

# **Lothians and Fife charities benefit from builder's donations**

**Barratt Development is celebrating a year of giving after its charitable efforts totalled more than £520,000 in donations across Scotland, including several bodies in Edinburgh.**

Each year, the five-star housebuilder, which includes Barratt Homes, David Wilson Homes and Oregon Timber Frame Ltd, supports a wide range of organisations promoting health, employability and care among many other causes. This is done through various charity initiatives, including the Barratt Developments Scotland Community Fund, which donates £1,500 to a deserving local cause in each of its Scottish divisions every month.

Over the last 12 months, Barratt Developments has provided financial support to a diverse mix of charities throughout the Lothians and Fife – coming at a vital time when many families, individuals and organisations have been affected by rising costs. In total, £188,000 has been donated to good causes in the Lothians and Fife.

Several charities have been supported, with a £157,940 donation given to St Columba's Hospice Care, which provides specialist palliative care to people living with life-limiting illnesses.

Edinburgh-based charity Empty Kitchens Full Hearts, which rescues surplus food to make meals for those in need, also received a funding boost of £10,000.

Other organisations which received funding from the housebuilder in 2023 included Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project, a Fife-based charity that provides support to survivors of childhood sexual abuse; Simpson Babies Special Care which helps to provide essential care for premature and sick newborn babies; Edinburgh Women's Aid, which provides support and refuge to women and children affected by domestic abuse; and mental health charity Health in Mind.

Alison Condie, Barratt Developments' Managing Director for East Scotland, said: "As the country's leading housebuilder, we are committed to creating a positive legacy and making a genuine contribution towards the communities in which we build our homes.

"Our teams have raised a fantastic amount which has been donated to a variety of causes this year – touching the lives of countless individuals and families in need. The funds raised will be used to support a wide range of initiatives, including providing food and shelter to the homeless, offering opportunities to underprivileged and vulnerable young people, and providing vital healthcare and wellbeing support for those who are struggling.

"There is so much important work being undertaken by organisations up and down the country, and we look to continue supporting a diverse mix of causes in 2024. We would like to thank everyone who suggested charities and supported our fundraising activities this year."

The full list of 2023's beneficiaries includes:

- CFINE
- Aberlour Childrens Trust

- AberNecessities
- BECS Because Everyone Counts
- Rainbow Rogues

- Mikeysline
- Carse of Gowrie Men's Shed
- Station House Media Unit
- The Seed Box
- Look Good Feel Better

- Tayside Dynamos
- 865 Portlethen Air Cadets
- North Sound Cash For Kids
- WhizzKids London Marathon
- Abbie's Sparkle Foundation

- Dundee Bairns
- Friends of ANCHOR
- St Columba's Hospice
- Smart Works Scotland
- Stepping Stones

- SiMBA
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Move On
- Health in Mind
- Simpson Babies Special Care

- Sleep Scotland
- Cyrenians
- Edinburgh Women's Aid
- Lasswade Community Rugby Trust
- The Lighthouse Club East Scotland

- Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project
- Empty Kitchens, Full Hearts
- Launch Foods
- Smart Works Glasgow
- Hope for Autism

- HomeStart Glasgow North & North Lanarkshire
- St Andrews Hospice
- Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Care
- Tiny Changes
- Tulloch

- Kindness Homeless Street Team
- SupERKids
- Hawick Acorn Project Initiative
- Borders Additional Needs Group
- Teviot Wheels

- Harris Trust
- Hawick Scout Group
- St Teresa's Hospice
- Scottish Air Ambulance
- Cancer Research UK

- The Margaret Kerr Unit
- The Borders Green Team
- Queens House Kelso Ltd
- Selkirk Food Bank

