
Agencies which provide permanent housing

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Several years ago councils transferred their stock of permanent housing to local housing associations. Contact information for these housing associations in Cumbria, as well as others, can be found below. The associations can be contacted directly or alternatively, agencies such as C.A.S.S., which provide housing-related advice and support, can help in making applications.

Anchor Housing Association (for the over 55s)

- www.anchor.org.uk
- 0845 7758595

Brampton Rural Housing Association

- Tel; (01697) 72323

Carlisle Housing Association

- <http://www.carlisleha.org.uk/>
- Tel; 0800 169 3245

Copeland Homes (part of Home Housing)

- www.homehousing.org.uk
- Tel; Copeland Homes; 0845 155 0980; Home Housing (North West); 0845 60 63 033

Derwent and Solway Housing Association (part of Harvest Housing Group)

- www.harvesthousing.org.uk
- Tel; Workington; (01900) 607500

Eden Housing Association

- <http://www.edenha.org.uk>
- Tel; Penrith; (01768) 861400

Home Housing Association (Home North West)

- www.homehousing.org.uk
- Tel; North West England area office; 0845 60 63 033; Maryport; (01900) 812071; Cockermouth; 01900 823131 Wigton; 016973 44816

Impact Housing Association, Workington

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- www.impacthousing.org.uk
 - Tel; Carlisle; (01228) 633600
 - Tel; Workington; (01900) 842100
 - Tel; Penrith; (01768) 861650/ 863153

Two Castles Housing Association

- www.twocastles.org.uk
- Tel; Carlisle; (01228) 547463; North West regional office; 01228 547463
- Tel; Whitehaven; (01946) 591848

Westfield Housing Association

- Tel; Workington; (01900) 602906

However, sometimes it can be a lengthy process from applying to a Housing Association to actually securing a property with them.

This is due to the fact that they work on banding/points systems and applicants are put in order of priority; this is usually based on what their current housing situation is (e.g being homeless) and their personal circumstances (whether that may be pregnant or have medical problems that may be affected by their housing).

Private Landlords

A quicker, alternative option of housing is to rent through a private Landlord. Normally advertisements for private lets are issued in local newspapers, shop windows and through word of mouth.

Local Authority Homeless/Housing Departments also issue lists of private Landlords who wish to be contacted by those seeking private accommodation.

A Private Landlord may take a Deposit before letting a property-they retain this until the end of the tenancy-it acts as a guarantee in case any damage is incurred on the property. If all is satisfactory at the end of the Tenancy then the Deposit will be returned. However, if the Landlord feels there is good reason they may keep the Deposit to cover any costs of work they may have to do to get the property back to its initial state.

The DIGS (Deposit Guarantee Scheme) is available to help people with a Deposit-specifically those who are on a low income from employment or just a benefit income.

For West Cumbria DIGS can be contacted on 01946 694166.

Letting Agents

Some Private Landlords use Letting Agents who advertise and manage their properties-this is generally because they have a large amount of properties to let.

When applying for a property through a Letting Agent applicants are asked to pay a fee for checks to be carried out on them to determine whether they will be accepted as a Tenant. These fees vary depending on the Company and the checks normally look into a persons Housing history and financial circumstances.

Below are details of various Letting Agents across Cumbria:

Adrian Windridge

Cockermouth Office - 01900 821812 / Whitehaven Office – 01946 590550

www.adrianwindridge.co.uk

Belvoir

Cockermouth Office – 01900 823659

www.belvoirlettings.com

Bulman Properties

01228 819888

www.bulmanproperty.co.uk

Butterworths

Carlisle Office - 01228 538139

Penrith Office – 01768 868989

www.butterworths-solicitors.co.uk

Cumbrian Properties

Keswick Office – 017687 73066

Wigton Office – 016973 49771

www.cumbrian-properties.co.uk

Dinah's Letting Shop

Cockermouth Office - 01900 829249

Edwin Thompson

42 St Johns Street, Keswick – 017687 72988

9 College Road, Windermere – 015394 48811

www.edwin-thompson.co.uk

Grisdales Estate Agents

Cockermouth Office – 01900 829977 / Workington Office – 01900 605544

www.grisdales.co.uk

Hopes Estate Agents

High Street, Wigton – 016973 43641

Mitchells

Cockermouth Office – 01900 827292

Reeds Rains

Cockermouth Office – 01900 825114

www.reedsrains.co.uk

Smeatons

Maryport Office – 01900 812091

Workington Office – 01900 606007

Cockermouth Office – 01900 824305

www.smeatons-uk.com

The Letting Centre Carlisle Ltd

01228 819333

www.lettingcentrecarlisle.co.uk

YAS Properties-Jackie/Bobby

01900 608149

