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# Green homes for a green valley

Marsden is the last village in the Colne Valley heading south from Huddersfield, before everything rises to windy moorland. Though the area may be picturesque on a sunny day, the steep hillsides, bleak moors and harsh winter weather can make life difficult for older residents, cutting them off from the community.

Connect Housing Association, a registered social landlord operating across West Yorkshire, has improved the situation for 13 households with the completion of Ancion Court, a new valley-level housing scheme. Applications were accepted only from people over 55 with local connections, with the aim of helping hillside residents improve their quality of life whilst remaining in Marsden.

Ancion Court, named for the owners of a mill which used to occupy the site, is now finished. The new residents are settled in, and Connect is throwing an old-fashioned summer garden party to mark the start of this new community **on Friday 8 July at 11am, at Ancion Court off Clough Lea, Marsden HD7 6DN.**

The official opening will be conducted by Cath Elliott of The Cuckoo's Nest, a local charity, and will be followed by lunch, lawn games, live music and other fun.

There will be an opportunity to meet the residents, tour some of the homes and learn about the ground source heat pumps which have been incorporated into the scheme to help keep residents' bills low.

There will also be an opportunity to interview Martyn Broadest, Connect's Director of Regeneration, and Jenny Brierley, Connect's Chief Executive.

For more information, or if you would like to come along, please contact David Troupes, Corporate Services Officer, on 0300 5000 600 or by email at [david.troupes@connecthousing.org.uk](mailto:david.troupes@connecthousing.org.uk).



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### **Notes for the Editor**

- Connect Housing is a not-for-profit housing association with approximately 3,000 homes across West Yorkshire.
- Connect Housing was born in February 2006 following the merger of West Yorkshire Housing Association and The Ridings Housing Association.