



COOPERS MEWS

The development has been intelligently designed to maximise the footprint of an empty bungalow set in a large garden plot that used to stand on the site. In place of that single dwelling, we have built eight much needed apartments, all with parking, close to Egham town centre and all local amenities.

Completed in May, the 3 x one-bed and 5 x two-bed apartments were all available for general needs and were let on affordable rents. Set in a distinctive and attractive building, just minutes away from the shops and direct trainline into London Waterloo, the stylish new apartments were all let within days of becoming available.

Quick Facts

Rosemary Simmons in partnership with Runnymede Borough Council

Scheme: 8 apartments for affordable rent

Cost: £1.75million (£150,000 funding provided by Runnymede Borough Council, £184,000 from the Homes & Communities Agency).

Architects: Saville Jones.

Contractor: Sunninghill Ltd.

Design features:

- Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4
- Photovoltaic Panels generate electricity, reducing energy bills
- Mechanical Ventilation Systems with Heat Recovery uses warm air from bathrooms and kitchens to heat fresh air to other rooms
- Low energy lighting and high levels of insulation will reduce energy costs



NEW HOME, NEW HOPE

Residents' story: Mr Ben Prizzy, Ms Kirsty Williams and Callum

Getting the keys to their new Rosemary Simmons home ended many months of uncertainty for Ben Prizzy and Kirsty Williams after the birth of their son, Callum.

The young family were forced to move into temporary accommodation after they had outgrown Kirsty's parents' house. After five months of living in two small rooms and sharing a bathroom, they would have agreed to any accommodation that was offered to them and accepted the flat in Coopers Mews on the spot without even viewing the apartment.

When they did see their new home, they were amazed. Kirsty confesses, "We just thought that there must have been a mistake, that there was no way that we were moving in here. It was perfect, like you see in the property shows on TV! We just couldn't have wanted anything better, especially how close it is to everything."

Boasting bright airy living space with plenty of room for Callum to play, the couple don't think that it is any coincidence that

Callum started walking within two weeks of moving in. With a settled home, the couple can now start to plan the future of their family, including registering Callum for one of the many good nursery schools within walking distance.

Ben, an unemployed mechanic, who left his home and job in Croydon to be with his new family, now feels more optimistic about finding work. "Having our own home is a huge weight off my mind." He says, "It gives us a solid base and means I can now concentrate on finding a job without having to worry about where we're going to be living next month. We're like a proper family now."