Welcome to this spring issue of our Seaside & Country Homes newsletter. And many thanks for your kind and generous comments about issues one and two!

In this issue we’d like to tell you about our lovely flats in Kent and Sussex and also some just-refurbished properties in Littleport in Cambridgeshire which are newly available to people registered for Seaside & Country Homes.

If you are interested in any of these, do drop us an email at housingmobility@london.gov.uk or give us a call on 08450 212020.

FEATURED FLATS: KENT AND SUSSEX

Kent and Sussex are home to some of our highest demand areas but we do have some fabulous flats in these popular seaside locations that those of you currently living in one or two bed homes in the capital may wish to consider. Doing so could result in a move to your dream location rather than an endless wait for something that you have almost no chance of ever being offered!

All flats have either one or two bedrooms and offer spacious and well-proportioned rooms. The two bed flats are a similar size to the bungalows, and like them, have one good sized double and one single bedroom. Unlike the bungalows, many of the flats have coastal views or are within a few moments’ walk of the sea.

In Herne Bay in North Kent, for example, we have 41 two bedroom flats. They are just behind the promenade, overlooking the pier, and many offer spectacular views towards the sea. There is a lift, a car park for tenants and numerous shops and cafes within easy walking distance.

Our Sussex flats are in Peacehaven, Telscombe Cliffs and Saltdean - again either overlooking or within easy walking distance of the sea. There are landscaped gardens where you can sit and watch the world go by. Although there are no lifts, none of the flats are above the first floor.
Again, parking is available. Shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants are all within a short distance and there are regular bus services into Brighton for serious shopping, trips to the theatre or cinema or any of the numerous leisure options available in the city. Major hospitals can be found in both Brighton and Eastbourne.

A BRAND NEW LOCATION FOR SEASIDE & COUNTRY HOMES

We are delighted to tell you that we have just expanded the locations we can offer - to Littleport near Ely. This area has mainly one bedroom flats, with a small number of two bedroom properties for people who specifically need a second bedroom.

The blocks have just been completely refurbished, so every flat has a brand new kitchen and wet room or bathroom. Unlike our other properties, there's a service manager on site during working hours Monday to Friday, and on site care can be arranged if required.

Littleport is a large village just north of the famous cathedral city of Ely. It has a good range of local shops and services including supermarkets, a doctor's surgery and leisure centre. It has a good and regular bus service into Ely and a railway station which offers direct services to Ely station in under 10 minutes and Kings Lynn in around 20 minutes.

Ely has a much larger range of services, including a wider range of shops, banks and building societies. In addition to the magnificent cathedral it also has a museum, galleries, The Maltings leisure complex and Oliver Cromwell's house. Ely has numerous cafes, restaurants and tea rooms and it even has a floating restaurant moored in the popular and picturesque riverside area.

Ely station offers direct services to London King’s Cross in just over an hour and to Liverpool Street. There are also direct services to Stansted airport. Cambridge is less than 20 minutes by train and direct services also run to Birmingham, Norwich, Liverpool, Ipswich, Leicester and Peterborough.

DO YOU NEED HELP TO MOVE?

Did you know that some landlords offer people moving through Seaside & Country Homes financial assistance. Sometimes, as is the case with the Greenwich Council, payments are specifically for removal costs. Other landlords may give you a set amount for each bedroom in the home you're vacating to spend as you wish – perhaps as a contribution towards items for your new home. Haringey Council, for example may pay up to £2,000 if you are leaving a home with three bedrooms. Why not speak to your landlord to find out what payments may be available if you move home?