

News

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Click [here](#) for news from Tor Homes

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Click [here](#) to look at PHA newsletters



[Volunteer Befrienders needed to help people retain their independence](#)

Kind-hearted people in Cornwall are being encouraged to get involved in a pioneering new project aimed at helping people in need. 9 May 2012



[Funding boost for disadvantaged neighbourhoods from Emily Bolitho Trust](#)

Residents from some of the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Penzance and Newlyn received some great news this week. The Emily Bolitho Trust confirmed that it would provide 25,000 funding for the Neighbourhoods Together Team to continue their work in improving the lives of residents who live in Gwavas, Eastern Green, Treneere, Roscadghill, and Penalverne.

30 March 2012



[Tenants' opinions count](#)

Residents from Penwith Housing Association (PHA) are helping to scrutinise technical products destined for homes across the West Country. 19

March 2012



[New tenancy agreements consultation](#)

What you told us... 9 March 2012



[Biscovey Nursery and Infant School visits DCH building site](#)

Three classes from Biscovey Nursery and Infant School visited Devon & Cornwall Housing's new Cedar Woods housing scheme in St Austell 9 last week.

March 2012



[Mylor affordable housing public consultation](#)

Local residents were invited to a public exhibition on Wednesday (22 February 2012) to comment on plans for 30 new homes in Mylor; 20 of which would be affordable homes for local people.

24 February 2012



[Business over breakfast](#)

Penwith Housing Association (PHA) has been hosting a series of breakfast meetings for County Councillors in East, Mid and West Cornwall. 17

February 2012



[Public views sought on affordable homes scheme in Cornwall](#)

People are being given an opportunity to share their views on plans for a new housing development in Cornwall which includes affordable homes for locals.

31 January 2012



[Joined up approach to tackling anti-social behaviour at Bodmin](#)

Organisations from across Devon and Cornwall came together to focus on anti-social behaviour within the social housing sector last week. The forum, hosted by Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group, featured high profile professionals covering a range of issues with the aim of sharing good practice and driving improvements in the delivery of anti-social behaviour (ASB) services. 26

January 2012



[Money matters to PHA residents](#)

The vast changes to the benefits system are going to have a big impact upon many people including social housing residents. Penwith Housing Association, part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group, has already expanded its in-house money management team to help minimise the effects and to help make sure residents are getting all of the help and benefits they are entitled to.

23 January 2012



[Garages available for rent](#)

Have you ever considered renting a garage? 23 January 2012



[Skills to the forefront](#)

With the aim of building confidence and improving relationships with its thousands of residents throughout Cornwall, Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group, is celebrating the success of its new learning programme.

6 January 2012



[St Keverne key handover](#)

A much needed affordable housing scheme has been completed in time for residents to move in before Christmas at St Keverne, on the Lizard peninsula. The 13 homes at Trevallack Close will be managed by Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group (DCH).

December 2011



[HRH The Princess Royal opens housing scheme in Flushing](#)

Devon & Cornwall Housing (DCH) was delighted to welcome HRH The Princess Royal to officially open their affordable housing scheme in Flushing on Tuesday 6 December 2011.

December 2011



[Bogus Callers](#)

A reminder to residents to request identification from all contractors. 8 December 2011



[PHA to host Anti-Social Behaviour seminar](#)

Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group, are to host an event which is the third one of its kind in the South West.

December 2011



[Affordable homes boost for South West](#)

The South West is set to benefit from an influx of new affordable homes to help meet local demand, thanks to a four-year agreement between a group of housing providers and the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

November 2011



[Public asked for views on homes plan as part of new gateway to town](#)

Local people are being given an opportunity to help shape plans for a new development of housing, employment space and community facilities at Redruth which is proposed as part of an enhanced town entrance.

November 2011



[Leadership years](#)

Gail Hunt, the leader of Cornwall's largest housing association has recently retired as Chair after six years of overseeing remarkable home improvements and developments for Penwith Housing Association (PHA).

November 2011



[Official ceremony marks start of new Meadow Flats development](#)

A multimillion pound housing development that has been described as a fantastic flagship for St Ives was celebrated on site next to Tate St Ives

8 November 2011



[Penzance food bank](#)

Penzance now has its own food bank which distributes food to people in need. It is the initiative of Churches Together in the Penzance Area (CTIPA) and has food donation bins prominently sited in the area.

November 2011



[Official launch of new Meadow Flats development](#)

The start of work on purpose built flats for older people at Meadow Flats, St Ives will be celebrated at an event in early November. 28 October 2011



[Fireworks fact sheet](#)

Penwith Housing Association (PHA) has produced a timely reminder about using fireworks. 27 October 2011



[Homes completed](#)

A multi-million pound project which began in 2005, has improved thousands of homes, mainly in West Cornwall; it has been completed on time and on budget by the hard-working staff at Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of the Devon and Cornwall Housing group.

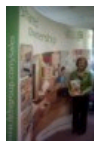
27 October 2011



[The autumn edition of Open Door - out now!](#)

The latest Cornwall edition of Open Door, with all the news stories and features you need - including some popular requests from survey feedback so far...

24 October 2011



[Find out how you can get on the property ladder](#)

Devon & Cornwall Housing (DCH) is taking part in the New Homes Show at Plymouth Guildhall on Saturday 22 October from 2pm - 5:30pm to promote affordable shared ownership homes in the South West region.

October 2011



[Get involved: Welfare Action](#)

The Government's welfare changes will push thousands of people living in social housing into hardship or out of their homes. Ask the Minister for Welfare Reform to rethink these unfair proposals.

13 October 2011



[Welfare Action Week 10-16 October 2011](#)

Penwith Housing Association (PHA) is backing Welfare Action Week by calling on ministers to rethink changes to housing benefit rules that could push many local people into hardship. Hundreds of housing associations across the country will be participating in this week of action.

10 October 2011



[Meeting rural housing need at St Keverne](#)

A wisteria tree was planted at St Keverne on Wednesday (5 Oct) to mark the near-completion of 13 homes for rent to meet local social housing need. The ceremony was planned to coincide with Rural Housing Week which aims to raise awareness of the value of affordable housing in keeping local communities and villages alive and to highlight the need for affordable homes for local people. 6

October 2011



[A Crealy great day for PHA residents](#)

A free and fun day was had by all on Saturday 24 September when around 100 residents and their families from all over Cornwall arrived at Cornwall's Crealy Great Adventure Park. The aim of the day, hosted by Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group, was to help PHA learn more about the opinions and priorities of residents and encourage them to become involved. 3

October 2011



[Residents annual report](#)

Find out how we've met the TSA's standards, our local standards and how we plan to improve in the future. It's all available here in the 2011 Residents annual report. 30

September 2011



[Affordable homes criteria in Camborne](#)

Boslowen is a brand new mixed tenure development of one, two, three and four bedroom homes in Camborne. A number of these high quality new homes, managed by Penwith Housing Association part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group, will be affordable and allocated to people from the local community who have a strong local connection.

27 September 2011



[Board members retire](#)

Three men and two women, each with a remarkable record of community service in West Cornwall have retired from the main board of Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group. Several were founder members, some 19 years ago. 26

September 2011



[Cornish Homes for the Future](#)

Investment in Cornwall and the cuts threatening the affordable housing programme were the challenging themes detailed at the Annual General Meeting of Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group (DCH) at St Ives on Tuesday 20 September by guest speaker Richard Connolly. 26

September 2011



[Recognising the contribution of our involved residents - Bob and Joyce take it easy after 20 years!](#)

Launceston residents, Mr and Mrs Bob and Joyce Sleeman, are retiring from duties having been dependable resident representatives for Penwith Housing Association and Devon & Cornwall Housing group for many years. They first started attending meetings back in 1991 so have been representing the views of other residents for 20 years.

23 September 2011



[A year of accomplishments and challenges for PHA](#)

Using the financial strength of the new two-counties housing group, Penwith Housing Association (PHA), has brought 161 new homes into its management across Cornwall during the past year as part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group. 8

September 2011



[PHA Garden Competition Winners 2011](#)

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Putt, from Penvalverne, Penzance, who recently received Penwith Housing Association's award for Best Overall Garden. PHA, part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group, holds the popular and competitive residents' gardening competition each year. 5

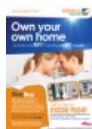
September 2011



[Court flowers award](#)

Hanging baskets, floral boxes and tubs have brought colour and beauty to the entrance area of a group of 12 flats at Launceston. So much so that Station Court has won the best communal garden category in the annual competition held by Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of Devon & Cornwall Housing group.

5 September 2011



[Your first home could be closer than you think with FirstBuy - now available at Beacon Heights, Bodmin](#)

A stylish and contemporary development of new 2 and 3 bedroom homes from Westco, with prices from just 107,600 with FirstBuy (eligibility criteria and terms and conditions apply). 23

August 2011



[Hot off the press: the first edition of our new-look residents' magazine](#)

First new-look Open Door, Cornwall edition. Thanks to all those residents who were involved in the process, we hope you're as pleased as we are with the results!

19 August 2011



[New homes are a step closer in St Austell](#)

Work has re-started on Devon & Cornwall Housing's new housing scheme in St Austell, Cedar Woods, following the appointment of the new building contractor Kier Living. 10

August 2011



[PHA fun-day at Bude](#)

A fun-day organised by Penwith Housing Association (PHA) part of the Devon & Cornwall Housing group, was a tremendous success in bringing 5 together the community and reaching younger families.

August 2011



[New homes at Mike Peters Estate, St Ives](#)

St Ives largest affordable homebuilding project for more than 30 years has been completed. The 54 homes were built by contractors Mansells for Devon & Cornwall Housing (DCH) and will be managed by Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of the DCH group. The development has been named Mike Peters Estate after a former St Ives town councillor.

5 August 2011



[Look out for our first group leaflets now on display...](#)

We're very happy to let you know we now have six new information leaflets available covering a whole range of topics, and relevant across Devon and Cornwall.

1 August 2011



[New Flats for Old in St Ives](#)

A new chapter in the history of the St Ives seascape began recently as work commenced on the redevelopment of the Meadow Flats site. Twenty former 1950s flats on the site have already been demolished and are being rebuilt by contractors Leadbitter for Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of the Devon and Cornwall Housing group.

28 July 2011



[The Coach House showcases its fantastic work to local MP](#)

An Independent Futures scheme, the Coach House based in Penzance, showcased all of its great work in helping to improve the lives of young 13 people to MP Andrew George, local organisations and staff members at a fun open day on Friday 8 July.

July 2011



[New windows - done and dusted](#)

Nearly 200 houses and flats in West Cornwall have been double-glazed over the last few months by Penwith Housing Association (PHA), part of 8 the Devon and Cornwall Housing group.

July 2011



[The revamping of Open Door](#)

New designers selected after much consultation with residents and staff alike read on for how, why and when 1 July 2011



[Help defend your right to chose direct payments](#)

The Government is proposing to remove tenants right to have housing benefit paid directly to their landlord. The National Housing Federation says that tenants deserve the choice. Visit the NHF website to find out more and to email your local MP about the issue.

28 June 2011



[Improvements in satisfaction with ASB](#)

Recent service improvements pay off as ASB customer satisfaction vastly improves. 27 May 2011



[Retrofit for the Future Diary](#)

PHA's HeatPod project is well underway and scheduled for completion in July. Read all about it in Sustainability Manager, Denys Stephen's blog. 24

May 2011



[New-look Open Door first designs](#)

Four designers have now pitched for the new-look residents' magazine. Take a look, vote for your favourite and get in touch to tell us what you 18 think. May 2011



[National Family Week 2011](#)

It's not too late for you to start planning a neighbourhood get-together for this summer! 13 May 2011



[Exciting changes coming up for our residents' magazines...](#)

Open Door is changing we are bringing our three individual residents' magazines together to create one, new and improved magazine with a 28 Devon and a Cornwall edition.

April 2011



[Young people from Foyers across Cornwall get recognised for their outstanding achievements](#)

Young people, from difficult backgrounds, across Cornwall have been recognised for their personal and academic achievements and hard-work in an awards ceremony at Truro Foyer yesterday.

21 April 2011



[Our service standards](#)

After extensive consultation with you our residents, and joint working by staff across PHA, Tor, Independent Futures and DCH, it's great to be launching our new group-wide service standards for housing. They'll be hitting doorsteps this week with the latest edition of Open Door, and there will be copies available in our offices too.

12 April 2011



[The new and improved Devon & Cornwall Housing](#)

On 1 April 2011 we created a new group parent company, Devon & Cornwall Housing (DCH), by amalgamating Devon & Cornwall Housing 11 April Association and Devon & Cornwall Housing Trust. 2011



[Tenants Handbook](#)

Issue of the new Tenants handbook 23 March 2011



[Suggestion Pays Off](#)

Phil Tregonning wins the annual suggestion scheme award. 18 March 2011



[A Toast to Carol](#)

Carol to become Cornwall's tenant representative on the new Devon and Cornwall Housing Group 24 February 2011



[Pendeen Couple Bound Over](#)

A Pendeen couple are bound over to keep the peace following incidents of anti social behaviour 8 February 2011



[PHA receive silver workplace health award](#)

Staff at Penwith Housing Association (PHA) recently received a Silver Workplace Health Award. The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly award is a county standard of good practice and a quality mark of health and well-being in the workplace.

4 February 2011



[Partnership work between young and old in St Ives](#)

An excellent example of partnership work and breaking down age barriers enabled the popular Christmas light display at Penameyne Court, St Ives to be dismantled last week, much to the delight of residents.

25 January 2011



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