

Excellence in Regeneration

Soha Housing has been recognised for its regeneration work in Berinsfield by the UK Housing Awards. The Oxfordshire based housing association has just been named a runner up for the prestigious national awards.

At an awards ceremony in London, Soha and BCB representatives were presented with a certificate recognising their achievement. Simon Weston, founder of the Weston Spirit charity, introduced the awards saying, "Everyone here is a winner, because you all make a difference to people's lives".



Soha and BCB Directors at the UK Housing Awards ceremony

Soha's work in Berinsfield has included the demolition of unpopular flats on Evenlode Drive, replacing them with 32 new, high quality homes for rent, and the recent redevelopment of an underused garage site. This has provided 16 new homes for affordable rent on Church View: a development officially opened by Boris Johnson MP earlier this year.

Soha also established the Berinsfield Community Business, a social enterprise which now manages around 10% of Soha's housing.

Carole Burchett, chair of Soha's Tenants Forum, attended the awards ceremony and said, "It's great that Soha have been recognised for its work in Berinsfield. The involvement of residents in the regeneration work has been the key to its success".

Carol Hall, Soha's Director of Customer Services said, "Our approach to regeneration in Berinsfield has been an innovative project involving physical and community development, as well as the establishment of a community business employing local people to deliver housing management services".