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Welcome to the October Issue of the SHLA Newsletter

Our October newsletter is here, featuring updates and upcoming events from SHLA.

In this issue...

The Newsletter Committee - Iris Ferber KC (42BR Barristers), Dambu Tenner (Solicitor and Head of Legal, Abri) and Kate Hicks (Partner, Bevan Brittan) – welcome a series of guest writer articles providing key insights on a number of important issues.

Articles

Our first article is from Louise Murphy of MSB Solicitors and discusses what should be included in a written summary following an investigation under Awaab's Law. Monday 27th October 2025 saw the implementation of these new requirements and this article is therefore essential reading for landlords.

Secondly, Amy Tagoe of MSB Solicitors considers how cuckooing will be managed once the Crime and Policing Bill is enacted and the positive move to make cuckooing a criminal offence.

Our final **article** is from SHLA Wales Committee Members, Sarah Salmon, barrister at Cornerstone Barristers and Caroline Stubbs, Director of Legal and Governance, Pobl Group (with input from Devonshire Solicitors). This article focuses on SHLA's response to the Building Safety (Wales) Bill, which has recently been issued.

All articles can be found in the members' area of the SHLA website, [here](#).



Webinars and Events

November is another busy month for our webinar series and sessions include:

- 6th November: Mental Capacity and Housing
- 13th November: The Housing Ombudsman
- 19th November: The Relief Duty

Also on 19th November, Anthony Collins will host an in-person event: Housing Mediation Protocol (Birmingham).

Details on how to join any of these events can be found [here](#).

At an incredibly busy time for social housing lawyers, with the implementation of Awaab's Law and the enactment of the Renters' Rights Act 2025 already having taken place this week, we hope that you will have found this update helpful.

Please do give us your feedback, and join us for our next event, where we will continue to provide insights in to the most pressing issues for social housing law practitioners. If there are any topics it would be useful for us to cover in forthcoming newsletters, please do send us your ideas.

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Annual Conference

SHLA Conference 2026 - The SHLA Conference 2026 will take place on **Thursday, 12th March 2026** at **The Law Society on Chancery Lane, London**.

Full agenda to follow shortly but get this date in the diary for what promises to be a fantastic day of insight, discussion and networking on all things social housing. We really look forward to welcoming you to the Law Society for this important event. Ticket arrangements to be announced imminently.



Become a Guest Writer

We always welcome articles that share the work you are doing in the sector. Send us your article ideas or offer to be a guest writer by contacting us at info@shla.org.uk

