

Community Led Housing

In the West Midlands

“I currently share a bedroom with my daughter.

I dream of playing in my own back garden with my child.

I am 29 and my daughter is 5 years old.

But the day I push my child’s swing in our garden is getting closer.

As I will shortly move into a home I have designed.”

Sarah Davies

Resident and member of Co-operative 2000





The Co-operative Advantage



Marlfield Development part of Riverside Co-operative



Different Models of Co-operatives



Co-ownership
Housing

Shared Equity
Co-operatives

Par- value /
leasehold
Co-operatives

Tenant
Management



Arguments for Co-operative Housing

Empowering people

Skills training Employment

Meeting Community Needs

High Quality Affordable
Housing

Sustainable Neighbourhoods
Community Enterprise



Healthy & Safer Communities

Empowered communities

- Residents manage and control their housing

Sustainable communities

- Low rents and mixed communities

Safer communities

- Our estates are virtually crime free

Vibrant not tired

- Dynamic caring communities with mutual care



Better Environment

Community planned

Development of the year winners

Community management

Environmentally aware

Off-Site Manufacture



Education, Learning & Skills

Training

Managing Community Enterprises

Supporting Where Next
(local charity employing people with special needs)



Economy

Major *Social Enterprise's*

Usually employ small local contractors rather than large remote service providers

Staff employed in the town

Lower rents

Recycling the pound in the local community.

