

# Colchester Borough Homes Shortlisted in SHIFT Awards

Colchester Borough Homes (CBH) has been shortlisted in two categories in the 2016 SHIFT Awards.

The SHIFT Awards are the sustainability awards for the housing sector recognising outstanding sustainability projects and achievements. Across 9 categories the awards acknowledge organisations leading in sustainable housing that demonstrate best practice, explore opportunities for savings and increased efficiencies whilst delivering outstanding sustainability outcomes.

George Phillips, CBH's Energy Initiatives Officer, has been shortlisted for the 'Sustainability Champion of the Year' award. This award celebrates housing professionals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to sustainability through both strategic direction and practical projects which set their organisation apart.

George has been shortlisted for his commitment and innovative approach to upgrading Colchester Borough Council's 6000 homes with low carbon and energy efficient methods, helping to reduce fuel poverty. Over the last three years George has secured over £1m in direct funding to make this work possible.

CBH has also been shortlisted in a "*dragons' den*" style section fostering discussion on future policies and research opportunities where two special categories will be pitched to the audience and voted for at the event. CBH will pitch its Retrofitting Hierarchy policy which looks at best practise when retrofitting domestic buildings.

Mark Wright, Director of Property Services at CBH said ***"We're proud of what has been achieved in order to upgrade our housing stock with low carbon and energy saving technologies. Being shortlisted for a national award proves that we are on our way to producing the sustainable communities which are necessary to achieve our goals of cutting fuel poverty and CO2"***.

The SHIFT awards take place on Thursday 24th November 2016 at Gibson Hall, London.

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