

Projects and partnerships

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Black Country Retrofit Wrap

The Black Country Retrofit Wrap project will improve the energy efficiency of 22 social housing properties owned by Accord Housing Association. This will be achieved through treating the properties with a range of innovative retrofit measures to bring the properties up to new build performance standards. All 22 homes will be treated using a whole house wrap using closed panel timber frame construction fabricated at our **LoCaL Homes** factory in Walsall. The insulation, external cladding, windows, external doors and ventilation will all be upgraded. Ten of these homes will also have inert salt water battery storage and solar photovoltaic panels added. This project will test the use of the LoCaL Homes products' suitability for taking older properties and transforming them into homes with new build performance standards.

For more information about Accord's work please contact Carl Taylor on 0121 442 5091.

CHARM

Accord Housing Association is pleased to be a partner in the Interreg European funded project **CHARM**.

CHARM stands for Circular Housing Asset Renovation & Management. The project aims to reduce the amount of

waste in the housing construction sector. The building sector is responsible for more than 60% of resource use in Europe, with more than 30-50% of material use taking place in the housing construction sector.

Accord will be seeking to build a virtually plastic-free house alongside meeting some challenging recycling targets in Construction. In addition we are working on some Procurement Guidelines for a Circular Economy and a Material Exchange Platform.

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LoCaL Homes

Accord made history in 2011 when it became the first housing association in the country to open a factory manufacturing low carbon advanced housing manufactured (AHM) timber homes. **Local Homes** is a timber frame manufacturer that produces high performance closed and open panel housing systems. The homes are designed and manufactured to provide flexible solutions that can be tailored to individual needs and functions. This includes everything from floor layout and external finishes, to building form and shape. The housing products are low cost to build, fast to erect, reduce on-site waste, reduce traffic movements and offer the residents living in the homes lower running costs than brick and block built properties.

Matrix Housing Partnership

Matrix Housing Partnership is a unique co-operative providing affordable housing and health and social care services. As a not-for-profit co-operative of housing associations, Matrix responds innovatively to the country's need for more affordable housing. The partnership is made up of six highly skilled associations led by Accord and includes Rooftop Housing Group, Trent & Dove, Trident Group, WATMOS Community Homes and Pioneer Group.

We collectively manage over 30,000 homes across the wider Midlands region, employ over 4,000 people; have assets of more than £1.2bn and a combined turnover of over £218m. Matrix spend annually over £19m on repairs and maintenance services, £17.5m on home improvement programmes and £46m on a range of goods and services in local and often fragile economies; stimulating growth, creating jobs and generating extra economic and social value.

Indesign

InDesign is our own architecture team - the UK's only architectural team based within the framework of a social housing landlord. Indesign blend cutting-edge design with a resident-led ethos which delivers the low cost high-quality homes that people want. We also lead the sector in developing low carbon housing solutions at the same cost of traditional homes which deliver energy savings of 50% and more. Our expertise in culturally-appropriate design means we are helping to create the safe and sustainable communities of tomorrow. [Follow Indesign on Twitter.](#)

Planning for Real®

Planning for Real® is a nationally recognised community planning process based on 3D modelling. The process allows residents to register their views on a range of issues, to work together to identify priorities, and in partnership with local agencies go on to develop an action plan for change.

Old Tree Nursery

Old Tree Nursery is our plant and garden nursery in Wolverhampton that is open to the public with a caf  and crafts retail outlet. It also provides training/employment opportunities and support to people with learning disabilities, mental health needs or those facing disadvantage due to social or personal histories. Old Tree Nursery also offers a gardening and landscaping service.
