

## How Does One Become a Member?

### Checklist.

1. We ask that you look at the Vision, Values, policies, site rules, and Rules for a Housing Co-operative to ensure you understand and agree to them.
2. Take the time to get to know us and let us get to know you. You will be expected to attend a social event, workday or meeting followed by a welcome interview with 2 members. This will give you a chance to ask questions and ensure you understand what is expected of a cohousing member.
3. Complete a membership application. This includes a brief biography of yourself.
4. Decide which Service Team you would like to join to fulfil your commitment of maintaining Halton Senior Cohousing. You may not be able to join your first choice but teams will be rotated from time to time.
5. Your membership will be submitted to a General Meeting. As a member, you will contribute the annual subscription of £25. Once the building is complete and we have moved in, this subscription will be included in the maintenance charges.
6. When you make your deposit, you will sign a deposit agreement.
7. Members will select which home they are interested in based on longest serving member having first choice.
8. When the order is placed with our contractor, they require 45% of the cost of the shell structure. If you cannot make this payment until you sell your existing home, we will be borrowing the money in the form of a development loan.
9. When the time comes to move in, you will sign the lease agreement for 999 years. This will include the covenant of agreements that you understand and accept. We expect you to have Power of Attorney, a Will and an End of Life Plan in place. We will also securely hold the contact details of your Next of Kin in case of an emergency.