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January 2017 sees the history of CCHA span proudly across half a century. When it was founded in 1967, CCHA’s mission was ‘To help the housing situation in Croydon’. The fundamental objective behind that mission is still ever-present, reflected in the current vision and values that the organisation holds today.

CCHA’s 50th anniversary is just a few months behind that of Ken Loach’s thought-provoking film, Cathy Come Home: the story of a young couple and their descent into poverty, which inspired many housing associations and homelessness charities.

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CCHA currently provides a wide range of services, including specialist money and welfare advice, community initiatives, digital inclusion and employment programmes.

Early Days

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CCHA has grown from six to 1,500 homes in the last 50 years, having realised that housing is just one part of the puzzle in transforming lives, it needed to look beyond bricks and mortar.

A Resident’s Perspective

An interview with one of CCHA’s longest standing residents.

We spoke with a CCHA Resident who has been with us through four decades, listening keenly as she shared her journey through social housing.

“...I have always been single and had been on the council waiting list for six years but at a low priority. The council referred me to CCHA and I have been living in Mollie Davies Court ever since.

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When asked of her feelings about CCHA as a social housing provider, she explained, ‘There have been many changes over the years as you have grown, but overall the service is good. CCHA’s values still stand. ‘I do like where I live so you must be doing something right’.

Finally, she tells of her opinion on the current housing crisis, ‘The housing shortage is in this day and age.’

With over 1,500 properties across the London Boroughs of Croydon, Sutton, Bromley and Merton, CCHA lives its vision of ‘Proudly delivering excellent homes and services’.