



Local Housing for Local People: 'Our new house is like a dream come true – we feel like we are on holiday!'



In 2012/2013 360 dwellings were completed in Test Valley in the form of Social Rented, Shared Ownership, Discount Sale and First Buy; significantly more than the 200 dwelling target! The Housing Development team went to visit the Heaton family who have recently moved into their Social Rented home at Junction Road in Andover.

Sonia and Justin and their four children have settled in well into their bright and airy four bedroom house. They moved from a three bedroom house in Andover – the children now have larger bedrooms and a bigger garden to enjoy.

Moving to Junction Road has been like a dream come true for the Heaton family who have always lived in Andover. Moving to this property has enabled the children to remain at the same schools and for Justin to have a shorter commute to work.

The couple found the process of bidding for a property on Hampshire Home Choice an easy one and described their experience as *'a personal service with all our needs catered for'*. They would recommend joining the housing register to anyone in housing need– the couple really felt that there was always support on hand from the housing allocations team at Test Valley Borough Council and also from the Registered Provider, Radian who have ensured that the move was as stress free as possible. The whole family are enjoying their new home and said that it was *'like a dream come true'*.

Portfolio Holder for Housing and Environmental Health, Councillor Sandra Hawke, commented that 'it is really good to see the council working closely with Radian to develop larger family housing as there is the need for this type of accommodation across the borough'.

If you would like any further information about housing options or Hampshire Home Choice and bidding for a property in Test Valley please contact the housing team at the council.

If you would like further information in relation to the latest housing developments in Test Valley or details of how the council are working to increase the number of affordable dwellings for local people please contact the council and ask to speak to the Housing Development Officer.

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