

About us

Circle Anglia is one of the UK's leading providers of affordable housing. With a dedicated team of more than 1,600 staff, Circle Anglia manages more than 46,000 homes and provides care and support services for over 180,000 people across the UK.

The Circle Anglia group has ten partners. These include seven registered social landlords (RSLs): Circle 33 Housing Trust, Mole Valley Housing Association, Old Ford Housing Association, Roddons Housing Association, Russet Homes, South Anglia Housing and Wherry Housing Association. In addition we have three support, care and commercial partners, who are: Commercial Services Circle Anglia, EPIC Trust and Invicta Telecare.

Our mission

We aim to provide *"So much more than just bricks and mortar"* and enhance the life chances of our residents. As well as providing great homes and reliable services we are committed to building vibrant, safe and diverse places to live and creating opportunities for residents to be involved in so much more.

Key areas for comment

- building sustainable communities
- tackling anti-social behaviour
- New Build HomeBuy

Sustainable communities

We strive to deliver improved life chances to all of our residents and have invested £2 million in developing sustainable communities. We work closely with our residents to run activities across four key areas:

- employment, training and financial inclusion
- education and young people
- the elderly
- building safer, stronger communities

From construction training centres and social enterprises to finding ways into work and programmes that tackle ASB, gang culture or Youth Homelessness, we have a broad range of case studies across the above areas.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We are committed to helping communities and tenants tackle anti-social behaviour and create a culture of respect. All our RSLs have signed up to the Government's Respect Standard for Housing Management. Individual RSLs are piloting various grassroots initiatives to help residents and the community working against anti-social behaviour; our Respect campaign started in '07 with the launch of a 'Respect Website' for residents: www.circleangliarespect.org/

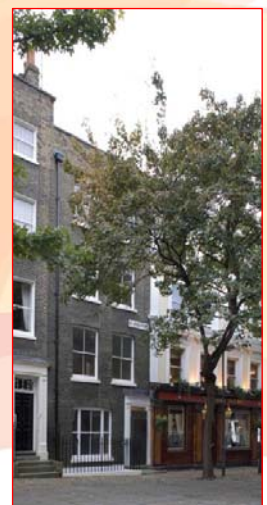
New Build HomeBuy/ Shared Ownership

Circle Anglia is helping first-time buyers get onto the property ladder with a scheme designed to help buy a home in stages, called New Build HomeBuy (formerly known as shared ownership). Initially, a customer buys a share they can afford, (the maximum share of any property that may be purchased at the outset is 75%) while paying a subsidised rent on the remainder that they do not own. Providing a customer can afford to do so, they may buy further shares at any time in the future, in order to own the property outright.

Circle Anglia builds some properties, particularly in rural locations, where 80% of the property value is the maximum that can be owned. This is to ensure that these homes are always retained for affordable housing.

We believe that it is a good time to enter into shared ownership for the following reasons:

- value of property is down
- buyers are taking a low risk if values fluctuate
- no stamp duty and incentives offered on many sales
- good opportunity to invest for the long term



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