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Ceremony marks start of work to £9m Worle 'extra care' scheme

A ground breaking ceremony has marked the start of work to a new £9m development in Worle, North Somerset, which will provide a hub of specialist dementia support and housing services in the local area.

Bristol-based Rydon is on site delivering the new extra care scheme for Alliance Homes Group. It represents the single largest new build project to date for the community-based social enterprise.

Colleagues from both organisations gathered to celebrate putting the first spade in the ground, officially starting work.

Paul Barber, Regional Director from Rydon, commented: "This extra care development will become an important resource for Worle, providing much needed facilities for the local community."

"We are very pleased to celebrate this first milestone and look forward to working alongside Alliance Homes Group to deliver this project to a high standard. During its delivery, Rydon will also bring an economic boost by offering opportunities for local people and businesses."

Clive Bodley, Alliance Homes Group Chief Executive added: "This is an important project for the Group which now provides support and care services to around 1,500 people to support them to achieve or maintain levels of independence in their lives. We look forward to welcoming the first residents next year."

The new facility will provide 65 self-contained flats and a range of specialist dementia services. These will include a Wellbeing Centre and a number of community resources.

Externally, landscaped gardens will surround the new building and upper levels will feature balcony areas with sun shading.

The scheme has been developed in a partnership between Alliance Homes Group, North Somerset Council and NHS North Somerset and has also received funding from the Homes and Communities Agency.

The new development is being constructed to a BREEAM 'Very Good' environmental rating and will open September 2016.

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Pictured from left to right in the photo: Stephen Baker, Development Manager, Alliance Property Care; Clive Bodley, Chief Executive, Alliance Homes Group; Steve Drew, Managing Director Alliance Ventures and Property Care; Richard Witcombe, Project Manager, Rydon; Simon Carter, Contracts Manager, Rydon; Pete Febery, Structural Engineer, Craddys; Claire Samuel, Architectural Technologist, Quattro Design Architects; Heath Reynolds, Senior Surveyor, Rydon and Victoria Smith, Community Liaison Manager, Rydon.

About Alliance Homes Group

The Alliance Homes Group is a charitable "registered society" and social enterprise working in the West of England. Its primary purpose is providing social housing and care and support within the community.

The Group operates on a not for profit basis, employs around 430 people and has an annual turnover of around £34m.

With a strong focus on people, services within the Group are delivered under the following brands:

- **Alliance Homes** manages 6,800 homes. It also delivers a range of projects to build stronger communities.
- **Alliance Living Support** has established itself as a market leader in support provision for vulnerable people. It is well placed to secure new delivery contracts across the region.
- **Alliance Living Care** promotes independent living by providing domiciliary care services, as a local authority partner and direct to the public.
- **Alliance Property Care** specialises in asset management, development, repairs and investment.
- **Alliance Ventures** is a national leader in environmentally friendly initiatives. It includes ownership of solar photo-voltaic panels installed on 1,400 properties

and is a significant energy generator. Alliance Ventures will continue to investigate and implement initiatives that tackle fuel poverty and other new business ventures.

About Rydon

Rydon is a successful construction, development, maintenance, investment and management group operating throughout England. It is a multi-talented organisation, working across a wide range of market sectors within the built environment.

From beginnings in 1978, Rydon has grown into a multi-faceted company, employing over 600 people. Rydon Construction, Rydon Homes and Rydon Maintenance cover general contracting, refurbishment, remediation, cross subsidy regeneration, property maintenance and residential and commercial property development, while Ryhurst focuses on developing bespoke product/service solutions for the health and social care markets.

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