

# Annual Report 2021/22

This report also contains information relating to the Association's performance against the Scottish Social Housing Charter standards for 2021/22



Our aim is to provide and develop high quality affordable homes and to maintain our commitment to continuous improvement in service delivery and the regeneration of our communities

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## Who regulates us?

The Association is regulated by the Scottish Housing Regulator. WWW.SCOTTISHHOUSINGREGULATOR.GOV.UK As a charity, the Association is regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. WWW.OSCR.ORG.UK The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 introduced the Scottish Housing Charter, which sets out the standards that all housing organisations should achieve







## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR PERSON

I am delighted to offer you my welcome to Williamsburgh Housing Association's Annual Report for 2021/2022, which also includes details of how we have performed in the last year in relation to the Scottish Social Housing Charter.



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I'd like to begin by telling you that in March 2022, we appointed a new Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Grant. Jonathan has many years'

experience working within social housing and also the Scottish Housing Regulator. We are delighted to welcome him to Williamsburgh and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him well in continuing the good work of the Association.

Despite the pandemic we still managed to progress the key objectives contained within our Business Plan. A major feature of which was the progression of our new housing building programme which saw us progress with the new 42 unit development at Albert Road, Renfrew.

While our Planned Maintenance programme was severely affected by the pandemic, we were still able to progress with many other programmes including vital tenant safety



works for fire detection.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our reported financial performance and our performance against the outcomes required by the Scottish Social Housing Charter, later in this report.

Whilst we are satisfied with our overall performance, we are also always looking for, and have identified, areas for improvement.

The charter indicators help us to target our resources correctly in order to provide an even better service to our customers.

I hope you enjoy reading our annual report and report on our performance against the Scottish Social Housing Charter for 2021/2022.

As the Chairperson of the Association, I would like to express my thanks to the other members of the Management Committee and the staff for all of their hard work in providing a dedicated service to our customers across our communities.

If you could take a moment of your time to give us some feedback on the report, it would be greatly appreciated

**Susan James** Chairperson

## About us

Williamsburgh Housing Association is a provider of affordable housing to those in housing need. We own and manage more than 1,600 homes and factor almost 600 more. We are committed to building even more housing for rent and improving the communities we work in. We are also a registered Scottish charity, which means every penny of our surplus is used to improve our homes and services and to build new housing for rent to those in need.

## **Our Vision**

To be a leading and innovative provider of quality homes and housing services.

## **Our Mission Statement**

To provide and develop high quality affordable homes and to maintain our commitment to continuous improvement in service delivery and the regeneration of our communities.

## **Get involved**

The Association is a non-profit making organisation, registered with the Scottish Government and is a recognised Scottish charity. We are managed by a Management Committee of volunteers and are always looking to hear the views of local residents.

This can be done in several ways:

• Taking part in surveys (paper or electronic)

- Reviewing policies
- Attending local residents meetings
- Joining our Management Committee

If you would like to find out more, please email admin@willilamsburghha.co.uk and a member of staff will contact you.



## **ABOUT US AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING**

As ever, our Estates Team have been out and about making improvements to keep our areas pretty places to live.





Violet Street Planters before and after



Violet Street Tree works



Overgrown bushes at 100 Renfrew Road





Weed brush work at McKerrell Street, Broomlands Lane and Love Street



## Our IT Department have been working hard to make it easier for you, our customers, to access our services, including:



You can text BALANCE to 07520 647562 to receive your rent account balance.

#### **Our Tenancy Team have also been working hard**, checking our properties, back courts and gardens, helping our new tenants settle into their homes, and also dealing effectively with anti social

behaviour.

Every one of our properties has received 6 routine visits during the year beating our target of 4 visits.



**124** new tenants received a settling in visit and a further visit 6 months later to check on them, provide advice and assistance.



Our benefits team secured a total of **£144,640** in financial benefits and grants for our tenants.

### In tackling anti social behaviour;

- we converted a tenancy to a Short Scottish
  Secure Tenancy which makes taking further action easier to do.
- We were granted an Interim Anti Social Behaviour Order against a disruptive and nuisance tenant, making eviction easier to progress
- We were also granted a Decree at Paisley Sheriff Court for another, making eviction the next step.





If, during an inspection the property is found to be unsatisfactory, further inspections will be carried out until it is found to be an acceptable standard.

## ABOUT US AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

**Our factored owners** have continued to receive a dedicated service in relation to property inspections, customer service and consultation where repair costs are in excess of £200 per owner.



### **Property Assets and Maintenance**

In very challenging times, our team still managed to:



### Total investment spent on our properties - £780,000

As we begin to return to more normal ways of life, there was an #Evolveseedhill session with artist, Indie McCue. Local children created stained treasure maps and also their own monster hand puppets. They even had a go at drawing some pirate ships and mermaids!



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As can be seen from our main financial statements, the Association's financial strength continues to be a key factor in our ability to deliver low and affordable rents whilst making considerable investment in our housing stock. The surplus is reinvested back into the Association to pay and provide for improvements to our properties and investment in the future of our housing areas.

We are pleased to report an operating surplus

for the year of £1.7m, accumulated reserves of £34.8m, net housing assets of £69.5m and net current assets of £8.3m. This level of financial performance has ensured that our financial targets are met as well as demonstrating our financial strength and long term financial viability. These results provide a strong position from which to respond to financial challenges caused by the current cost of living crisis , as well as being able to progress in our more immediate business objectives for the coming year.

### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Years ended 31st March 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021			
	£'000s	£'000s	Guide		
Turnover	8,278	8,269	Income, mainly from rents, service charges, agency services and grant funding		
Less: Operating expenditure	(6,572)	(6,789)	Deduct salaries, housing/ maintenance costs, depreciation and office overheads		
Operating surplus	1,706	1,480	Which leaves this amount		
Gain on disposal of property plant and equipment	0	0	Add the net (cost)/gain on fixed asset disposals		
Interest receivable and other income	6	19	Add interest on monies invested		
Interest payable and similar charges	(29)	(1)	Deduct interest payments on loans and other financing costs		
Surplus for the year	1,683	1,498	Leaving this amount to reinvest in our stock		
Other comprehensive income					
Actuarial gain/(loss) in respect of pension scheme	1,230	(1,682)	In-year movement in pension laibility		
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,913	(184)			

## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** at 31st March 2022 and 2021

### Statements of Financial Position at 31st March 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021	
	£'000s	£'000s	Guide
Tangible Fixed Assets			
			depreciated cost of building and
Housing properties	69,528	68,481	improving our properties
Other fived eccets	210	272	depreciated cost of our offices,
Other fixed assets	318	272	vehicle, furniture and equipment
Total fixed assets	69,846	68,753	
Current Assets			
Debtors	274	256	money owed to us
	2 475	200	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,475	209	operational bank accounts
Investments	8 0 2 0	0.204	funds on donasit
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Total current assets	11,769	9,669	
	11,705	5,005	
Current Liabilities			
	<i>(</i> <b>- /- - )</b>		money we owe to others, (due within
Creditors: due within one year	(3,422)	(2,579)	one year)
Net current assets	8,347	7,090	current assets less current liabilities
Total Assets less Current	78,193	75,843	
Liabilities			
			lease due and grant received for
Creditors: amounts falling due	(43,356)	(42,553)	loans due and grant received for building and rehabilitating our
after one year	(43,330)	(42,555)	properties
Pension - defined benefit liability	(59)	(1,425)	share of pension lability
Tension denned serient hashing	(33)	(1,123)	share of perision lability
Net assets	34,778	31,865	
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Reserves			
			reserves built up from current
Revenue reserves	34,778	31,865	and previous years for the future
			maintenance of our properties
Total Reserves	34,778	31,865	

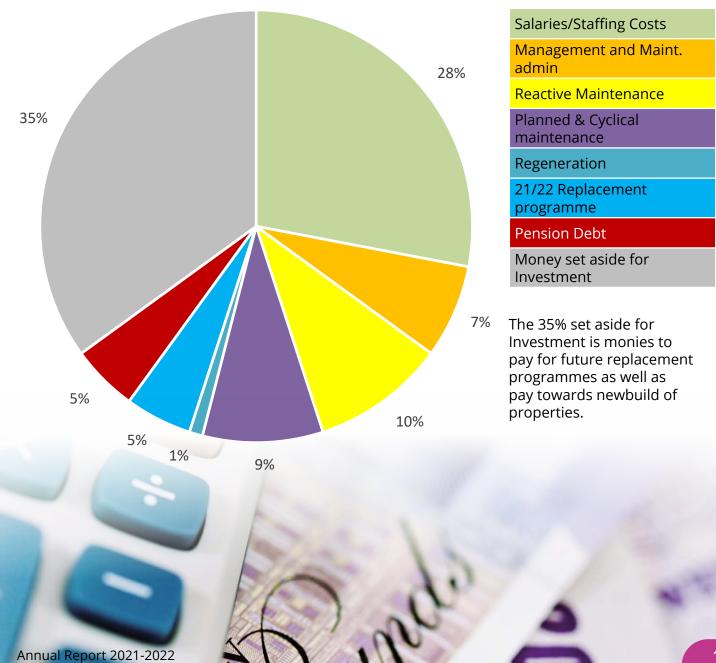
## **FINANCIAL**

# How your rent money is being spent

Williamsburgh aims to be as transparent as possible. Our annual audited accounts are available on our website. During the twelve months from April 2021 to March 2022, Income received was **£8.3m** and from this, the expenditure incurred to deliver our service was **£6.6m**.

## Value for Money

This is how your rent has been spent over these twelve months.



## **Replacement programmes**

Each year we have a planned replacement programme, 21/22 we spent £328k. In the year ahead we have planned to spend £939k as follows:

BathroomsNumbers £'s: £235,Image: Strain Strai	2022/23 21 00 £'s: £304,00 2022/23
E's: £235, E's: £235, Boilers/ Heating E's: f49.0	2022/23 21 Number: 1
	,000 £'s: £292,00
2021/22	2022/23 : 55 Number: 1
Kitchens    2021/22      Number:    £'s: £154,	

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## **COMPLAINTS PERFORMANCE**

We welcome complaints as we believe that we can learn and improve what we do and how we do it, from any complaints received.

We operate a two-stage process within the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) model "Complaints Handling Procedure". We aim to resolve your complaint at Stage 1 -Frontline. If, however, the complaint is of a more complex nature, or you are dissatisfied with the Stage 1 – Frontline decision, the complaint will be categorised as Stage 2 – Investigation.



## **Annual Assurance Statement**

Each year we publish on our website our Annual Assurance Statement. This provides assurance to our Management Committee that we are compliant with the various requirements of the Scottish Housing Regulator. We are happy to receive your comments or answer any questions you may have – **admin@williamsburghha.co.uk** 

# 2021-22 Annual Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter

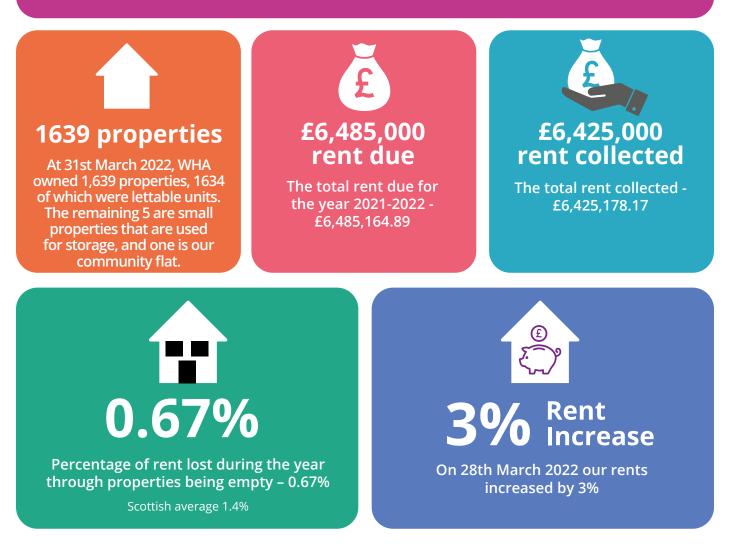
This section of our Annual Report provides you with information on how we performed over the last year, 2021/2022, in relation to the outcomes within the Scottish Social Housing Charter. It helps us to improve the quality and value of the services that we provide.

Not only does this section highlight our performance, but provides details of the Scottish Average, and for comparison information, the performance of Renfrewshire Council and our neighbour, Linstone Housing Association.

Performance information for all social landlords, including local authorities, is available from the Scottish Housing Regulator's website –

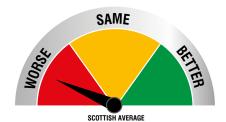
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## **OUR PROPERTIES AND RENT**

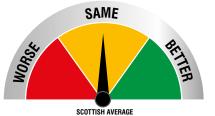


Size of home	Number	WHA Average weekly rent (£) 2021/22	Linstone Average weekly rent (£) 2021/22	Renfrewshire Council Average weekly rent (£) 2021/22	Scottish Average weekly rent (£) 2021/22
1 apt	4	£58.19	£57.93	£64.48	£75.95
2apt	788	£70.51	£74.67	£72.84	£81.32
3 apt	561	£79.55	£84.89	£82.37	£84.18
4 apt	249	£88.84	£90.82	£92.06	£91.48
5 + apt	32	£101.14	£107.89	£98.94	£100.74
Total	1634	£76.98	£84.16	£80.94	£85.36

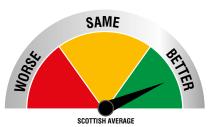
## **Scottish Social Charter Indicators**



Performance is below Scottish Average



Performance is the same as Scottish Average



Performance is better than Scottish Average

## Outcome 1: Equalities

Social landlords perform all aspects of their housing services so that:

"every tenant and other customer has their individual needs recognised, is treated fairly and with respect, and receives fair access to housing and housing services"

## Outcome 2: Communication

"tenants and other customers find it easy to communicate with their landlord and get the information they need about their landlord, how and why it makes decisions and the services it provides"

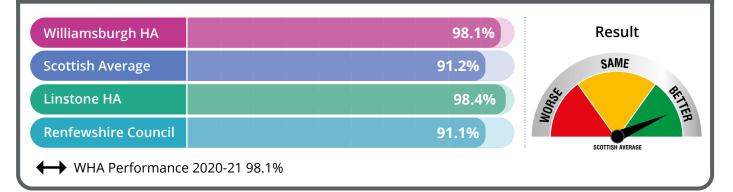
## Outcome 3: Participation

"tenants and other customers find it easy to participate in and influence their landlord's decisions at a level they feel comfortable with."

## % of tenants satisfied with the overall service provided by their landlord

Williamsburgh HA		93.3%	Result
Scottish Average		87.7%	SAME
Linstone HA		87.3%	
Renfewshire Council	82	2.4%	SCOTTISH AVERAGE
← WHA Performance	2020-21 89.0%		

## % of tenants who feel their landlord is good at keeping them informed about their services and decisions



## % of tenants satisfied with the opportunities given to them to participate in their landlord's decision making process

Williamsburgh HA	99.0%	Result
Scottish Average	86.8%	SAME
Linstone HA	96.8%	PETTER RELITER
Renfewshire Council	99.0%	SCOTTISH AVERAGE
← → WHA Performance 2020-21 99.0%		SUUTION AVERAGE

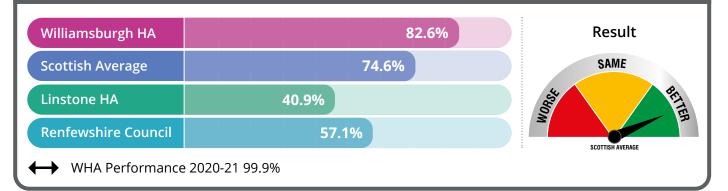
Remember...there are lots of ways you can become involved in our work....for more information email **admin@williamsburghha.co.uk** 

## HOUSING QUALITY AND MAINTENANCE

## **Outcome 4: Quality of Housing**

"tenants' homes, as a minimum, meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) when they are allocated; are always clean, tidy and in a good state of repair; and also meet the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESSH) by December 2020"

### Percentage of homes meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard



### Percentage of Tenants Satisfied with the quality of their home

Williamsburgh HA	92.0%	Result
Scottish Average	85.4%	SAME
Linstone HA	84.2%	State of the state
Renfewshire Council	79.9%	SCOTTISH AVERAGE
←→ WHA Performance 202	0-21 92.0%	

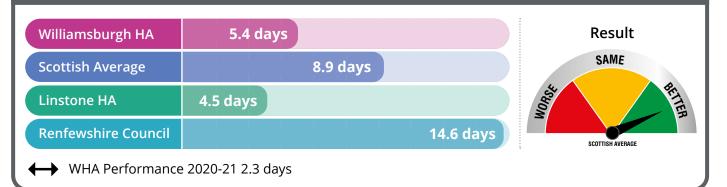
# Outcome 5 : Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements

"tenants' homes are well maintained, with repairs and improvements carried out when required, and tenants are given reasonable choices about when work is done."

### Average number of hours taken to complete emergency repairs

Williamsburgh HA	1.8hrs	Result
Scottish Average	4.2hrs	SAME
Linstone HA	1.6hrs	
Renfewshire Council	7.1hrs	
← WHA Performance	2020-21 1.8 hours	SCOTTISH AVERAGE

### Average number of days taken to complete non-emergency repairs



## Percentage of tenants who have had repairs or maintenance carried out in the last 12 months who were satisfied with the repairs and maintenance service

Williamsburgh HA	90.6%	Result
Scottish Average	88.0%	SAME
Linstone HA	90.4%	
Renfewshire Council	95.0%	SCOTTISH AVERAGE
← WHA Performance	2020-21 90.4%	SUULING AVENAUE

Percentage of reactive repairs carried out in the last year completed right first time

Williamsburgh HA	88.4%	Result
Scottish Average	88.3%	SAME
Linstone HA	79.0%	-Stoom
Renfewshire Council	85.0%	SCOTTISH AVERAGE
↔ WHA Performance 2	020-21 91.2%	

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY**

# Outcome 6 : Estate management, anti-social behaviour, neighbour nuisance and tenancy disputes

"tenants and other customers live in well-maintained neighbourhoods where they feel safe"

Percentage of Tenants Satisfied with the landlords contribution to the management of the neighbourhood they live in

Williamsburgh HA	89.4%	Result
Scottish Average	85.1%	SAME
Linstone HA	86.4%	-35800M
Renfewshire Council	87.0%	SCOTTISH AVERAGE
← → WHA Performance 2020-21 89.4%		

## Percentage of anti-social behaviour cases reported in last year which were resolved

Williamsburgh HA		100.0%	Result
Scottish Average		94.7%	SAME
Linstone HA		96.4%	Steven and the state of the sta
Renfewshire Council		99.7%	SCOTTISH AVERAGE
WHA Performance	2020-21 100%		

## **ACCESS TO HOUSING AND SUPPORT**

### Outcomes 7, 8 and 9: Housing options

"people looking for housing get information that helps them make informed choices and decisions about the range of housing options available to them"

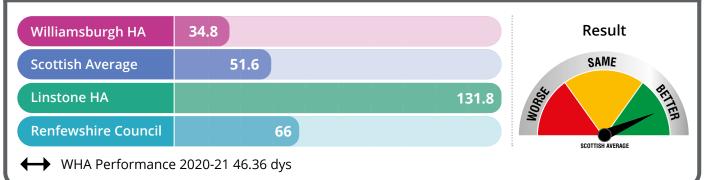
"tenants and people on housing lists can review their housing options"

"people at risk of losing their homes get advice on preventing Homelessness"

## **Outcome 10 : Access to social housing**

"people looking for housing find it easy to apply for the widest choice of social housing available and get the information they need on how the landlord allocates homes and on their prospects of being housed"

### Average length of time in days taken to re-let homes in the last year



### **Outcome 10 : Tenancy Sustainment**

"tenants get the information they need on how to obtain support to remain in their home; and ensure suitable support is available, including services provided directly by the landlord and by other organisations"

### Percentage of new tenancies sustained for more than a year

Williamsburgh HA	93.9%	Result
Scottish Average	90.8%	SAME
Linstone HA	93.2%	
Renfewshire Council	92.2%	
← WHA Performance 2020-21 98.6%		SCOTTISH AVERAGE

## Percentage of tenants who feel that the rent for their property represents value for money

Williamsburgh HA	92.3%	Result
Scottish Average	82.5%	SAME
Linstone HA	89.6%	St PET
Renfewshire Council	83.4%	-Station - Station
↔ WHA Performance 2020-21 92.3%		SCOTTISH AVERAGE

## **STAFF MEMBERS THROUGHOUT 2021/22**

### **Chief Executive**

Jonathan Grant

### Housing Management

Lesley Ferrie Louise McDonald Sandra Doherty Elaine Hannigan Suzanne McLeary Lorna Duffy Amanda McGoldrick Sam McNealy Amanda Ewing Fiona Kirk Sarah McLeod Willie McKee Karen Wilson Paula Cunningham Karen Johnstone Shaneela Afzal

Head of Housing Services **Housing Manager** Housing Officer Housing Officer Housing Officer Housing Assistant Housing Assistant Area Housing Assistant **Financial Support Assistant Benefits Advisor** 

#### Maintenance

**Owen McMillan** Jimmy Usher Gordon Russell **Julie Healy** Fraser McLean Robert McCann Maintenance Manager Maintenance Officer Clerk of Works Maintenance Assistant Maintenance Assistant Maintenance Assistant

### **Customer Services Team**

Heather Wilson

Kimberley Sweenie

Lindsay McMahon

Senior Customer Services Assistant **Customer Services Assistant Customer Services Assistant Customer Services Assistant Customer Services Assistant** 

### **Corporate Services**

Lynne Ramsay

Karen Wilson

Paula Loughlin

Helen Burns Leanne McGarvey John Kelly Roni Gallacher Deborah Quinn Gaynor Corry Lesley Adie

Head of Finance & **Corporate Services Finance Officer Finance Assistant** IT and Systems Officer **IT** Assistant **Digital Assistant** Corporate Admin Assistant Corporate Admin Assistant

### **Development and Estates**

Graham Scott	Development Manager	
Stuart Miller	Community Regeneration Officer	
Stephen Duffy	Estates & Development Assistant	
Jamie Hayes	Estates Team Supervisor	
David Reeves	Estates Team Operative	

### Staff Members who left the Association during the year

Joe McBride	Chief Executive Officer
Helen Collins	Development Officer
Bryan Dando	Community Regeneration Officer
Kamran Aziz	Area Housing Assistant
Paul Carruthers	Maintenance Assistant
Tecla Roberts	Customer Services Assistant
Suzanne Sweenie	Housing Officer

The percentage of days through staff sickness absence in the reporting year was 6.94%

### Auditors and Professional Advisers 2021-2022

### **Auditors (Internal)**

Alexander Sloan & Co 7th Floor, 180 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5SG

### **Auditors (External)**

Azets Audit Services Titanium 1, King's Inch Place, Renfrew PA4 8WF

#### **Bankers**

Royal Bank of Scotland Paisley Chief Office, 1 Moncrieff Street, Paisley PA3 2AW

### Solicitors

Cochran Dickie 21 Moss Street, Paisley PA1 1BX

Harper Macleod The Ca'd'oro, 45 Gordon Street, Glasgow G1 3PE

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS THROUGHOUT 2021/22

Williamsburgh Housing Association is led by our Management Committee to oversee, lead on strategy, and ensure good outcomes for our tenants and other service users. Our Management Committee consists of a broad range of local tenants along with a local Councillor and professionals from banking, housing and other public and private sectors.

Our Management Committee members during 2021/2022 were:

Name	First Elected to Committee	Designation
Susan James	2014	Chairperson
John Kerr	2016	Vice Chair
Margaret Symons	2006	Committee Member
Cllr. Mags MacLaren	2017	Committee Member
John Scott	2017	Committee Member
Yvonne Robbie	2017	Committee Member
Elaine McDermott	2019	Committee Member
Allison Ballantine	2019	Committee Member
Annie McLaughlin	2020	Committee Member
Craig Green	2021	Committee Member
Thomas Thomson	2021	Committee Member

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO STEPPED DOWN DURING THE YEAR

Larissa Zotova Jim Callaghan

### SHAREHOLDING MEMBERS

At 31st March 2022 we had 83 Shareholding Members.



## FEEDBACK

We would love to receive your feedback about this document. Please email **admin@williamsburghha.co.uk** headed Annual Report Feedback.

Thank you.



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