

## News

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### Landmark property scheme for disabled adults in Leeds completed



Disabled adults in Leeds were given a major boost today as the final slab on a landmark development was laid down in a special 'topping out' ceremony.

Cornmill House is the latest scheme from specialist supported living developer HB Villages, which helps people with physical and learning disabilities to live independently in their own homes.

The sixteen dwelling scheme, on Moresdale Lane in Seacroft, which is due to open in the Autumn will deliver a safe living environment and expert support, tailored to meet the needs of its occupants. It is the first of a two part development for disabled adults.

Richard Burgon MP was presented with a commemorative builder's trowel after performing the topping out ceremony at the development.

Cornhill House was designed in partnership with Inclusion Housing CIC and Lifeways Community Care, in partnership with the city council's commissioning team, and was developed by specialist supported housing developer HB Villages and contractor Lovell.

The scheme creates a win/win situation by blending top quality supported accommodation with technology, to create better outcomes for the tenants and efficiencies to the local care budget

Richard Burgon MP, said:

"I am delighted to lay the final slab on this innovative development. It is important to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our society are looked after. I'm especially delighted to see Leeds taking a major step towards improving outcomes for vulnerable adults because there is a shortage of suitable homes for those with specialist supported living needs in the wider United Kingdom.

"I'm pleased to see the progress made at this development, which will provide a modern and safe environment for vulnerable people to live their lives independently and with the freedom to manage their own homes.

Councillor Graham Hyde, added:

"This is a remarkable addition to our local community. We are a caring community and we're looking forward to welcoming the

residents to Moresdale Lane. We have a real sense of community here in Leeds and I am proud that the residents of this new development will be made to feel welcome here in Seacroft.”

Mark Dyson, head of new build development at Lifeways said:

“From the overall building design to the design and layout of each individual home, we’ve been able to provide high quality and adapted accommodation, using the latest technology, to ensure tenants are able to live active and independent lives within the local community.”

Dale Thompson of Inclusion Housing said:

“This development is 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 Leeds City Council in ensuring this development provides a fantastic home for the most vulnerable people in the region for years to come.”

Alastair Sheehan, development director of HB Villages, said:

“We are delighted to complete our first scheme in Leeds and take the first step in delivering positive outcomes for those vulnerable people in our society who deserve the opportunity to live their lives in the manner and dignity that they and all of us deserve.

“We’re pleased to deliver this scheme with all our development partners and Leeds City Council who, in particular, have been extremely ‘hands on’ and progressive to ensure smooth and swift delivery of the scheme.

“We hope this furthers the aspirations of the Leeds commissioning team, who clearly recognise the value and importance of delivering supported living services in this way.

“This development will help tackle the issue of isolation faced by vulnerable adults in Leeds. It will give tenants the choice to live where they want to, independently and in a safe environment, with care support and technology blended in the background. It’s fantastic to have completed the development and I look forward to returning and meeting the people who will proudly call this development their home.”

HB Villages was formed in May 2012 in order to deliver a pipeline of new build specialist supported housing accommodation throughout the UK. Working in partnership with local commissioners, HB Villages along with project partners Inclusion Housing CIC and care provider Lifeways have developed a unique model of specialist supported housing that demonstrates an innovative and commercial approach, which can be replicated nationally without the need for housing subsidy.