

## Providing Professional Advice

Like any charity or small business, Gatesbiel has to ensure that all its operations fully comply with legal and regulatory requirements. We also aim to follow best practice.

Please contact the Scheme Manager if you can spare a little time to advise us and have a professional background in any of the following areas:

Social Housing  
Legal matters  
Buildings maintenance

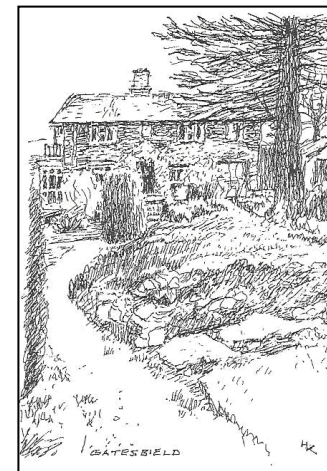
## Providing Practical Help

If you can spare some time and are interested in providing some practical help at Gatesbiel, we'd like to hear from you. You might like to help in our garden, provide transport, help maintain the site, help serve meals or perhaps you have a creative talent you might be able share with our tenants (e.g. painting, sculpting, music).

## Making a Donation or Bequest

Donations and bequests enable us to maintain and develop our services and improve the accommodation we offer, while keeping rents affordable. If you would like to make a donation or bequest to Gatesbiel please contact the Scheme Manager. If you are a UK tax payer, Gatesbiel can accept donations under the Gift Aid scheme, which enables Gatesbiel to enhance the value of your donation by reclaiming income tax paid you have paid on the donated sum (at no additional cost to you).

## Gatesbiel Quaker Housing Association Ltd



# Ways to help us

### Contact Us

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*The late Stanley and Emily Davies left their home in the Lake District National Park to the Society of Friends (Quakers) in order that they might provide accommodation for older members of the Society and others in need of such accommodation.*

*Gatesbiel Quaker Housing Association was established in 1982 to fulfil these aims by providing sheltered housing to older people who would benefit from a supportive environment while maintaining their independence.*

*The 19 purpose built flats and Gatesbiel House are situated in some two acres of secluded gardens near to the centre of Windermere village, within walking distance of shops and buses and about half a mile from Windermere Railway station.*

Line drawing illustration by our former tenant Harry Routledge

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## Voluntary Help and Donations

The core services of the Association are delivered by our dedicated staff, but since its formation, Gatesbiel has enjoyed a great deal of voluntary help. This enables us to keep our rents affordable, but is also a great opportunity for volunteers to give their time knowing that it is appreciated by everyone currently associated with Gatesbiel while also helping to secure its future.

There are many ways you can help Gatesbiel:

- Join the Board of Management
- Join the House Committee
- Provide professional advice
- Provide practical help
- Make a donation

Volunteers have recently:

- Carried out a survey of the condition of our buildings
- Provided one-to-one lessons for our tenants interested in using e-mail and the internet using a computer we have available for tenants to use
- Given talks to our tenants
- Helped to maintain our historic garden

If any of these spark an idea, or if you have other ideas about how you might be able to help us, please talk to the Scheme Manager.

## Governance

Gatesbiel is governed by a Board of Management comprising individuals who give their time voluntarily. Board Members are appointed by the Association's membership at its Annual General Meeting.

The members of the Board are effectively trustees of the Association and are responsible for ensuring that Gatesbiel delivers effective, efficient services and meets all legal and regulatory obligations. The Board is responsible for business and strategic planning and sets the policy and procedural framework under which Gatesbiel operates.

The Board of Management normally meets up to twelve times per year on the second Wednesday evening of each month. Two tenants' representatives sit on the Board.

In addition to the Board of Management, the House Committee (formally a sub-committee of the Board) meets six times per year. The House Committee is primarily focused on the welfare of our tenants, maintaining and developing the communal facilities and assisting with organizing special events. Two tenants' representatives sit on the House Committee.

## Joining the Board of Management

At present, the Board comprises ten members including two adult social care professionals. Other Board members bring expertise in a range of disciplines including financial matters.

We are particularly keen to recruit new Board members with a background or expertise in:

- Social Housing
- Adult Social Care
- Legal matters
- Supporting People
- Buildings maintenance
- Financial Management

Although full Board members are appointed for a three year term by the Association's AGM, the Board is able to co-opt members at any time and we encourage new prospective Board members initially to join as co-opted members to enable you to experience the work of the Board before you decide whether you wish and are able to make a longer commitment.

## Joining the House Committee

As with prospective members of the Board of Management, we encourage new prospective House Committee members initially to join as co-opted members to enable you to experience the work of the Committee before you decide whether you wish and are able to make a longer commitment.

If you think you might be interested in serving on the Board of Management or the House Committee, please contact the Scheme Manager.