



Working to meet Shropshire's Accommodation Needs

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Shropshire HomePoint?

Shropshire HomePoint is a Choice-Based Lettings Scheme, a partnership between Shropshire Council and the Shropshire Housing Group, consisting of Meres and Mosses Housing Association and South Shropshire Housing Association.

The scheme is responsible for managing the Housing Register for Shropshire (excluding Telford and Wrekin) and advertises the available affordable housing properties of the partnership and the county's leading housing associations such as Severnside Housing.

What is Choice-Based Lettings?

Choice-Based Lettings is a simpler and easier way to allocate affordable housing by advertising available properties weekly and allowing applicants to choose for themselves those they would like to apply for. Rather than having to register with each landlord individually, there is just the Shropshire HomePoint application to complete.

How does it work?

Those wishing to apply for affordable housing need to complete an application form and are assessed according to their level of housing need. Rather than using traditional complicated points there are now 4 levels called bands. The highest band is Priority, then Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Applicants apply weekly for properties they are interested in. The property cycle runs from a Thursday to the following Tuesday. Once the cycle has ended a shortlist is formed of everyone interested in the property which is automatically ranked by band and length of waiting time. Successful applicants will be those in the highest band that have waited the longest and are eligible for the property. The Landlord and not Shropshire HomePoint allocates the property.

What is the housing situation like in Shropshire?

Shropshire HomePoint advertises around 25 properties per week and on average receives 55 bids (expressions of interest) per property. The number of applications on the Housing Register changes daily but is approximately around 6,000.

With the demand for properties far outstripping the supply, Shropshire HomePoint strongly recommends everyone carefully considers all of the housing solutions available to them.

Where can I get more information about Shropshire HomePoint?

If you would like further information you may like to look up the Shropshire HomePoint website or alternatively ring and speak to an adviser.

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