

Berinsfield Community Business



Cost-effective housing services
from a professional social enterprise.

Grounds Maintenance : Gardening : Cleaning : Housing Management



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Who are we?

We are a social enterprise, formed in October 2001 in partnership with, but independent from, Soha Housing, the main provider of affordable homes in South Oxfordshire. As a social enterprise we have social as well as financial objectives. There are no shareholders so profits are retained to grow the business or benefit the local community.

What can we do for you?

We understand housing, we know the pressures of void KPI's and we work with tenant forum and resident association members.

We provide value for money through local provision of services. We are not profit driven.

We provide a professional service. Our Health and Safety procedures are externally vetted by Exor Management Services and are compatible with CHAS, Constructionline and NHBC accreditations. We carry out a basic CRB check on all our regular operatives, whether employed by us or a partner firm. Our tree surgeons (Jenks Oxford Ltd) are accredited by the Arboreal Association and are approved by Oxfordshire County Council.

We are a social enterprise and so using us shows further commitment to community building.

Grounds Maintenance

We provide contracted and ad-hoc grounds services to local housing associations and are well aware of the increasingly demanding specifications needed to meet tenant's expectations. We also provide assisted gardening services to elderly or infirm tenants and one-off jobs including border design and replanting.

Working in partnership with specialist firms enables us to cover not only grass cutting and general estate maintenance, but also tree surgery, fencing and landscaping. Partnering firms such as Countrywide Grounds Maintenance means we can keep service delivery local and increase capacity in a controlled manner.



Cleaning

Our cleaning services are delivered by one of our partners, M&M Cleaning, who only work for us. Their focus on housing association cleaning means you will get excellent service from a team who really understand your needs.



We are experienced in providing:

Communal cleans, e.g. flats and sheltered schemes.

Void cleans: We have extensive experience in void cleaning, working flexible hours in order to meet sign-up deadlines.

"BCB has cleaned Soha voids for the past 4 years. During this time the standard of BCB's cleans has remained consistently high. On many occasions BCB's cleaners have been asked to carry out void work for us at short notice. They are always willing to take on this work and have never failed to complete it on time, even if this means working through the night to finish the job."

Lee Hayward, Assistant Director Customer Services, Soha Housing Ltd

Extreme cleans: Body fluids and dried blood may contain pathogens and all our operatives have been trained to carry out safe decontamination. We deep clean the area and are licensed to remove contaminated material for legal disposal.

House & Garden Clearances



Fly-tipping, evictions and change of tenancy are constant problems for landlords. We are a registered waste carrier and deal with all sorts of clearance problems, from small jobs to complete house clearance. We can legally dispose of needles and human waste.

As well as social housing, we also clean and clear properties for private owners and landlords.

Our objectives

Our objectives are to provide sustainable employment and training for local people, to improve the quality of services provided to the community and to enhance the local environment in and around our village. We do this by providing housing management services to Soha under contract and by providing grounds maintenance and other services to local housing associations, parish councils and homeowners.

What do we do for our community?

BCB has a long-term contract with Soha Housing to provide housing, rent and environment management services to 320 Soha homes in Berinsfield and we have been very successful in improving the living environment.

"Estate management services at Berinsfield village have improved dramatically since BCB was set up in 2002"

Audit Commission Short Notice Inspection report 2009

We built upon this contract to provide grounds services to a common standard to other landowners in the village including the District and County Councils, and expanded the business across Oxfordshire and into neighbouring counties.

Sustainable local employment is important to us. We have grown the business not only by increasing headcount but also by forming strategic partnerships with professional local businesses to ensure we can provide a range of services and maintain local service delivery.

10% of profits are distributed to village groups to help the wider community.

Berinsfield Community Business. Benefitting our community & benefitting yours.

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