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## Mayor opens affordable home scheme

A NEW scheme of affordable homes helping people in Tonbridge onto the property ladder has been opened by the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling.

Councillor Howard Rogers officially opened The Pinnacles for [Circle Housing Russet](#) on May 2. The firm transformed the site of former pub The Pinnacles on Shipbourne Road to meet demand for shared ownership homes.

The scheme allows first-time buyers to buy an affordable share of their home and pay rent on the remaining part. Twenty new homes, including two for social rent, have been developed.

Resident Kim Clifton, who moved into a three bedroom

house in March showed the Mayor around her new home.

She said: "I am born and bred in Tonbridge but I wouldn't have been able to afford such a beautiful new home if it hadn't been available for shared ownership. It is perfect for me and my son as there is plenty of space inside as well as a garden for him to run around in."

[Circle Housing Russet](#) will bring more than 100 new affordable homes to Tonbridge and Malling over the next year.

Sasha Harrison, executive director at Circle Housing, said: "We believe this is a brilliant new development of homes which are helping local people onto the property ladder."



**OPEN:** Councillor Howard Rogers with Sarah Harrison and Kim Clifton

