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## 1500<sup>th</sup> tenant for Eden Housing Association

2007 has been a year of landmark occasions for Eden Housing Association (EHA). They celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday earlier this year, and now they are welcoming their 1500<sup>th</sup> tenants.

EHA began with 1450 properties in September 1997 and ten years later there are over 1500 homes for rent. It is not surprising that with over 150 new tenants each year, the achievement of securing their 1500<sup>th</sup> tenants should come at the end of their first decade.

It was a young family from Penrith who reached the magic number. Tracy Holloway, Paul Wright and their son Shay became the 1500<sup>th</sup> tenants with EHA and they have two of their own landmarks to celebrate too. This is their first home as a family and this week was also the first birthday of their son Shay.

Paul Davies, Chief Executive of EHA and Housing Officer Heidi Ware called on Paul and Tracy to congratulate them on becoming landmark tenants and presented the family with a bouquet of flowers and a commemorative plate to mark the occasion.

Paul Davies said "I remember welcoming our first tenant 10 years ago and am delighted that I am still here to see us reach such a milestone. It is also nice to see that our 1500<sup>th</sup> tenants are a young couple starting family life together. We wish them every happiness in their new home."

Housing Officer Heidi Ware illustrated the seriousness of the continuing housing problems in Eden. "With the rising cost of house prices and a typical home in Eden costing £208,000, the number of people registering to rent property in Eden is on the increase. There are currently 1,132 applicants on the waiting list for property to rent – most of which are families with children just like Paul and Tracy."

Eden Housing Association is currently working on a number of new developments to secure local housing, but finding appropriate and affordable land continues to be a key issue.



**Pictures: Tracy Holloway and Paul Wright with their son Shay are congratulated on becoming the 1500<sup>th</sup> EHA tenants by Paul Davies Chief Executive and Heidi Ware, Housing Officer.**

**Tracy and her son inspect the plate presented to mark the occasion.**

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### Notes to Editor

This year, Eden Housing Association celebrates its tenth anniversary. We are an established Registered Social Landlord providing over 1500 homes for affordable rental in the Cumbria districts of Eden, rural Carlisle and Allerdale. We provide a range of accommodation and services to meet the needs of young single persons, couples, families, older persons and the homeless, including specialist provision with support.

*We are keen to grow and to offer our products to a wider audience in Cumbria with a continuing emphasis on market towns and rural areas, supporting their growth and sustainability.*