

Bridport Cohousing When People Join and Leave Households

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The Purpose of this policy: to ensure the harmony of the community when members of household change, and recognising the different levels of commitment to cohousing that residents will have.

We acknowledge that the members of our households may change over time, such as the arrival of a new partner, relative or housemate.

1. Relationships within households are the business of the individual member.
2. When a person joins an existing household and it becomes their permanent address, after 3 months, they need to demonstrate acceptance of the community's agreements by becoming a member. Normal membership criteria will apply.
3. In addition, members who are Housing Association tenants or in receipt of Housing Benefit are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Housing Association and Benefits Agency with regard to changes (e.g., people joining and leaving households) in their personal circumstances.
4. On leaving a household, normal BC leaving criteria will apply, as documented in the membership journey document.

N.B. In principle, it remains a requirement that all resident members cannot own a property outside of Hazelmead.