

New Homes: Willow Way, Exeter



The Aim of the Development

This is a partnership project with SeeAbility to provide home ownership in a purpose built development with on site support.

Housing Association
Signpost Care Partnerships

Local Authority
Exeter City Council

Constructor
Midas Homes

Architect
Heighway Field

Homes Built
Eight Shared Ownership

Total Scheme Cost
£1.8million

Total Grant
£660,000 (Housing Corporation and Exeter City council)

Housing Needs Met
These are specifically for people with a learning disability and or visual impairment

Elaine Ponsford, sister of Robert Redding who lives at the scheme said, "Since Robert has moved into his apartment he has really blossomed and found his independence. Luckily all our family live near by so we can pop in to make sure that he is alright but knowing that personalised support is on hand if he needs it is a great relief to us...For us it's so good knowing that he is in safe hands and able to enjoy his life."

Other Information
Willow Way is an excellent example of partnership working. It has involved funding support from Devon and Somerset County Council (care), SeeAbility (manage the scheme), Exeter City Council and the Housing Corporation.

The Scheme

Willow Way is part of a larger development of 62 homes. 16 have been made available through shared ownership of these eight are specifically for those with a visual impairment and or learning disability. They are all located on the ground floor and are built to wheelchair specification.

Key Features

These include; automated door entry system, adjustable cookers and sinks, and a selection of tactile materials from smooth tiling, carpet and 'bumpy' surfaces to aid partially sighted residents with orientation and direction.

Completion Date
March 2006