



**Social housing for over 60's:  
helping you choose the right  
home**



our care comes from the heart

# About us

BCOP is a charity and registered social housing provider in Birmingham. Since 1946 we've been supporting and caring for older people through our sheltered housing, independent living housing schemes and nursing homes.



## Types of housing we offer

Flats and bungalows

Mostly one bedroom properties, with a small number of two bedroom properties.

All our properties have

- 24 hour alarm call systems
- buildings and grounds maintained by our own BCOP team
- All homes are close to local shops, public transport and community facilities, offering easy access to everyday essentials.

## What's the difference between sheltered housing and independent living?

In sheltered housing, we have a team of housing and support staff who enable residents to manage things like rent or bills and to support them with applying for relevant state benefits. Sheltered housing schemes have communal spaces such as lounges, kitchens and laundry rooms. We organise activities and have resident coffee mornings. Our housing staff work with residents to create a support plan, identifying where they may have lower satisfaction with a particular area of life. The staff then support residents to build a plan of actions that improves satisfaction and independence.

Our independent living housing schemes have no on-site staff, and residents manage their own lives and routines.

## Who is eligible for our housing?

People aged over 60, or over 55 with disabilities, who have a local connection to Birmingham

Applications are assessed according to medical, social and housing needs, with those in greatest need being given priority



## How to I apply?

You can apply directly to BCOP online or download an application form from our website, [www.bcop.org.uk](http://www.bcop.org.uk), or you can request a printed copy of the form from us on 0121 451 1140.

## Our partnerships

BCOP housing operates in partnership with **Birmingham City Council** under a formal nominations agreement. This means that some BCOP homes are made available to applicants from the Council's **Birmingham Choice** housing register — the city's official route into social housing. We recommend that you register with Birmingham Choice as this gives you access both to our accommodation and to many other Housing Associations.

As a Registered Provider, we welcome referrals through Birmingham Choice alongside direct applications, ensuring a fair and transparent process for older people seeking quality, secure homes.

## How does BCOP allocate properties?

As a social landlord, we prioritise applications from people in the greatest housing need.

Our application form asks you about your medical, social and housing circumstances, which help us to check if you're eligible. You'll be required to provide evidence of your medical condition and financial situation. If there are no available properties, you'll be put onto our waiting list. You can read our full housing allocation policy on our website.

## How do I arrange a viewing?

If BCOP offer you a property we can arrange a viewing with our housing team. If you're unsure whether a property would be right for you, please contact us and we'll be able to help you. You will need to say which accommodation you'd like on your application form.



## Can I choose where I want to live?

Although we can't guarantee to give you your first choice of housing, we'll do our best to meet your preferences, according to suitability and availability.

You'll need to think about any mobility issues you have, the area you want to live in and whether you have support needs (or would benefit from help with certain aspects of your life).



## Our sheltered housing - a safe, sociable and supportive place to call home

BCOP's sheltered housing allows you to live independently, with support when you need it. BCOP's sheltered living schemes offer more than just a place to live. They're a safe, affordable and friendly place to call home, where you can continue living independently, with support available when you need it.



All residents have a support plan to ensure that you can continue to live independently for as long as possible.

We know how important it is to feel in control of your own life, without the worry of managing everything alone. That's why our four supported living schemes across Birmingham are designed to give you space, freedom and peace of mind, with a real sense of community.

***“They didn't just offer me a flat, they invited me to join a community”***

Our properties are a mix of one-bedroom flats and bungalows, each with a private lounge, kitchen, and bathroom with shower (there are no baths). Some sites also include communal spaces such as lounges, kitchens, laundry rooms and gardens, where tenants can relax and take part in optional activities.

Every resident has their own front door, the freedom to come and go as they please, and the security of knowing help is available.



Our sheltered housing residents benefit from activities and events, organised by our housing team, which vary depending upon the wishes, hobbies and interests of the residents at each site.

## Anita Stone Court

**Moor Green Lane, Birmingham B13 8ND**

**0121 449 2756**

One bedroom bungalows and one bedroom flats.

As well as additional events organised by us on a regular basis, residents are welcome to join in events at the care home on the same site. Older local community members join us for some events.



## Edgumbe Court

**Walford Green, Bartley Green, Birmingham**

**B32 4DP**

**0121 477 2817**

A mix of one bedroom bungalows, one bedroom flats and a two bedroom house.

First floor flats have an external flight of steps up to the front door.

Resident events are organised by us on a regular basis, and some of these welcome older local community members.

## Whitley Court

**Hawthorn Park Drive, Handsworth Wood,**

**Birmingham B20 1AD 0121 507 0009**

One bedroom flats and a couple of two bedroom flats. We have a laundry room, a lift, a shop which stocks basic items and a hairdressing salon.

As well as additional events organised by us on a regular basis, residents are welcome to join in events at the care home next door on the same site. Older local community members join us for some events.



## Harvey Court

**Sheldon Hall Avenue, Tile Cross, Birmingham**

**B33 1 HB**

**0121 779 3671**

Accommodation is all in one bedroom flats.

There's a communal laundry room and kitchen.

We're a short walk from shops and take-aways and close to a bus stop for the city centre (number 97).

Residents events are organised by us on a regular basis, and some of these welcome older residents from our local community.



**Our almshouses offer independent living in self-contained, private homes for a safe, individual lifestyle**

In a BCOP almshouse scheme residents have the freedom to manage their own lives and routines, while knowing that support is only a call away in an emergency. All property and garden maintenance is included.

## **Emma Ball Homes**

**Winleigh Road, Handsworth Birmingham  
B20 2HN**

One bedroom flats, half on the ground floor and half accessed by an internal staircase. These homes are set in attractive gardens in a quiet, residential area.



## **Wiggin Cottages**

**Margaret Road, Harborne, Birmingham  
B17 0EX**

One bedroom cottages. The upper floor bedroom and bathroom are accessed by narrow internal stairs. These homes are set in a quiet, residential area.



## **Newman Court**

**Laurel Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham  
B21 9PB**

One bedroom bungalows. These bungalows are in a quiet, security gated community with communal grounds.



# Our independent living schemes offer self-contained, private homes where tenants enjoy a safe, individual lifestyle

In a BCOP independent scheme support is only a call away in an emergency. All property and garden maintenance is included.

## Walford Turner homes

**Campwood Close, Acacia Road, Bournville  
Birmingham B30 2AL**

One bedroom bungalows set in a quiet conservation area with picturesque surroundings.



## Frew Lodge

**105 Oakfield Road, Selly Park, Birmingham  
B29 7HW**

A single building containing one bedroom flats, with a lift or stairs to the upper floors. These homes are set in an attractive garden and have communal on-site laundry facilities.



## Yeoman Hopkins homes

**Springfield Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham  
B14 7DT**

These one bedroom bungalows are set in a quiet, communal grounds with key fob access through a security gate.



## Frequently asked questions

You will of course have lots of questions to ask during your decision making process and we're on hand to answer them at any time. Some of the most commonly asked questions are:

### How will I know if my application is successful?

We will write to advise you whether or not you've been accepted onto our waiting list, and how many points you've been allocated.

You may need to re-apply, or re-confirm your interest in our properties if we ask for this. We periodically refresh our waiting list and so must check that people on the list are still eligible.

### What happens at the allocation interview?

We'll assess whether our properties are affordable for you, and whether you are eligible for the scheme you've applied for.

### What if I'm not happy about the decision BCOP makes?

You can contact us to appeal our decision or ask for further information if your application has been declined.

### Where else can I look for housing?

When you apply to BCOP we encourage you to apply to other social housing providers to increase your chances of being offered accommodation that suits your needs.

### Where can I get advice about housing options?

We can talk to you about what your options might be, and you can also get independent advice from a number of organisations, including:

Age UK - call their free advice line on 0800 678 1602, or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

Birmingham Citizens Advice Bureau - call their advice line on 08082 787 990 or visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

Independent Age - call their free helpline on 0800 319 6789 or visit [www.independentage.org](http://www.independentage.org)

Which? has advice on their website [www.which.co.uk](http://www.which.co.uk)

### Partner organisations

Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Choice <https://www.birminghamchoice.co.uk/>





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