

# Addressing housing needs with our partners

Featuring Lynn Wassell, Carole Kirkman, Steven Wilson & Allan Murray



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Being ambitious to take on projects which will create homes at the heart of communities is a central facet of Clyde Valley Housing Association's Corporate Plan covering the next five years. Working in conjunction with Local Authorities is key, as is working with a team of colleagues and partners who really care.

**Lynn Wassell, Chief Executive of the Clyde Valley Group**

“When we worked on our new Corporate Plan one of our values was to be ambitious. What we're known for is building on smaller sites where we can make difference within communities which are absolutely connected to shops, transport routes and services so that people feel connected to their local area. So we're very careful to work closely with the local authorities to really drill down to identify and meet the housing need, with new homes and neighbourhoods that work for everyone in the community. The type of projects we've taken on and will continue to tackle are the really tough projects. It can be difficult for the local authority to take on smaller, more challenging bespoke projects, and that's where we come in. For example, we've taken on heritage buildings for conversions such as the Carnegie Library in Coatbridge and Glengowan Gardens in Larkhall where we've been able to look at the history of that building and preserve the infrastructure while still building really high quality, fantastic homes. We have an ambitious pipeline of developments and our team and local partners are central to helping bring those homes to fruition across the next five years.”

**Carole Kirkman, Development Manager, Clyde Valley Housing Association**

“Before I came to Clyde Valley I worked for Scottish Homes who were providing the grants to Housing Associations for local authorities to build. Now I'm on the other side of the table and I'm securing Scottish Government grants via our Local Authority partners. I really love it. When you see people moving into a new home and improving their life then it can't fail to give you job satisfaction. Since 1996 we've built 4000 houses. As part of our current funding plan we've got over 500 homes on site and we're hoping to complete over 300 this year and much the same next year. It's an ambitious target and we're on the front-line of delivering the accommodation people need with the quality they deserve.”

**Steven Wilson, Managing Director of Wilson Developments**

“This is a family business based in Motherwell which has been helping build houses across Lanarkshire for generations. We've created a really strong relationship with Clyde Valley Housing Association as we share the same values. Walking into our sites every day I see a difference well-equipped properties can make to people's lives, especially when you look at the medical adaptations we're putting into many of the properties. We are currently building in Newarthill Rd, Carfin and we have a strong pipeline of projects coming up for Clyde Valley all across Lanarkshire. My business is my life, it's my family's name above the door, and I get a great deal of pride building homes which make people's lives better. It really is that simple.”

**Allan Murray, Chairperson, Clyde Valley Housing Association**

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