

Welcome to Rainbow House Four



Rainbow Living SW, Registered charity number 1181195





Introducing Rainbow House Four

In March 2019 Rainbow Living announced that the charity was moving forward with plans for Rainbow House Four in Exeter, following continued demand in the local area.

A 6-bedroom property was purchased in September 2019, providing accommodation for five tenants and a bedroom for support staff.

Work to renovate the house began immediately. As Rainbow Living had been in close contact with the families of the future tenants, we were able to ensure that every single adaptation and renovation was done with the future tenants' individual and specific needs in mind.



Accessibility

As with all Rainbow Houses, there was a need to ensure accessible provision at Rainbow House Four, as well as future-proof the house.

Work to form a ramp at the front of the property was undertaken; the ramp was designed to blend with the existing brickwork, and creates a seamless journey from the drive to the house.





Entrance hall

The entrance hall was painted and re-carpeted and is now a large light space.

The original staircase was quite narrow so work was undertaken to replace with a wider one. The original spindles were re-used and painted, with a new banister put in. Contrasting tread edges were fitted on the stairs to assist those with visual impairment.

The house has been fitted with a hard wire fire system, and all the rooms have smoke detectors. Provision for sufficient Wi-Fi for everyone was also put in place with data cabling throughout the house.



Throughout the house, the door frames and architrave have been painted a complimentary darker colour to contrast with the walls, and all plug sockets and light switches are in contrast colour.

This was done to support tenants who are visually impaired as the colour contrast will help them to be able to move confidently, independently and safely around the house and be able to more easily identify switches. The colours used give the house a clean and modern look.



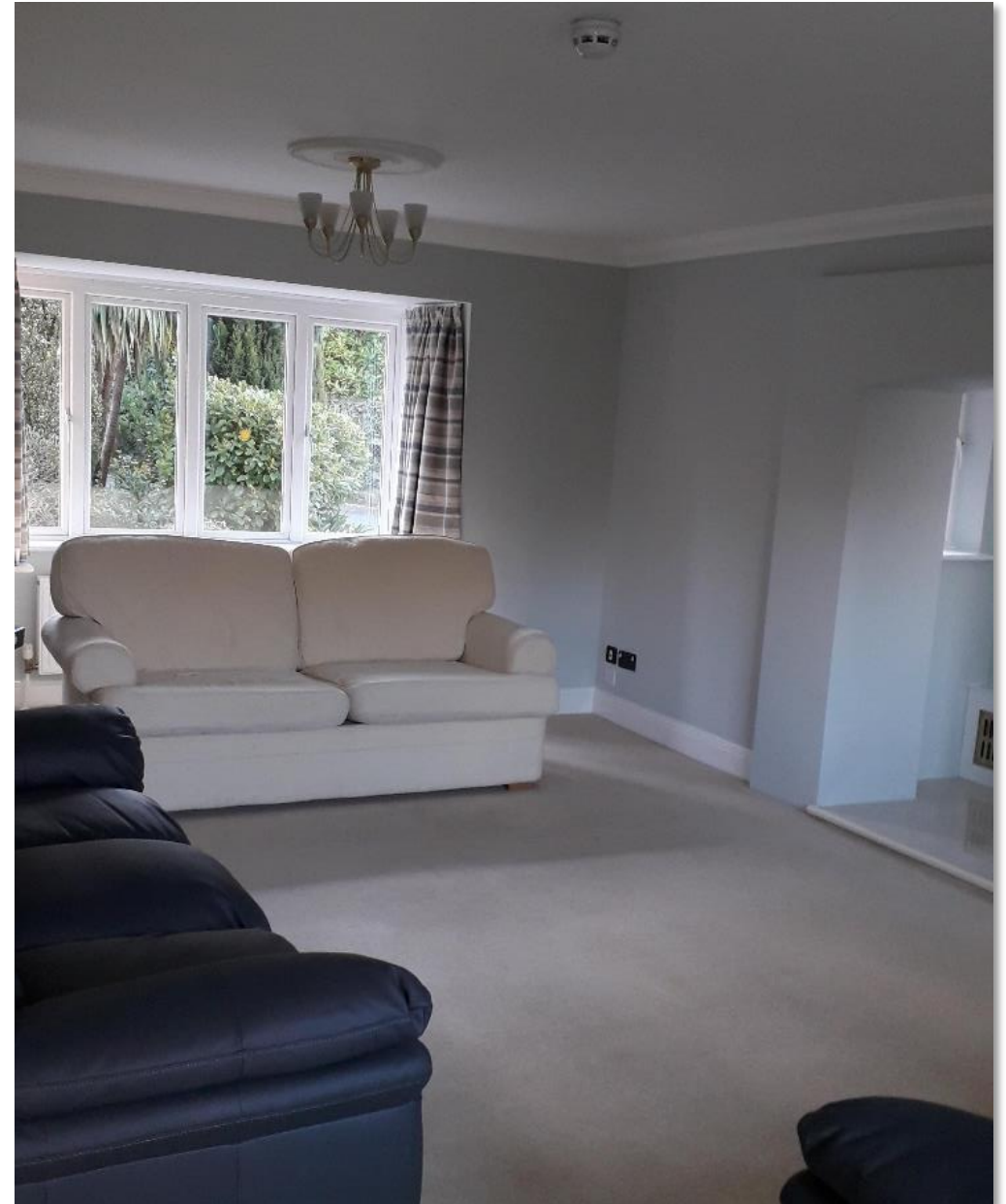
The Lounge

The lounge was painted and decorated throughout.

It has been furnished with sofas, some furniture and new curtains.

With windows to the front and rear, the room is a large bright and welcoming space in which the tenants can come together as a family.

The patio doors provide views and access into the rear garden.



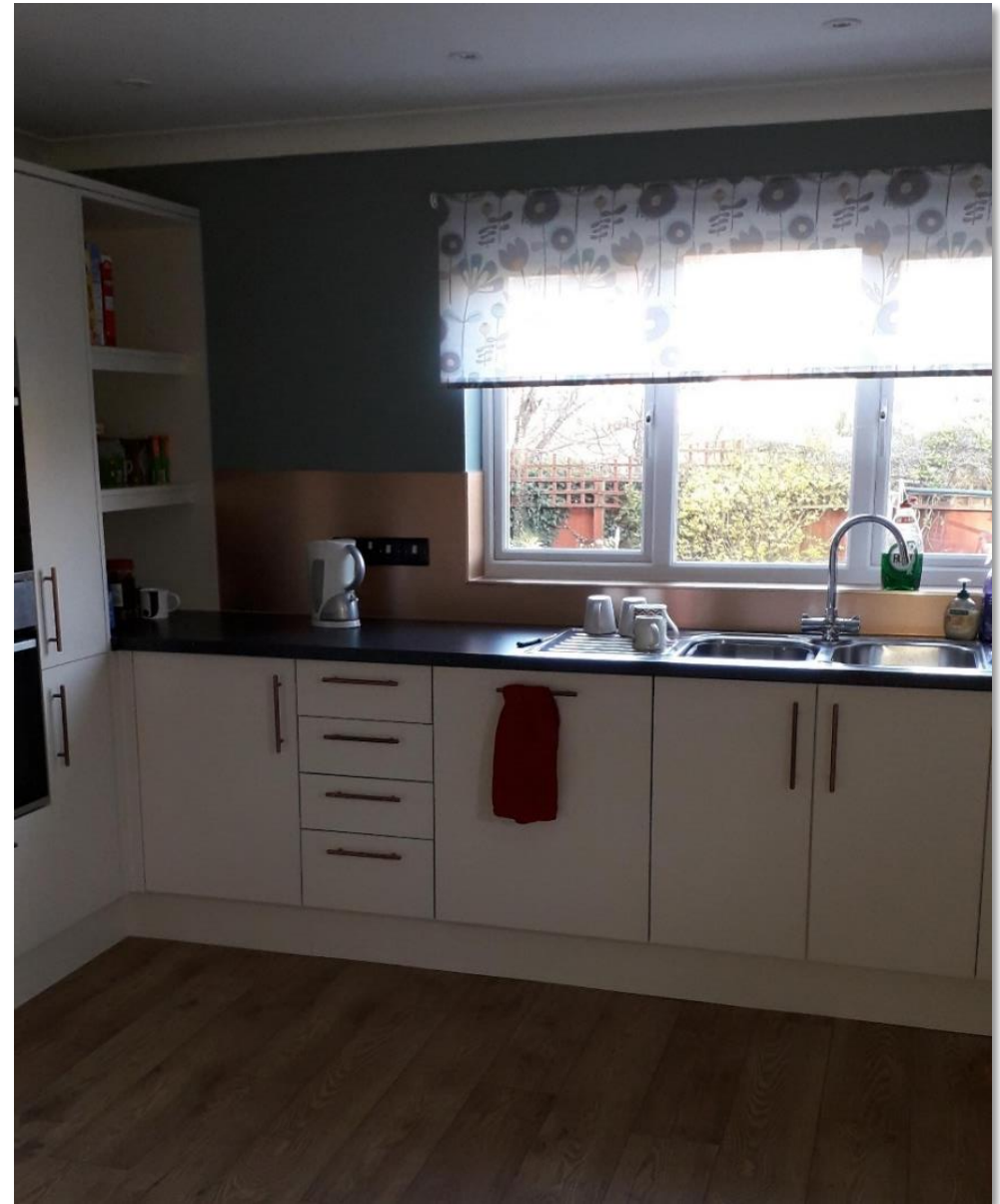


Kitchen and utility room

The kitchen has been completely renovated. Walls were taken down, angles and edges removed and taken back being replaced with straight lines to create a clear open space.

The kitchen has a clean modern look; every aspect was designed to support tenants independence; appliances were carefully chosen to suit the tenants needs and include a talking microwave!

The utility room off the kitchen was re-created and renovated so that an ensuite for the downstairs bedroom could be created.





Dining room



The wall separating the dinning room and kitchen was partly removed, opening up the space to create a large bright kitchen diner, though with a clear separation of space.

Removing the wall created a more sociable space for tenants and there is plenty of room for the dining table and chairs so the tenants can come together for meals.

Wooden flooring has been laid and the room decorated and furnished.



Bedrooms

Sound proofing was installed in the walls between the upstairs bedrooms and the bedroom downstairs.

All tenants chose the paint colour for their bedrooms, and it's great to see the variety of colours selected and how lovely and bright they all are.

The tenants will all bring their own furniture and soft furnishings with them when they move in.

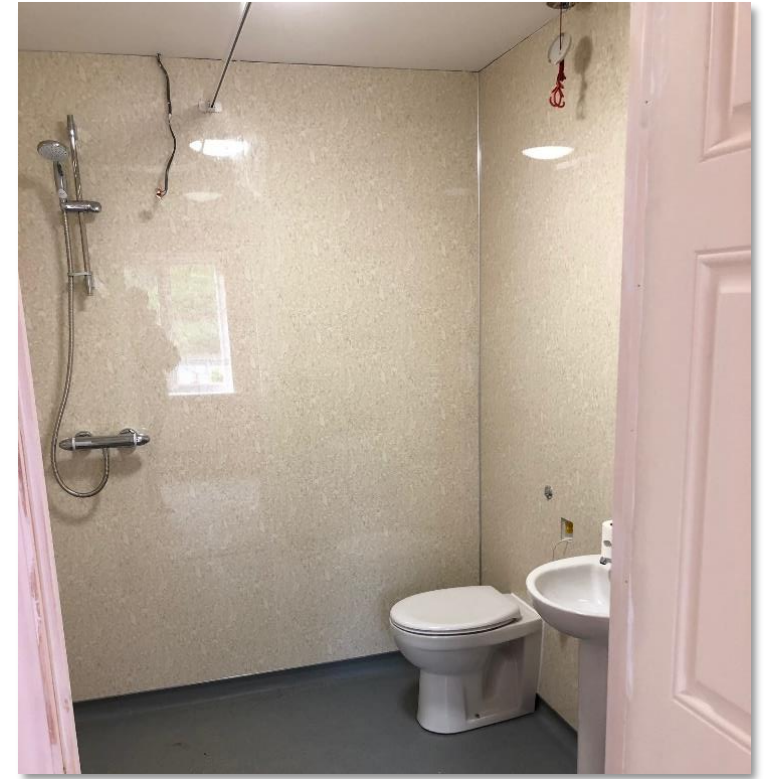








The downstairs bedroom was renovated so that an ensuite wet room could be created to meet specific need and to support independence.



Bathrooms

Three bedrooms have ensembles and two male tenants will share a further bathroom.

One of the tenants using this bathroom is partially sighted so two hand basins were put in to support the tenant in knowing which sink and wash items are his.

Showers have been fitted, baths and sinks replaced and heating towels installed in every bathroom.



Staff bedroom & ensuite

To support tenants during overnight stays, there is provision for staff to sleep over. An ensuite bathroom was constructed for this bedroom.

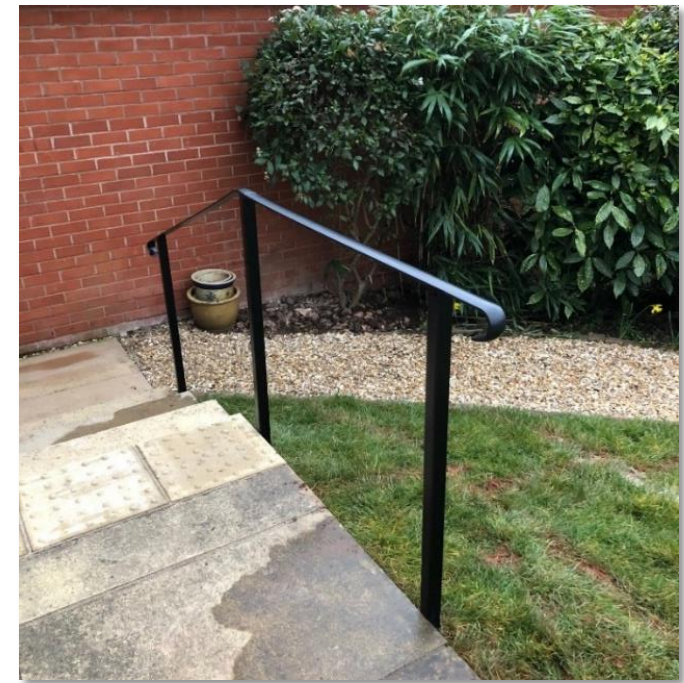




The garden

The garden to the rear of the house has been tidied and cleared.

The steps were re-built and a handrail installed.



**THANK YOU so much for
supporting our Rainbow House
Four project and helping to make
the house a reality! As our tenants
move into their new home and
begin their new journey, please
know you have made a big
difference to the lives of others
for many years to come.**

With their permission, we would like to share the following. Ella was one the first tenants to move into Rainbow House Four and this touching note from her parents Catherine and Gerry fills our hearts with joy.

Our beautiful Ella moves into her supportive living today in Exeter. A day we never thought would happen and a day of so many emotions. A deep happiness and hope for the future in which she will touch the world with light, compassion and love. She has taught us to seize the moment, to reach out to others and sees the goodness and potential for each person she sees. She has tested and taught us patience and a new way of looking at the world with simplicity and a deep, infectious joy.

The sadness of her going is what every parent feels as their children fly the nest but rents a hole in one's heart which will always be filled with their heart as they reach out to a world that is waiting.

'When you grow older you will go away... you'll see injustice and you'll see pain, you'll see beauty and feel a deep joy but never forget I am always there, like a shadow by your side in the love that I have.'
adapted from a Chris de Burgh song written for his daughter.

So fly my beautiful social butterfly... weave your joy in a world that is crying out for care and compassion, scatter your love like a seed that will grow and spread a joy that knows no bounds, we pray your anxiety will be transformed into peacefulness and security and you learn new ways of managing this scary world. Your instincts that kindness and joy are all around will help you to be who you are and shine brightly.

We love you from the depths of our being xxx