

Housing association recognised as one of the UK's leading sustainable homes developers

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North Wales housing association <u>ClwydAlyn</u> has reported it has been ranked third among UK social housing providers building the most energy-efficient homes.

The ranking, taken from Inside Housing'stop 50 Biggest Builder's survey shows that ClwydAlyn outperformed considerably larger landlords with an impressive 102 out of the 149 homes completed in 2022-23 receiving a top band EPC A rating.

The accomplishment demonstrates the housing association's dedication to providing homes where sustainability and energy efficiency are at the forefront, improving comfort and affordability for tenants, the company stated.

Homes with an EPC rating of A can mean a reduction of up to half the cost of heating bills when compared to homes with a B rating. The majority of the company's new homes achieving this rating are low-carbon green homes, which while costing significantly more to build, exceed the highest efficiency rating.

As the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact households, delivering homes that offer substantial energy savings is hugely significant for residents.

Chief executive Clare Budden said: "We are incredibly proud to have placed third in this ranking, which serves as a recognition of our efforts to build more sustainably and efficiently. While building homes to this efficiency standard requires added investment, ClwydAlyn sees it as an investment in the future, benefiting not only residents during the cost-of-living crisis but also the environment in the face of the



climate emergency.

"We know that more and more residents are being severely impacted by rising heating bills, driving fuel poverty, so it is important that we take action to ensure all homes achieve the highest possible efficiency rating to prevent heat loss and reduce fuel costs.

"We believe that everyone should have access to a good home that they can afford to heat, and making homes as efficient as possible in retaining heat is a huge step in achieving this.

"Sustainable, energy-efficient homes should be core to the housing sector, so we are pleased to be seen as an example of a housing association taking positive steps towards building for the future".

Recent achievements in boosting the efficiency of the company's homes include providing 973 homes with upgrades and delivering energy education tools to better inform residents on energy efficiency measures.