

Sir Bob Kerslake visits DCH

We recently welcomed the new Chief Executive Designate of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), Sir Bob Kerslake to a special visit in Plymouth

Sir Bob's visit included a tour illustrating the extensive work we are doing in Devonport in partnership with Plymouth City Council.

The tour featured visits to the award-winning scheme at Gun Wharf and the Vision site where regeneration of the old Devonport village, previously occupied by the Ministry of Defence as part of the dockyard, is currently being undertaken by the developers, Redrow. Our first extra care accommodation is being incorporated into this site, providing nursing facilities. This is in addition to a warden and communal areas currently available in our sheltered housing schemes, designed to meet the needs of older people and typically self-contained flats or bungalows.



Sir Bob also visited Ker Street where the next phase of regeneration work is taking place in Devonport starting with the demolition of blocks of former council flats known as the Bullring. More information is available on the [Westco Properties website](#).

On visiting the Plymouth Foyer Sir Bob received a presentation on our extensive community development work in and around social housing neighbourhoods in Cornwall working with Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change (CN4C).

The presentation focused particularly upon the Treneere estate in Penzance, West Cornwall. In just two years this has turned around to become one of the strongest communities in Penzance, PHA own and manage two thirds of its housing.

Residents from Cornwall had a tremendous opportunity to speak to Sir Bob face-to-face to explain the good work that is going on in Cornish communities through our work with our partners, CN4C and the resident led Treneere Together Partnership, said Andy Moore, PHA Chief Executive.

They were able to emphasise how creating a community is much more than just bricks and mortar but also supporting the people who live in the homes to improve their quality of life, he said.

Residents from Treneere spoke to Sir Bob after the presentation from Carol Bosworth, PHA/DCHT resident board member and Debbie Sims, Resident Involvement Officer for Treneere.

Treneere is now shortlisted for the National Housing Federation South West What we are proud of award. More information on the regeneration of Treneere is available on the [Penwith Housing Association website](#).