

**Client:** Sheffield City Council  
**Value:** Undisclosed  
**Location:** Sheffield  
**Completion:** 2023



# Multi family living

## Buchanan Green retirement village



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# State-of-the-art retirement community for the over 60s

With an ageing population, more and more people are looking to retirement living options to ensure they receive care and comfort in later life.

Understanding the need to deliver homes designed specifically for older people in the city, Sheffield City Council appointed United Living New Homes to provide an affordable, attractive development for independent living that meets older people's aspirations.

## Creating homes and facilities for residents to enjoy

As part of the second phase of its first council housing project in more than 30 years, our experienced retirement living team delivered 122 Old Persons Independent Living (OPIL) 1&2-bed apartments and 18 learning disability bungalows for social rent.

Buchanan Green offers spacious, modern living for the over 60's, with the latest assistive

technology to promote independence. Built to Housing for an Ageing Population Panel for Innovation (HAPPI) and Extra Care Housing design standards, the development includes wheelchair-accessible units as well as a café, multi-purpose communal rooms, residents lounge and guest accommodation offering a sense of community with many opportunities to socialise with like-minded people.

## Green and sustainable

To help Sheffield City Council reduce its carbon footprint, we created an energy-efficient community, which existing and future residents will benefit from. There are 2 central courtyards and plenty of green outdoor space for gardening and socialising, recycling facilities, electric car charging points and bicycle storage.



# Design development and cost certainty

The scheme required extensive design development and option appraisal during the pre-construction stage to align with the client's budget.

We, therefore, led a series of collaborative open-book design meetings with the design team and Sheffield City Council. After careful consideration of traditional and modern methods of construction, a conventional load-bearing brick and block build solution was chosen.

To ensure total cost transparency in developing the design, we employed a project management company to carry out the budget consideration to ensure all factors were considered, independent of ourselves, giving comfort to the client that the scheme was achievable within budget.

## Delivering social value

People are at the heart of what we do, and we look to create a lasting positive legacy in the communities in which we operate. As part of our social value commitments on the development, we delivered a careers workshop with Sheffield Park Academy and provided work experience/apprenticeship opportunities for young people in Sheffield.



As a Council we appreciate the high demand on housing across the city and are determined to see the number of both private properties and social housing increase. Housing is an important part of our new city-wide Council Plan, and we are delighted to see projects like this completing by working with partners such as United Living which allows us to move towards our goals in these areas.

Projects like this provide purpose-built homes for older residents in our community. We hope those who are now going to be moving in to this development enjoy living in our fine city for many years to come.

Councillor Douglas Johnson, Chair of the Housing Committee, Sheffield City Council



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