpose-built supported living development designed for adults with learning and physical disabilities to live as independent a life as possible in Rushden.

The first sod of ground was cut on Tuesday (3rd November) by Councillor Kaye Rawlins, Mayor of Rushden Town Council, during the ground breaking ceremony for the project.

Claridge Court, on Wellingborough Road, is a £2.3 million development consisting of 16 apartments which have been designed in partnership with Inclusion Housing CIC and Lifeways Community Care. They are being delivered by specialist supported living developer HB Villages and the contractor is J Tomlinson.

The new development will provide a safe environment for local adults with learning and physical disabilities allowing them to live independently and give them the freedom to manage their own home, budgets and lifestyle with support as and when required.

Councillor Kaye Rawlins, Mayor of Rushden was joined by all partners involved in the project to celebrate the work starting on this progressive scheme.

Jemima Taylor, group director of development and communications for Lifeways, said: "Lifeways is delighted to be part of such an exciting and innovative development. From the overall building design to the design and layout of each individual home, Claridge Court is being developed to provide high quality, accessible accommodation that meets the needs of each individual. We value and respect the needs of each person we support and feel excited to be able to provide such a bespoke and personalised solution. The facilities, opportunities and support on offer at Claridge Court will provide each tenant with the confidence and independence to choose how they live their lives."

Barrie Westbrook, development manager of Inclusion Housing, said: "Claridge Court is set to be a fantastic example of what can be achieved through innovative partnership working between Statutory, Not for Profit and Private sectors. Inclusion Housing is proud to be part of this scheme and the best bit is yet to come; welcoming the tenants into their new homes. We look forward to working in partnership with Lifeways and Rushden Town Council in making this a valued resource for years to come."

Alastair Sheehan, development director of HB Villages, said: "Claridge Court will promote personalisation for vulnerable adults in the Rushden area. It will give tenants the choice to live where they want to, independently and in a safe environment. It's fantastic to see the work starting on this development and I look forward to returning and meeting the people who will proudly call Claridge Court their home."

Martin Gallagher, construction managing director for J Tomlinson, said: "J Tomlinson is very pleased to have been appointed to build this scheme, which is the latest in a number of supported living projects that the company has been involved in over recent times. Claridge Court promises to be a much-welcomed development and we're delighted to be part of the team creating it."

HB Villages was formed in May 2012, as a joint venture with Morgan Sindall Investments Limited, in order to deliver a pipeline of new build supported living accommodation throughout the UK. Working in partnership with Inclusion Housing CIC, care provider Lifeways and local commissioners, the trio has developed a unique model of supported living that demonstrates an innovative and commercial approach to supported living, which can be replicated nationally without the need for housing subsidy.

For further information on the Claridge Court development visit: www.choosemyhome.co.uk or telephone: 0333 202 7185.

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The Claridge Court project partners:

Lifeways is the UK's market leader in supported living services for adults with diverse and complex needs. Via its national network of over 50 offices, Lifeways' specialist services are individually tailored to support people with learning disabilities, mental health needs, autism, profound and multiple learning disabilities, sensory and communication impairments, and acquired brain injuries.

Supporting over 6,000 people, with over 10,000 trained staff, Lifeways enables service users to live more independently and take control of how their care and support is planned and delivered.

Our vision is to deliver high quality, local services to transform people's lives. We are driven by personal progress and ensure our services are individually tailored to the people we support.

Lifeways website address: <http://www.lifeways.co.uk/>

To find out more and to discuss how we can help you please contact us at referrals@lifeways.co.uk

Inclusion Housing is a community interest company and national registered provider of social housing, specialising in the provision of modern, suitable accommodation for vulnerable adults. Inclusion Housing is a not-for-profit organisation and take long term FRI leases on each development, providing housing services and long-term accommodation and solutions.

For more information, visit: <http://www.inclusionhousingcic.org.uk/>

HB Villages is the leading provider of bespoke property for supported living in the UK. It is a joint venture between HB Villages and Morgan Sindall Investments Limited. It is committed to pioneering the development of independent living and delivering suitable accommodation for the tens of thousands of vulnerable adults living in inappropriate, badly serviced and often, poor quality accommodation.

Its core philosophy is centred on the flexibility of being able to organise support around one's life, rather than having to adapt one's life around support.

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