



Patricia Hollis

24 May 1941 - 13 October 2018

Patricia Hollis was a historian, politician and passionate campaigner for social justice.

Patricia was a lecturer at the University of East Anglia from 1968 to 1990. She served as a Norwich city councillor from 1968 to 1991, and was the council's first female leader (1983-88). She was also a Norfolk county councillor from 1981 to 1985.

In 1990 Patricia was made a life peer: Baroness Hollis of Heigham. She played a key role in ensuring a change in the law to ensure divorced women receive a share of their former husbands' pensions. She was also an active supporter of social care for the elderly, benefits for disabled people and an end to child poverty.

Patricia was Chair of Broadland Housing Association from 2009 to 2015. She brought to the role her passion and belief in the transformative power of decent affordable housing for people living in Norwich. During her tenure, Broadland Housing created the vision for Canary Quay and remodelled the financing arrangements to make it become a reality.

*"Somewhere for our lives to try.
A roof to raise us closer to the sky."*

From **Residence** by Matthew Hollis



Richard Hawthorn

14 May 1940 - 10 September 2017

Richard Hawthorn was tenant Board member for Broadland Housing Association from September 2010 until his death.

He left school in Norwich at 16 with no qualifications. He joined the arm and served with the Royal Tank Regiment in Aden, Malaysia and Northern Ireland. He was highly regarded and quickly rose through the ranks.

After leaving the army, Richard worked in Germany and then in his first charity venture, managing an orphanage for blind Arab children in the West Bank. Later he made his mark at NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) in Norfolk.

After retiring Richard moved into Broadland's sheltered housing scheme at Woodcote in Norwich, where he was an active and popular member of the community.

He joined Broadland's Board to make a difference and help others. Richard fearlessly challenged the Board to ensure a fair deal for tenants. He was dedicated to public service right to the end. Among his last words were: "I may not make it to the next Board meeting".