

Tenants' joy at new homes in Seahouses, Northumberland



Ann Athey is one of several new tenants enjoying life in their new Bernicia bungalows built to replace poorly insulated old wooden properties in Seahouses, Northumberland.

Bernicia has handed over the keys to nine new homes, comprising six bungalows in James Street and three new two-bedroomed homes which have also been built in the town's Stone Close.

Construction of the properties started in May 2019 and was completed by Bernicia's in-house build team earlier this year. Ann was one of the first tenants to receive the keys to her new home.

Ann said: "I'm overjoyed that moving day is here. My new home has everything where I need it and it's much more accessible than where I live now. Getting a new house built can seem like a daunting thing to do but Bernicia has provided a brilliant service and been really supportive, making the whole process really easy. I just can't wait to get settled in."

Seahouses is a seaside community on the stunning north Northumberland coast, a popular tourist destination with a thriving centre and holiday park accommodation.

John Johnston, chief executive at Bernicia, said: “A key priority for us is to provide quality new houses where people are proud to live and it’s fantastic to see how happy our tenants are with their new homes.

“The original houses on the site were unsuitable for modern living and the outdated heating systems were very expensive to run. We’ve replaced them with brand new buildings that are energy efficient, providing homes that make quality of life affordable and that are enjoyable to live in.”

John Holmes, chair of Bernicia, added: “Bernicia is very much about innovation and this project presented a unique challenge in that there was no mains gas supply to Seahouses. Using underfloor air source technology to overcome this, our in-house construction team has done a fantastic job to provide high quality affordable homes.”

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