



Relish™ shortlisted for 2 awards in the 2010 Sustainable Housing awards

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Relish™ has been shortlisted for 2 categories in the Sustainable Housing awards – energy saving initiative of the year and the sustainability innovation award.

The Sustainable Housing awards celebrates the projects and organisations at the vanguard of housing sustainability best practice.

The sustainability innovation category rewards any type of product or process innovation that will have a big impact on the environment. The judges are looking for innovative solutions to technical issues, or new processes for dealing with sustainability.

The energy saving initiative of the year category recognises clever energy-saving initiatives/campaigns undertaken by social landlords within their housing stock.

“We are delighted that we have been shortlisted in two categories,” comments Robin Roberts, Property Services Director of Worthing Homes, “Relish™ has already captured a lot of interest from many quarters and has been recognised as the first ‘Innovation in Practice’ project by Constructing Excellence. We have also been encouraged by positive feedback from the Homes and Communities Agency and the Minister for Energy.”

Relish™ is a simple but powerful idea

The Relish™ programme has been designed by Worthing Homes in collaboration with key partners specifically to benefit residents and for registered providers to draw upon. The programme is designed to demonstrate proven strategies that bring real benefits, including supporting families in fuel poverty and helping to meet the UK’s Climate Change Act.

Our six month results from the pilot programme phase 1, show that by implementing a Relish™ programme, a 20% reduction in carbon emissions over and above ‘decent home’ works can be achieved, which represents a 63% reduction from 1990 RdSAP levels.

The initial Relish™ pilot will be completed this year and we will bring lessons learned into the larger phase 2, where we will be refurbishing 160 occupied homes. The Relish™ pilot phase 2 begins with planning in July 2010, with the actual programme scheduled to start in the homes in January 2011.

For more information on the Sustainable housing awards
<http://www.insidehousing.co.uk/events/sustainable-housing-awards>