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CHEVIN EXTRACARE SCHEME BENEFITS FROM RENEWABLE HEATING

Residents of the newly built Potteries Court Extra Care Housing Scheme in Swinton, near Rotherham are already reaping the benefits of air-source heat pumps.

The ground floor of the scheme which consists of 11 bungalows and 24 apartments has been fitted with an underfloor heating system, operated by two 10Kw air source heat pumps. This modern communal area is widely used by residents who live in the Potteries Court development as it houses a restaurant, lounge, meeting room, kitchen and staff facilities.

Heat pumps are becoming hugely popular for both new builds and refurbishments as they greatly reduce energy bills, compared with more traditional forms of heating. As a completely renewable energy source, they benefit from running costs that are typically 75 per cent lower than conventional systems.

Potteries Court also makes use of rainwater harvesting techniques which takes surface water from the roof, recycling it to use for watering of the communal landscaped areas.

Chris Boucher, Project Manager of Synergy Housing Solutions, part of the Chevin Housing Group, explains: "We were really keen to use renewable energy sources for the communal areas as all residents pay an annual service charge and fitting heat pumps helps to keep energy costs down. Not only that, but from our point of view as a housing association, they are a fantastic way of helping ensure that new developments achieves both our and the government's regulations on sustainable housing."

Chevin Housing Association have reduced the carbon footprint for the development and obtained an Ecohomes rating of 'Very Good' for introducing the heating and water recycling systems.

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