

Everyone should have a home

**Shelter Housing Action With  
Rural Communities – A  
Dumfries & Galloway Story**

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## SHARC

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Shelter Scotland and the Big  
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1<sup>st</sup> Project from 2000 – 2004

2<sup>nd</sup> Project from 2004 –  
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## Aims of SHARC

- Provide information on housing options
- Engage with community bodies to carry out surveys of housing needs
- Using the survey results, develop action plans to ensure the supply of affordable housing within the area
- Establish the Dumfries & Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust
- Host seminars and conferences on a range of issues in relation to affordable housing

## Housing Surveys

Moniaive, Auchencairn, Dunscore, Dalry, Dalton & Carrutherstown, Creetown, Springholm, Haugh of Urr, Crocketford, Laurieston, Bridge of Dee, Glenlochar, Southernness, Lochfoot, Borgue, Portpatrick, Dunragit, Moniaive (Older Persons Housing Survey), Drummore, Carsphairn, Ballantrae, Glenluce, Kelloholm & Kirkconnell with more to follow.....

## Additional Projects

## Wider Area Studies

**Glenkens Affordable Housing Study**

**March 2005**

**(Dalry, New Galloway, Balmacellan, Carsphairn,  
Mossdale, Dundeeugh)**

## Additional Projects

### Dumfries & Galloway Affordable Housing Study

August 2006

- Impact of Second Homes & Holiday Accommodation
- Upper Mid Annandale & Eskdale
  - Mid Nithsdale Villages
  - Coastal South Stewartry
    - The Machars

## Additional Projects

Rural Empty  
Property Survey

Currently 10  
applications with  
Communities  
Scotland for this  
scheme

## Conferences & Seminars

**Seminars very successful –  
only organisation to deliver on  
issues in relation to housing**

**Conferences raise awareness  
of rural housing issues and  
give great opportunities for  
networking**



## Dumfries & Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust

**Fully established  
Funding in place until March 2009  
Development Officer due to begin mid February  
2007**

## Community Housing Groups

- Glenkens Affordable Housing Group
- Isle of Whithorn Affordable Housing Group

## **The Future for SHARC**

**Ends on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007**

**Promote SHARC within  
other Rural areas of Scotland**

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**And Finally.....**