

West Rhyl Co-operative



11 homes
Affordable rented

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West Rhyl Co-operative was set up to provide rented home in Rhyl by West Rhyl Community Land Trust (WRCLT), whose aim is to regenerate the area, run down following the loss of the tourist industry, and local housing association North Wales Housing (NWH). Its first homes have been provided through the Afallon development by the Gerddi Heulwen urban greenspace in West Rhyl, which has converted former multiple occupancy bedsits into 11 new homes.

With planning permission granted in late 2014, the Afallon development, built by local Rhyl construction firm Anwyl, consists of seven 3-bedroomed family homes with a community shop and a bakery on the ground floor and

four flats above them. Residents are able to become members of West Rhyl Co-operative alongside WRCLT and NWH who are corporate members of the co-op. The co-op's Board, including resident, CLT, NWH and independent representation, enables co-op tenants to have a say on housing issues such as appointing contractors, service charges, allocating homes, and organising community events.

Homes were allocated to people who live, work or volunteer in Rhyl, according to housing need and community commitment. The first tenants moved into their new homes in late 2016.



I'm happy being a member of a co-operative as we are able to work together to find solutions in an amicable way with fewer levels of authority. It's great to be part of a brand new community where every member is looking after each other.

Mark Hughes, a founder co-op member

We're really excited working with the tenants who all show enthusiasm towards making a difference to their new community. Afallon is Welsh for *blissful place*, and through co-working and democracy, our new community is just that.

Fiona Davies – West Rhyl Community Land Trust Chair

It's a really wonderful opportunity for the people here to build a true community from day one. It's a real social enterprise project involving the people who live here and providing them with opportunities and skills and I believe it will lift the whole of Rhyl.

Joan Butterfield - Denbighshire County Councillor & a WRCLT member