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**Wythenshawe**  
Community Housing Group



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## We want a tenant or customer to join our Board - and that could be you!

As a resident in one of our homes, you could bring your knowledge of our local community to the board room. We are looking for someone who understands what it's like to live in Wythenshawe's rich and diverse community. Someone who knows the everyday issues our tenants face, and can help us focus on making positive changes for our local residents.

Wythenshawe has many great things we are very proud of: the spacious green environment, a strong community spirit, good transport links and lots of local employers. But we recognise there are high levels of poverty and poor health issues within our communities. So, there's still a lot of work to do and as our new Board member you could make a real difference.

We don't expect you to know all the answers. But you'll need to be a good listener and have an open mind. You must also be ready to ask questions and to learn more about WCHG, our customers and communities - and we will pay you £5,500 a year!

Whatever skills you have, whether you are working or you are at home caring for your family – if you have the desire to help our community and a willingness to be curious, then you might just be the person we're looking for. Thank you for taking the time to find out more about this role and good luck!

**Nick Crofts,**  
Chair of Wythenshawe Community Housing Group





## About us

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We have a huge presence in Wythenshawe, managing almost 14,000 homes. In fact, we're one of the largest housing providers in Greater Manchester. But providing homes is only part of what we're trying to achieve.

We want to make a positive difference to people's lives and offer them the support and guidance they need. That's why we work in partnerships to deliver community centres and youth services, where people can come together and enjoy beneficial experiences. We help people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, and offer training and support for the long-term unemployed and those seeking better quality work.

As a large employer, we encourage local people to work with us, so we're financially supporting our communities. We're also proud to be an inclusive employer, and believe that our people and our Board should represent the rich and diverse neighbourhoods we work in.

Our Corporate Plan outlines our business goals and maps out how to achieve them, and focuses on creating safer, healthier communities:



There's a shortage of affordable homes, and we want to put this right. We aim to build 200 new homes each year that charge affordable rent.



We want our communities to enjoy a good quality of life. We'll support this by talking to residents about what they need, and creating partner and community programmes for people to get involved in.



We want our tenants' homes to be great places to live in, so we'll improve the safety and quality of our housing and make improvements to our estates.



Internally, we'll implement better ways of working to ensure we provide the best and most efficient service for our tenants.

You can read more about our Corporate Plan [here](#)

# Who is on the Board of WCHG?

The Board is made up of a group of people who are dedicated to WCHG and the community we serve. The Board provides leadership and makes decisions to ensure we provide good quality homes and services to tenants, and create safer and healthier communities.



## You

A WCHG resident, represents the voice of our diverse tenant population, confidently communicates their needs and issues, and is passionate about making positive change.

## Nick Crofts

Chair of the Board, leads a charity and wants WCHG to deliver long-lasting change in Wythenshawe.

## Tony Bell

Grew up in Wythenshawe, passionate about the social housing sector, and wants WCHG to maximise social housing.

## Dave Nuttall

Runs a local Wythenshawe charity and strongly believes in equality for all people in the community.

## David Walker

Bishop of Manchester, enjoys serving the people of Wythenshawe through the vision of WCHG.

## Sarah Russell

Lawyer and local councillor, interested in developing Wythenshawe's community, economy and the local environment.

## Tahir Idris

Works for a housing association and wants to drive positive change for the local community, tenants and residents.

## Michelle Gregg

Lives locally and is committed to ensuring excellent service delivery for WCHG's customers.

## Nigel Sedman

Works for a housing association and enjoys working with customers to improve neighbourhoods and communities.

## Sam Wilson

Works within digital technology and wants to help people use information systems and data to make more informed decisions.







# What does a Board Member do?

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Board Members work together to ensure that we deliver our promises to residents and the local community, and that we spend the rent we receive wisely.

## We are looking for someone who:

- understands what it's like to live in Wythenshawe's diverse community
- is passionate about making positive changes for our customers and communities
- is willing to share their valuable insights into tenant needs and issues
- is a team player and a good listener with an open mind
- is happy to contribute to Board discussions and decisions
- has the confidence to ask questions

## As a Board member you will:

- help shape what we do by using your experience as a WCHG customer
- work with other Board members to set objectives and agree how to meet them
- monitor WCHG's performance and ensure we meet our obligations to residents and the local community
- complete training and read Board papers to gain a thorough understanding of WCHG and the role

## We will provide:

- training and support to ensure you do the job successfully
- payment – Board members are paid £5,500 a year

## How much time does it take?

- Between 2 and 3 days a month - you will need to attend Board and committee meetings which are held monthly. You will also need to spend time preparing for meetings and attending training events

To find out more information:

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## How to apply:

Please email [board@wchg.org.uk](mailto:board@wchg.org.uk) telling us why you'd like to become a Board member and what you hope to achieve. You may include a CV if you wish. Make sure you give us your full name and contact details so we can get in touch. The closing date is **Monday 15th August 2022.**