







# Neighbourhood Officer x2

Applicant
Information Pack



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### **About Us**

The United Welsh Group is an award-winning, not-for-profit organisation providing homes and related services in South Wales. We are passionate about building homes, creating communities and transforming lives.

United Welsh provides almost **6,500** affordable homes for people to enjoy a warm, safe place to live, with support from us.

We work hard to make a difference and step up when our communities need us. Providing homes is just the start.

We help people to live **happily and independently**, and we are ambitious about how we can help people to live their best lives.

We work with a range of partners including local and national government, the NHS and community organisations to improve wellbeing, tackle poverty, invest in greener communities, and challenge inequality at every turn.

The United Welsh Group employs over 400 people. The Group includes our repairs and maintenance service Celtic Horizons; timber frame home manufacturer Celtic Offsite and Harmoni Homes Ltd, which builds affordable homes and homes for sale.

Life at United Welsh centres around our culture. We **live by our values** which connect us and inspire us, guiding our strategies as well as the decisions we make day to day.





# **About Us**

### **United Welsh**

### Celtic Horizons Ltd

### Harmoni Homes Ltd

Developing Homes for United Welsh

### Celtic Horizons

Asset Management

# **Celtic Offsite**

Timber Frame Factory

The Celtic
Horizons Asset
Management
service for
United Welsh
is delivered in
partnership with
Mears Ltd



### **Job Profile**



### Neighbourhood Officer x2

#### Reporting to

Senior Neighbourhood Officer

### Broad purpose of the post

Our Neighbourhood team is growing, and we're looking for two Neighbourhood Officers to join us.

As a Neighbourhood Officer, you will provide an efficient, responsive, visible and customer-focused neighbourhood and tenancy management service.

This will involve delivering United Welsh's Neighbourhood plans, ensuring all occupation contracts and estates are professionally managed in accordance with relevant policies, procedures, legal and regulatory requirements to create vibrant, sustainable communities where people want to live and work.

# **Key Accountabilities**



- To pro-actively deal with all aspects of occupation contracts and estate management; managing services to ensure the environment is maintained to a high standard, and supporting our customers to manage their occupation contracts appropriately and to remedy any breaches of contracts if these occur.
- To ensure that new residents are appropriately supported throughout the crucial early stages of their contracts and to take proactive action where appropriate.
- Through the delivery of neighbourhood plans, to take a leading role in the wider engagement of communities and be a key catalyst for positive change in our neighbourhoods; identifying and implementing community initiatives and leading on activities aimed at improving overall neighbourhood sustainability and the quality of our residents' lives.
- Have a visible presence and be recognisable to our customer, displaying a "can do" attitude at all times.
- To involve our customers in all aspects of the neighbourhood service to ensure their voice is heard and their views are positively received.
- To work with and influence external agencies at a neighbourhood level; developing partnership approaches, signposting residents to relevant

- services and undertaking joint service provision or initiatives where appropriate in order to develop and improve local services.
- To be a proactive member of the team and work with colleagues across the business to support community engagement activity, continually seeking to improve and develop own skills and the performance of the team and operate within and comply with United Welsh policies, procedures, and values at all times.
- Develop and maintain excellent relationships with teams across the association to enable partnership working.
- To support Neighbourhood Assistants.



# **Personal Requirements**

#### **Essential**

- Experience of working in social housing or a related sector
- Experience of working with a variety of people from different backgrounds and with different needs
- Experience of managing complex cases with effective outcomes
- Up to date knowledge of housing legislation and housing policy
- Competent using all Microsoft Office packages including Word and Excel
- Ability to produce statistical reports and information in a variety of formats.
- Excellent written, oral and numeracy skills
- Commitment to the delivery of exceptional customer service and the ability to treat all customers with equally high standards of respect and consideration
- Ability to plan and prioritise own workload in order to achieve objectives., whilst remaining calm under pressure
- Ability to work flexibly in a challenging and changing environment, dealing with unpredictable people and situations calmly and effectively
- Confident self-starter, pro-active, able to work independently and make reasoned judgements and decisions

- Effective team-player, ability to develop and maintain effective partnerships both internally and externally
- Ability to challenge the 'status quo,' seek and deliver continuous improvement and service development.

#### **Desirable**

- Experience using IBS Housing Management system
- Housing Policy or similar qualification
- · Educated to degree level
- Experience of working restoratively with customers.

The Essential Criteria stated within the Personal Requirements will be used for shortlisting purposes.
However, all criteria will be considered in the process of making an appointment.

This role may require a DBS check.
This will be conducted as part of
the recruitment process for the
successful candidate.

Please note, this role requires a full UK driving licence with business insurance and/or access to public transport.

# **Terms and Conditions**

### **Current Salary**

Total salary is **£35,089.60.** 

### **Pension Plus**

While working at United Welsh you are eligible to join our pension scheme. United Welsh partner with the **Social Housing Pension Scheme (SHPS)** to deliver our pension provision for employees.

The **Defined Contribution Scheme (DC)** matches employee contributions up to 10%. It is a salary sacrifice scheme, so deductions are taken before tax.

#### Leave

- **30** days plus Bank Holidays
- **Two** United Welsh Gifted Days an additional two gifted days, usually to be taken during the office closure over the festive period.

## **Additional Benefits**

- 30 days annual leave and bank holidays
- An additional two gifted days to be taken over the seasonal period.
- A company culture that promotes work life balance
- Flexible working
- Opportunities to be involved in 'Can Do' days, giving back to the communities where we work
- A half a day's leave under the 'School Starter Scheme'
- Free fruit, fresh filtered water, tea and coffee within our offices
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- One year's paid subscription to professional body (one membership per year)
- Free eye tests at Specsavers and a contribution towards the cost of prescription glasses
- Access to our internal coaching and wellbeing services that are devoted to supporting professional and personal development

- Free and confidential access to a 24/7 Employee Assistance Wellbeing Hub
- We are a member of the Social Housing Pension Scheme. There is an opportunity for employees to join The Defined Contribution Scheme and we match contributions up to 10%
- Learning and Development opportunities, with learning available in a range of formats to suit your needs
- As a testament to our approach and genuine commitment to learning, United Welsh holds the Investors in People - Gold Award
- We are committed to supporting applicants and staff with disabilities and hold the **Disability** Confident Level 1 Award
- We are committed to becoming a menopause friendly employer
- We are an Armed Forces friendly organisation and hold the Armed Forces Covenant – Bronze Award













# How to apply

To apply, please send a copy of your CV, a cover letter and the Equality, Diversity and Declaration of Interest form to jobs@unitedwelsh.com. In the cover letter, please outline why you believe you would be successful in this role based on your experience and on the essential/ desirable criteria in the Job Description, in no more than 500 words. If you do not send a cover letter and the EDI form along with your CV, you will be at risk of your application not being progressed further.

#### Closing date: Tuesday 28th November, 9am

Within your CV, please provide the names, positions, organisations and contact details for two referees, one of whom should be your current or most recent employer. We will not approach these referees prior to the shortlist stage, and we will seek your permission first. However, references will be sought as part of our pre-employment checks for the successful candidate.

- We would be grateful if you could submit the Equality Diversity and Declaration
  of Interest form with your application. The information you provide will be used
  for monitoring purposes only and will be kept separate from your application
- Please ensure your CV and other documents are emailed as a Word or PDF file, as unfortunately, we are currently unable to accept applications in any other formats at the moment
- Requirements within the essential criteria of the Personal Requirements will be used for shortlisting purposes. However, all the criteria will be considered in the process of making an appointment.

Please send any applications to jobs@unitedwelsh.com or deliver them to: FAO The People Team, United Welsh, Y Borth, 13 Beddau Way, Caerphilly, CF83 2AX. Our main office is open between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.















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