## CITED Reflections from 2020

## Building new affordable homes for our communities

It wasn't quite the party we thought we would have in March, when we handed over our **3,000th** home to a new ateb customer. Since 1981 ateb has been developing new homes for the people of West Wales and as we have grown, so has our appetite to provide more. Over the next 3 years we are hoping to increase our development programme year on year, which not only will support those seeking an affordable home, but also provides much needed economic benefits to the local community. Our Executive Director for Development Will Lloyd Davies explains;

"Our development partners have continued to work through most of the Covid-19 disruptions and this has been reflected in the £6m+ grants we received last year from the Welsh Government to fund socially rented homes in West Wales. In addition, our own Mill Bay Homes socially conscious house building subsidiary, supported the development of 29 new homes in Knowling Mead, Tenby. These homes were in high demand and were quickly allocated using Pembrokeshire County Councils choice based, local lettings scheme.

West Wales has many rural communities who are identifying the need to invest in affordable housing to retain their vibrancy. Where communities struggle to retain the younger demographic due to accommodation costs and employment opportunities, their long-term sustainability can often be affected. ateb are excited to be partnering with the Welsh Government and Pembrokeshire County Council to provide a rural enabler post for Pembrokeshire over the next year.

The Pembrokeshire Rural Housing Partnership will seek to develop new rural affordable housing opportunities across the county, to help ensure rural community sustainability."

As the process for funding new affordable homes changes over the next year, we will be seeking to support our local authority partners to deliver their housing and community objectives. The last year has shown us the merits of working together and we will continue to adopt this approach in our delivery of new affordable homes in West Wales.

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A wholly owned limited company with the objective of returning gift aid receipts to its parent for social purposes.

reflection

29 new homes built using recycled gift aid from Mill Bay Homes

3 year plan to increase our development programme

new homes

completed in
FY 20/21



A care and repair agency supporting older and more vulnerable private owners & renters with benefits advice and adaptations to their homes to minimise time away.