

Sherwood Court, Kettlethorpe, Wakefield

As Head of Development at Yorkshire Housing, Joe Bvumburai played a key role in winning the scheme following stiff competition from other established Extra Care housing providers. The Kettlethorpe Scheme was funded by the Department of Health to become the first Extra Care Housing development in Wakefield. Designed by Smith Smalley Architects, the concept was to create a future proof scheme for older people. However the futuristic appearance continues to attract mixed views from both tenants and the public.

The scheme had an unprecedented number meetings in a 18 month period to agree various terms of the land disposal, development, management and care provision.

The consultation and planning process were particularly challenging with owner occupiers adjacent the scheme opposed to the development.

Sherwood Court features spacious apartments with generous balconies to all 45 apartments. All apartments are designed and oriented so as received sunlight at some point during the day. Community facilities include a restaurant that incorporates an external south facing dining space with long distance views, large screen TV room, hair salon, assisted bathing and a small shop. A small number of homes are on a shared ownership basis. op.

The scheme has solar thermal panels providing hotwater for the residents which reduces tenants' service charge.



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Project Team

Owner: **Yorkshire Housing Ltd**

Care enabler: **Wakefield Council Social Services**

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Architects: **Smith Smalley**

Employer's Agents: **F + G**

M & E Services: **BES**

Value of Project: **£4.5 million**

Role played by Joe Bvumburai

- Preparation & Management of the Bid Document + Presentation
- Design Brief and guidance to Smith Smalley Architects
- Consultation with Wakefield Social Services
- Consultation with the community and stake holders
- Project Management and post construction liaison with Dept. of Health.

