

## Accord's Deputy Chief Executive receives OBE in Queen's Birthday Honours list



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Alan Yates, Accord's Deputy Chief Executive, has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2019.

Alan has been awarded an OBE for his services to housing. This highly prestigious award has been bestowed on Alan in recognition of his dedication and ongoing work in the housing industry, in particular his commitment to providing affordable homes.

After starting his career in the building and construction industry, Alan then moved into the affordable housing sector and is now the Deputy Chief Executive at Accord Housing, where he is also responsible for the organisation's commercial team, including all new and existing housing developments. He has a particular interest in sustainable construction and low carbon housing. In 2011 he led the creation of Accord's LoCaL Homes factory, an offsite manufacturing facility which produces high quality, low carbon, timber framed homes.

He also led the establishment of Matrix Housing Partnership, which secured Wave 1 funding under the Homes England New Ways of Working programme.

Alan Yates said: "I am delighted to have received this honour and I hope that it inspires others in the housing sector to innovate, in order to provide better homes and services to our customers.

"Building good quality, affordable houses that people can call their home is really important to me, and doing this by using sustainable building and construction methods is something I am very passionate about."

In addition to his role at Accord, Alan is also Chairman of the Sustainable Housing Action Partnership (SHAP), the Chairman of the NHF Regional Investment Group, a member of the NHF Great Homes Group, and Associate Non-Executive Director of Walsall NHS Healthcare Trust. He was also the former Chairman of Energiesprong UK and a housing advisor to The National Trust.

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