



Social Housing Action Campaign

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SHAC Update

Recent articles ~ Research shout out



What's Gone Wrong at Guinness?

Steve says: *"The suffering being caused by Guinness's neglect is immense. The fabric of the building is being left to rot. We've won two court cases against Guinness but all our landlord is interested in is the amount of compensation they'll have to pay."*

Things are changing though. Tenants and residents are organising to stop the harm, and are hoping to start a new SHAC@Guinness group. [See more.](#)



Behind the Facade: L&Q, the G15, and the Fractured Reality of UK's Social Housing

A new article by Carl Davis sets out how any lingering illusions about the state of social housing in the UK were shattered with the release of the Housing Ombudsman's Special investigation into L&Q. The drift in L&Q's operations cannot be viewed in isolation; it mirrors the larger commercialization of the social housing sector. [See more.](#)

One Housing Strikers Reject Doubled Service Charges

When Alan Blackmore and his neighbours received absurd and unexpected balancing charge from One Housing Group



(OHG), they were so high that they effectively doubled the service charges for 2021–22.

Steve and his neighbours aren't taking it lying down. They are refusing to pay. [See more.](#)



Research Interviews Shout Out

Alan Green is doing a PhD at the University of Derby. He is researching the financialisation of the affordable housing sector, and how this has affected the experiences of residents and households who require low cost housing in England.

He is inviting people to interviews lasting between 30 and 60 minutes. If you are able to help, please contact Alan Green via a.green26@unimail.derby.ac.uk. All research will be confidential and consent will be requested from interviewees at the time of each interview.

WhatsApp Campaign Groups

SHAC members are increasingly using WhatsApp to communicate between meetings, provide peer support, and plan action. Click on the relevant links below if you would like to join in.

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