
Housing Options



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Information regarding Housing Associations

The Scottish Federation of Housing Associations website has a list of members and their contact information that can be found at www.sfha.co.uk

By clicking through the links provided on the web pages you can access individual Housing Association websites that provide more detail about stock levels and how to make an application.

Many Housing Associations prefer applicants to present in person to their offices for a housing options interview when your circumstances will be discussed and a Housing Officer can provide detailed information regarding the likelihood of accessing housing through a Registered Social Landlord.

Housing Associations with stock in East Dunbartonshire

Antonine Housing Association, 3 Cowgate, Kirkintilloch, G66 1HW 0141 578 0260
Properties in Hillhead, Harestanes, Torrance, Milngavie and Bishopbriggs.

Hillhead Housing Association, 2 Meiklehill Road, Kirkintilloch, G66 2LA 0141 578 0200
Properties in Hillhead

Caim Housing Association, 15 North Claremont, Glasgow, G3 7NR 0141 353 1944
Properties in Kirkintilloch

CUBE Housing Association, 70 Glenfinnan Road, Glasgow, G20 8JX 0800 027 3456
Properties in Milngavie, Lennoxton, Kirkintilloch

LINK Housing Association, Callender Business Park, Falkirk, FK1 1XR 03451 400 100
Properties at Kirkintilloch and Bishopbriggs

Beild Housing Association, 7 Eagle Street, Glasgow, G4 9XA 0141 331 2686
Properties for older applicants

Hanover Housing Association, 345 Govan Road, Glasgow, G51 2SE 0141 553 6300
Properties for older people

Clyde Valley Housing Association, 50 Scott Street, Motherwell, ML1 1PN 01698 268855
Properties in Kirkintilloch

Key Housing Association, 74 Townhead, Kirkintilloch, G66 1NZ 0141 775 0727
Specialist supported housing

Castle Rock Edinvar, 1 Hay Avenue, Edinburgh, EH16 4RW 0131 657 0600
Small number of properties in East Dunbartonshire

Affordable Housing Options

Other 'affordable housing' options may be available in your local authority area for those on modest incomes please ask Housing staff about these or check the council website on www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk

If you are a current tenant of a social landlord and are looking for a **mutual exchange** option in East Dunbartonshire you will find further information at www.homeswapper.co.uk

The Homeswapper website allows you to filter housing matches by location, home features, local amenities and urgency (how soon you require a house).

Housing Associations close to East Dunbartonshire areas

NG Homes, 50 Reidhouse Street, Springburn, G21 4LS	0141 560 6000
Milton Community Homes, 450 Ashgill Road, G22 7HJ	0141 287 3400
Loretto Housing Association, 170 Crown Street, G5 9XD	0800 952 9292
Faifley Housing Association, Lennox Drive, G81 5JY	01389 877 924
Clydebank Housing Association, 77-83 Kilbowie Rd, G81 1BL	0141 941 1044
Knowes Housing Association, 10 Field Road, G81 5BX	01389 877 752
North Lanarkshire Council, Cumbernauld Office	01236 632 726
North Lanarkshire Council, Kilsyth Office	01236 828 120
North Lanarkshire Council, Moodiesburn Office	01236 638 888
Glasgow Housing Association, 173 Trongate, G1 5HF	0800 479 7979
Maryhill Housing Association, 45 Garrioch Road, G20 8RG	0141 946 2466
West of Scotland HA, 40 Barrowfield Road, G40 3QH	0141 550 5600
Trust Housing Association, 174A Drymen Rd, G61 3SG	0141 943 0884
Queens Cross HA, 45 Firhill Road, Glasgow, G20 7BE	0141 945 3003
Partick Housing Association, 10 Mansfield St, G11 5QP	0141 357 3773

You may also wish to register online with the following ‘choice based lettings’ websites where Housing Associations advertise available properties on a weekly basis. For more information on this allocations system please contact the Housing Association direct.

www.Home-finder.org.uk

This site allows you to search the following landlords for available properties:
GHA , CUBE, Lowther Homes, Lorretto & West Lothian Partnership

When you find a property you like, you’ll need to note interest in it. You need to do this before the weekly deadline of 8pm every Monday.

www.Homehunt.info

This site allows you to search the following landlords for available properties:
Borders Choice Homes, Castlerock Edinvar, Elha.com, Homes for Life, LINK HA, Castlehill & Ochil View

Once you have submitted your registration to Homehunt you can apply for a ‘priority pass’ if you feel you are eligible. Your application will be assessed and approved by your chosen lead landlord and you will receive confirmation that your registration is live. Then you can search for available properties.

You may search and apply for more than one property at a time however you will not be offered more than one property at any one time.

Once the closing date has ended expressions of interest are compiled into a shortlist then an offer is made to the applicant that best meets the criteria set by the landlord.

Many Housing Associations have moved towards a ‘Housing Options’ approach.

This means that staff will wish to discuss their stock portfolio and the likelihood of housing in particular areas. You may be invited to an interview when you apply for housing to discuss your circumstances and your housing requirements.

Strathkelvin Credit Union

Strathkelvin Credit Union is a financial co-operative owned, controlled and operated by its members and is an excellent way to save money.

The Credit Union is open 11am – 3pm, Tuesday to Saturday and is based at:

3 Catherine Street, Kirkintilloch, G66 1JB

For more information contact **0141 776 6446**

Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme

The scheme helps people receiving benefits and /or on a low income with a written guarantee up to an agreed sum to landlords, in place of a cash deposit against damage. **Not all landlords, however, are willing to accept this.**

Eligible candidates must be: 16 years or over

Homeless/ threatened with homelessness

On a low income/benefits

Capable of living independently

(N.B. Candidates between 16-34 years should be aware that the ‘Single Room Rent’ restriction applies and therefore, will not receive full housing benefit to cover rent costs).

The Rent Deposit Guarantee can only be issued in relation to properties that fall within the local housing allowance amount and are therefore affordable.

Further information about local housing allowance rates can be found at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Once referred to the scheme the Rent Deposit Officer will contact private landlords regarding available properties before contacting the claimant.

For further information on the Scheme please contact Julie (0141 578 2133) or pick up a leaflet from our Milngavie/Kirkintilloch offices.

Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)

You may be able to get a DHP if you are on benefits or a low income and can prove that you have no other means of obtaining the money for rent in advance.

Applications can be found at the Council Hub, William Patrick Library, 2-4 West High Street, Kirkintilloch, G66 1AD.

You must state on your application why you are applying for a DHP, details of the property you are looking to move to and contact details for the landlord/letting agent. It is also helpful to outline a brief description of your circumstances, any health problems/addiction issues and that you are currently working with the homelessness team.

DHP applications are awarded entirely at housing benefits discretion based on the applicant's circumstances.

Budgeting Loan

You may be able to get a Budgeting Loan if:

- You have been getting Income Support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Pension Credit or payment on account of one of these benefits or entitlements for at least 26 weeks.

Please note that Budgeting Loans have to be paid back but they are interest free.

Savings:

If you or your partner are under 60, savings of more than £500 may affect the amount of money you get.

If you or your partner are over 60, savings of more than £1000 may affect the amount of money you get.

A payment for a loan, if you already owe more than £1000, cannot be made. Furthermore, a loan cannot be paid for expenses of less than £30.

For more information please contact the Hub at William Patrick Library as detailed above or you may wish to call 0300 123 4510 to enquire about eligibility for grants/loans from the Scottish Welfare Fund.

Letting Agents based in Kirkintilloch

Homesbook, 111 Cowgate, Kirkintilloch, G66 1JD	0141 776 4494
Countrywide, 43 Townhead, Kirkintilloch, G66 1NG	0141 432 1087
Town & Country, 90 Kirkintilloch Road, G66 4 LQ	0141 776 5566
R&G Estate Agents, 57 Townhead, Kirkintilloch, G66 1NN	0141 57 8 4100
CODA Estates, 2 Heath Avenue, Kirkintilloch, G66 4LG	0141 775 1050
Morton & Creevy, 2 Freeland Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1ND	0141 776 5222

Letting Agents Based in Bearsden/Milngavie

Northwood, 43 Milngavie Road, Bearsden, G61 2DW	0141 942 2200
G&S Properties, 50 Drymen Road, Bearsden, G61 2RH	0141 942 9090
Gordon Shields, 44 Main Street, Milngavie, G62 6BU	0141 956 2251
Century 21, 35 Douglas Street, Milngavie, G62 6PE	0800 849 4021

Letting Agents Based in Bishopbriggs

Nixon, 32-34 Kirkintilloch Road, Bishopbriggs, G64 2 AL	0141 772 1024
Premier Let, 124B Kirkintilloch Road, Bishopbriggs, G64 2AB	0141 772 7766

This is not an exclusive list of Agents that operate in East Dunbartonshire. Agents will have properties in other areas that you may wish to consider.

Useful websites for Private Rented Housing

www.easyroommate.com

www.gumtree.com

www.flatmateclick.co.uk

www.spareroom.co.uk

www.gspc.co.uk

www.propertyfinder.com

www.s1homes.com

www.lettingweb.com

www.rightmove.co.uk

www.citylets.co.uk

Single Rooms to Rent

www.easyroommate.com

www.gumtree.com

www.flatmateclick.co.uk

www.spareoom.co.uk

You can carry out a public search to enquire whether a Landlord is registered with a Local Authority online at

www.landlordregistrationscotland.gov.uk

You will require the full address and Postcode of the property to undertake a search on this website.