

Martin Keats



Martin started his career in the Royal Navy as a Radio Operator specialising in tactical communications and coded signals for the manoeuvring of ships in company at sea via flag hoists and flashing light and voice. He gained a love of office machinery as in harbour or shore-based communications were via teleprinter radio nets which were encrypted online and sometimes offline before that.

When computers started making their way into the workplace, he was naturally drawn to working with them. At this time, he was working in Local Government. He found that his extensive communication skills and the obvious capability of computer software led to becoming the lead IT officer in his department. He also worked closely with local police and social services project managing and integrating their communications needs and those of the local council.

Martin's early career means he takes a keen interest in homelessness, especially for armed forces veterans who can often feel they are a non-priority for housing. Martin currently volunteers for the Royal British Legion as a committee member.

Martin is a shared ownership tenant and looks forward to learning more about the social housing sector as a whole. He feels that he can bring a different perspective to the board as a tenant and looks forward to shaping future policy and direction of the Association.