



having a say in  
Cestria  
Community  
Housing – how to  
become a  
shareholder



**Cestria Community Housing is committed to giving every tenant and the local community a say in the management of the association. A key method you can get involved is by becoming a shareholding member of Cestria Community Housing.**

### **What does being a member mean?**

A shareholding member can attend, speak and vote at the association's general meetings. In addition, shareholders can:

- receive the association's account and annual report
- appoint auditors – the people who check the association's finances are correct
- elect independent board members

By being a member you have the chance to have a real say in key decisions about the running of Cestria Community Housing. You can hold Cestria Community Housing's board to account if you believe the association is not being run in the way it should be.





## Who is eligible to become a member?

### Tenants

Tenant Shareholding membership is open to every tenant who has an up to date rent account and is not in breach of their Tenancy Conditions.

### Voluntary groups, community groups and charitable bodies

Voluntary and charitable bodies that have an interest in the welfare of Cestria Community Housing's tenants or in the provision of affordable homes in the Chester-le-Street district can apply for membership. The membership would be in the name of a nominated representative.

### Private individuals

Any private individual with a specific interest in the district and the provision of affordable homes can apply.

## How do you become a member?

It is easy. Simply fill in the form with this leaflet and pay a £1. Under the rules every member has to pay a £1 for their share. You do not receive any interest, dividend or bonus payments and if you resign your membership your £1 is not repayable.



## Shareholder application

Please complete all the details in this application form and return with £1 cheque (please do not send cash through the post), to Cestria Community Housing Association, Bowes Offices, Lambton Park, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham DH3 4AN

If you have any questions please contact Christine Scott in Corporate Services or any officer in the Community Engagement Team.

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone number .....

Email address .....

Please tick which form of shareholding you are applying for

Tenant

Independent

Voluntary Group, Community Group and Charitable Body

Private Independent Shareholding membership

### Tenant Shareholding Membership

Please confirm you are complying with all the requirements of your Tenancy Agreement

Yes  No

If No, please explain why?

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**Independent shareholding membership, voluntary group and charitable body**

Name of Group .....

If Charity Registered Number .....

Briefly explain the purpose of your group and enclose a copy of your Rules, Objectives or your Terms of Reference.

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Has your application for membership on behalf of your group been approved by your Governing Body?

Yes  No

If Yes, please enclose a copy of the relevant minutes

Please give the name, address and position of your nominated representative

Name .....

Address .....

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Position .....









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