



Gainsborough community celebrates housing scheme launch

People living in Gainsborough joined the celebrations to mark the launch of a new housing development in the town, which was officially opened by the Chairman of West Lindsey District Council, Councillor Peter Heath.

The opening of the scheme also marked the completion of Acis' 500th new home and brought the total number of homes owned by the association to 5,000.

The £2million scheme was part funded with a grant from the former Housing Corporation - now known as the Homes and Communities Agency - to meet a growing demand for new homes for affordable rent.

John Jenkinson Close is named after a former chairman of Acis Group in recognition of his outstanding contribution made to affordable housing in West Lindsey.

Acis, which has properties for affordable rent across three counties, worked in partnership with Lincolnshire-based construction company, Lindum to create the development.

The close has 21 homes – 18 bungalows available for rent and three bungalows available for purchase on a shared ownership basis. The new development has been built on a site, which was originally home to a block of maisonettes and flats that had been empty and subject to vandalism.

Chief Executive of Acis, Valerie Waby, said: "The opening of John Jenkinson Close is an important milestone for us. We now have 5,000 homes across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire. This new development is right at the heart of the community and demonstrates our commitment to providing high quality, affordable homes for our customers. "

This week work started on another new housing development in Gainsborough. Thanks to £3million funding from the Homes and Community Agency, along with

a further £4.5million investment from Acis, work has begun on the creation of 74 new homes in Park Springs in Gainsborough. The new development will be a mix of two, three and four bedroom houses, flats and bungalows. They will be available for rent, shared ownership and intermediate market rent where customers can rent now and buy later.