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## Shap's new Supported Housing scheme ready to welcome new tenants

Eden Housing Association's £1.2 million redevelopment of the Wasdale Supported Housing scheme at Shap has been completed, creating 18 modern properties for existing and new tenants.



This complex project was initiated to make better use of the existing space, changing from a combination of flats and less popular bedsits, to 12 modern and bright flats serviced by a newly installed lift. This has made the properties much easier for residents to access and those who were relocated are now happy in their new homes - including Topsy, the schemes adopted cat.

Mary Bird was one of the Wasdale residents who moved during the refurbishment. Her original flat enjoyed fantastic views of the fields and countryside, with birds feeding from her window, but she found herself moving temporarily to one of the completed new flats whilst hers was renovated. Mary enjoyed her new location so much that she decided not to move back, leaving the flat empty for a new tenant - she says "I will miss the views, but I know it will be a lovely home for someone new."

Like several of the other residents Mary says the installation of the lift made a world of difference and as a result, the first floor flats are now much more accessible and appealing. This is great news for prospective tenants who currently have the choice of one or two bedroomed flats.

The Wasdale project also included the demolition of the warden's house to make way for three new bungalows. These were some of the first to be let to residents after the work was completed. Mary Rainsbury previously lived in one of the bed -sits, but has now moved into one of the bungalows, she said "It's fantastic to have more space and I can not speak highly enough about the support and care provided by the staff while the work was being done here at 'Wasdale'. We are very much a community and have coffee together every morning in the main communal lounge."

Mary continued "It is a bit quieter at the moment, but as soon as the remaining flats are let, we'll look forward to welcoming our new neighbours to our community. Shap is a great place to live - it's on a flat level with shops and other facilities within walking distance. There is something very special about being here."

Whilst the development is proving popular for existing residents, the scheme still has a number of flats available and Eden housing Association is keen to encourage people to have a look and see what's so different. Carolyn Greenhalgh, Housing Manager said "The

properties are now completely different to what people may have know of in the past and we are really keen to be able to help find tenants who need the support we can offer at the scheme. There is a fantastic spirit at Wasdale and I am sure new tenants will be made to feel very welcome.”

There are currently have a number of one and two bed flats still available - with bathrooms that have either a walk in shower or a bath with shower. Anyone interested in finding out about the support and properties available in the Wasdale supported housing scheme should contact the EHA Housing team on 01768 861470 or email [enquiry@edenha.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@edenha.org.uk)

**Pictures:**

Supported Housing Officer Rosemary Campbell with Housing Manager Carolyn Greenhalgh and Topsy the Wasdale cat who is the mascot.

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