

# Manor Estates

## Gold Accreditation Award from Investors in People



Manor Estates Housing Association are delighted to have retained their gold accreditation from Investors in People. At the start of March, all staff were asked to complete an online questionnaire and then, over the course of two days 26/27<sup>th</sup> March, 44.2% of staff, the CEO and the Chair were interviewed by the IIP assessor.

The assessment highlighted areas that the Association should be proud of relating to an open and transparent culture, values that are deeply embedded that drive the Association's practices, as well as a strong focus on performance. Areas for the Association to grow and develop further good practice were also identified.

CEO "The Association recently celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and to maintain our gold IIP status is a wonderful reflection of the hard work and dedication from all the staff and voluntary Board members. Everyone at MEHA works hard to try and provide the best service to our tenants and that is what matters."

# Calvay Housing Association



## Long Service Award

Gail Dockrell, Senior Housing Officer received an EVH Long Service Award to celebrate an incredible 35 years service at Calvay Housing Association. Gail reflected on her time at Calvay by saying *"It's been amazing to see the growth of Calvay over the years but the relationships I've built with colleagues and tenants has been the biggest factor."*



# West of Scotland Housing Association is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





# Cloch Housing Association



## Young Talent Driving Digital Innovation in Scotland's Housing Sector

Cloch Housing Association is proud to spotlight the remarkable journey of Josh Garner, a 20-year-old digital apprentice whose contributions are helping shape the future of housing in Scotland.

Josh joined Cloch Housing Association in 2022 after winning Inverclyde Council's version of *The Apprentice*, at the age of 17. Since then, he has rapidly progressed through a Modern Apprenticeship in IT and is now undertaking a Graduate Apprenticeship in Cyber Security. His work has already made a significant impact.

Beyond his technical achievements, Josh has demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement. He led a Digital Inclusion Project at a local sheltered housing complex, supporting older tenants in building digital confidence – from online shopping and fraud awareness to using digital tools for entertainment and connection.

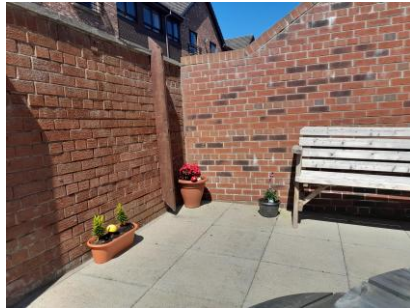
Josh is also actively involved in shaping the future of the sector. He contributes to Cloch's Wellbeing, Pension, and Customer Involvement groups, and has co-authored articles for *Scottish Housing News*. His sector engagement includes co-presenting at the SHARE Inspiring Leadership Conference and supporting IT diagnostics for other housing associations.

In recognition of his contributions, Josh was recently named **Rising Star of the Year** at SHARE Annual Conference Awards, in April 2025.





# Ayrshire Housing - Mental Health Awareness Week



Our staff took part in various activities to mark Mental Health Awareness Week.



We have recently recruited a new Community Wellbeing Officer in conjunction with Atrium Homes. Mark's role is to work with vulnerable tenants to help them to sustain their tenancies.

Mark explains more about his role in the video below:



# Member Information Exchange

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Remember to send any news, events or celebrations from your organisation to [events@evh.org.uk](mailto:events@evh.org.uk)

It will be added to the Member Information Exchange page on the EVH website



# Kingsridge Cleddans Housing Association

Kingsridge Cleddans Housing Association were delighted to host a presentation for their longest-serving Management Committee Member, John Barclay.

John has been heavily involved in social housing for over thirty years, helping to set up the Association, and has continued to serve on the Committee. In recognition of John's hard work and commitment, local member of Parliament, Patricia Ferguson, raised an Early Day Motion at Parliament. Patricia presented John with a framed copy of this as part of the celebration.

The event was attended by current and former members of the Management Committee, representatives of the neighbouring Drumchapel Housing Associations, EVH, as well as previous Directors of Kingsridge Cleddans, John Docherty and Jim Strang.

Current Director, Daniel Wilson, said:

“John has shown an exceptional commitment to the Housing Association as well as the Drumchapel community. Through years of volunteering, he has helped shape the neighbourhood and improve the lives of our tenants.”





# It was nice to see you, to see you.....





# Ore Valley Housing Association



Ore Valley Housing Association's restoration of the former Bowhill Miners Institute building in Cardenden, Fife has secured another national award. The development was a winner at the Scotland Energy Efficiency Awards 2025 in the 'New Build or Renovation Project' category.

Held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, OVHA won top prize alongside the project's architects ECD Architects for its redevelopment of the former Bowhill Miners Institute building in Cardenden, taking the building from a near-ruin to now providing 10 energy efficient homes for social rent.

*"Further recognition of this project showcases the tremendous and prolonged effort made by OVHA and our partners including Champion Homes, ECD Architects, Kingdom Housing Association and the Scottish Government to save this historic property and restore it once again to the heart of our community."*

*We extend our sincerest thanks to all involved in delivering this challenging project".*

*Nick Clark, Chief Executive, OVHA.*



Calvey Housing Association is  
celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



# Dalmuir Park - STEM Challenge



Dalmuir Park Housing Association has for years prided itself with an extensive wider role program. In 2010 it added the Pupil of The Year Awards to its already coveted program.

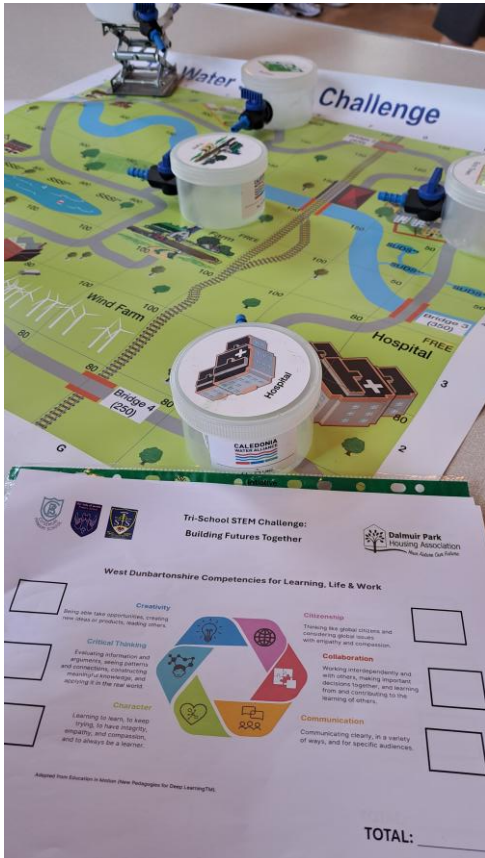
A partnership was formed with the Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel and three local schools: Clydemuir Primary, St Stephen's Primary and Our Lady of Loretto Primary to create this flagship event. Whilst successful each year the event was in the need of a freshen up and after some hard work with the three head teachers the Tri School STEM Challenge was formed as a replacement.

The event focused on the three schools 'Building Futures Together' with collaborative working, involving areas of Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM). It also focused on West Dunbartonshire's Competencies for Learning, Life & Work which included Creativity, Critical Thinking, Character, Citizenship, Collaboration & Communication.

Founder of the Pupil of The Year Awards, and facilitator of the new STEM Challenge, was DPHA's Senior Finance Officer Gary Earl. Gary said "I was approached by the head teachers with a suggestion to freshen up the Pupil of The Year Awards, and when presented with the proposal on paper I was 100% behind the idea. The idea of collaborative working between schools delights the Association and I'm sure this event will go from strength to strength".

Anthony Mayer, head teacher of Clydemuir Primary added, "It was a great day, and the children establish friendships with participants from other school. They worked together, getting water to villages and building spaghetti bridges by using their inventiveness and creative thinking. The support from DPHA, Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel and Caledonian Water has been amazing"

The winning team will be treated to lunch at the Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel prior to the school holidays in what will be a true red-carpet experience.







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