

Wayfarer prospectus

Achieving more in partnership

About us

We're driven to provide more affordable homes for everyone. We do this as an 19 strong consortium, helping each other to bid to Homes England for grant funding and supporting our partners through increased engagement with each other, with Homes England, and with external stakeholders and through increased value added services. Our reach is growing as we're helping more people move into a home they can afford across the South of England.

Wayfarer membership includes registered providers and local authorities working together making a real impact to address the housing crisis.

We've been successful in:

- Attracting funding for over 12,500 affordable homes
- Securing grants in excess of £330 million
- Maximising the skills and expertise of members to deliver more affordable homes

Support for members

Abri holds the Homes England Investment Partner qualification and manages the funding agreements and the relationship between Homes England and Wayfarer members.

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Membership benefits:

Wayfarer will work with you to...

- Manage Homes England programmes on your behalf and help to make sure delivery dates are regularly reviewed and delivery risks managed
- Make sure Homes England delivery targets are met either by adhering to start of year targets or by bringing forward more advanced schemes from the relevant programme from across the consortium
- Check members files for Homes England compliance prior to submitting grant claims
- Grant claims are submitted to Homes England on behalf of members
- Coordination of major programme bids and CME bids
- Annual compliance audits coordinated
- Provide quarterly updates to review the programme and the risks
- Wayfarer members can access Abri's consultants framework 2021-2025 which can be used to appoint architects, employer's agents, planning consultants and contractors.
- Wayfarer also has a sustainability working group for members to share expertise in improving energy efficiency and delivering low carbon homes.

Winchester City Council makes successful grant bids thanks to Wayfarer Partnership

Winchester City Council has been part of the Wayfarer partnership for five years and in that time its involvement has led directly to the authority securing £8.5 million in funding that has so far helped to support the development of more than 150 new homes.

Fully aware that Winchester is an expensive city to live in, the authority understands that housing affordability is an issue that needs addressing – especially for young people and families. It also has a particular focus on developing attractive, suitable homes for older people – with an overall ambition to build 1,000 new homes.

Securing Homes England funding has been a particularly important part of this drive, with £6 million of the funding Winchester has been awarded through the Wayfarer Partnership coming from this source.



Working as a member of the Wayfarer Partnership, Winchester City Council is able to access critical strategic advice and practical guidance that helps it to optimise the – consequently successful – bids it makes for grant funding.

Andrew Palmer, Head of New Homes Delivery at Winchester City Council, explains the vital role that being part of the Wayfarer Partnership has played in the authority being able to access funding for its ambitious affordable homes development plans:

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One example of where this funding has been directly responsible for allowing the authority to develop new affordable homes is at The Valley, where it has recently completed 77 new homes, a mixture of flats, houses and one bungalow – offered both for affordable / social rents and on a shared ownership basis.

The development has been designed to be low carbon and is as energy efficient as possible, with high levels of insulation and solar panels on all blocks, and electric vehicle charging points throughout the site.

Looking to the future, Winchester City Council has just started on site at Winnall Flats, with completion planned for 2023. This new development will be accredited to the PassivHaus low energy building standard and will provide a total of 73 new flats in two blocks and three new houses. Once again, Winchester City Council has been able to secure Homes England funding with the help of the Wayfarer Partnership.



Contact us for further information about joining and the fees involved.

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