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## Alliance Homes Group wins top business award

Over 260 of the region's top business leaders and companies were in attendance at the North Somerset Business Leader Awards, which was hosted by Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE.

Over 103 businesses and individuals entered the Awards which had 12 categories. Alliance Homes Group was overall winner of the **Sustainability in Business Award**.



The award recognised a commitment to managing social, environmental and financial obligations and successful sustainable schemes.

Steve Drew, Managing Director Alliance Ventures, said: "We are delighted to receive this award which recognises the increasing importance that renewable energy and energy efficiency play in North Somerset. We are leading a number of initiatives in this field and are proud to see great improvements in the energy performance of many of our homes along with reduced costs to the tenants living in them."

Steve has recently been shortlisted for the South West Sustainable Energy Champion Award in the prestigious South West Green Energy Awards.

He will now go through to the final stage of judging, where an expert panel of judges will decide on overall winners and runners up in November.





Steve Drew (centre) receives award from Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE

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## Notes to the Editor:

- Alliance Homes Group is a community-based social enterprise owning and managing 6,500 properties across the North Somerset district. It is regulated by the Homes and Communities Agency.
- Alliance Homes Group is made up of: Alliance Homes which provides and manages the homes; Alliance Living which provides care and support to help individuals maintain personal independence in their lives; and Alliance Ventures which provides a maintenance and repairs service and engages in a range of green energy initiatives.
- Alliance Homes Group is a not for profit organisation and has been awarded the Social Enterprise Mark. Any surplus income is ploughed back into the service.
- A programme to invest £10 million in the delivery of a large 1,300 home PV (solar panel) programme in North Somerset has demonstrated strong performance in terms of energy generation for tenants who in some cases can record up to £250 per annum, savings on electricity costs. In addition 1,650 Tonnes of carbon have been removed from homes.
- As well as a scheme to support its tenants, Alliance Ventures has installed commercial PV systems on the Group's main offices which in peak performance times provide the full electrical power for the offices.
- Following this work Alliance Ventures designed PV contracts to be offered to other social housing providers and has now supplied 4,308 Photovoltaic systems in the south west.
- Its commitment to sustainability is also demonstrated through the development of the first code level 6 homes in North Somerset. This scheme has provided family living for tenants with very low annual energy bills and a carbon zero footprint.
- Alliance Ventures is currently developing the Carbon Savings Alliance which will offer advice, consultancy and commercial support to Social landlords engaging with the sustainable agenda, which is being supported by DECC and the Energy Saving Trust. ([www.carbonsavingsalliance.co.uk](http://www.carbonsavingsalliance.co.uk))
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