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Whitefriars reaches kitchen makeover milestone

Whitefriars Housing Group has reached a significant milestone in its quest to modernise thousands of Coventry homes.

Contractors working for the group in the south of the city have just completed the installation of the 4000th new kitchen in a Whitefriars property.

This brings the current total, for the whole of Coventry to 7,800 - which means a staggering 80 kitchens and bathrooms are being completed each week.

Wates' Construction site manager Adrian Grimes presented Whitefriars tenant Alexis Gower with flowers and other gifts at her Willenhall home.

58 year-old Mrs Gower, who has lived in the house for 11 years said: "It's magic. The contractors were very pleasant and the new kitchen is marvellous."

Mrs Gower is also celebrating the installation of a new bathroom in her terraced home.

As the approved contractor to Whitefriars, Wates is scheduled to replace 9,000 kitchens and bathrooms over the next four years.

Site Manager Adrian Grimes said: "It's great to have achieved this landmark figure so early. This is a testament to the to the skill and dedication of our workforce and to our good working relationship with Whitefriars."

The refurbishment of kitchens and bathrooms is part of the £250 million being spent by Whitefriars on improvements to its properties throughout the city. This news comes after the recent announcement that Whitefriars improvement plans will be completed in five

years instead of six meaning that all Whitefriars homes will meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard five years ahead of the national schedule.

Whitefriar's Director of Property Management Mike Brown said: "To have achieved this landmark in this amount of time confirms that Wates can really deliver the goods and provide an efficient and friendly service, which tenants like Mrs Gower are experiencing first hand."

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