

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2026



Welcome

Our March newsletter is here, featuring update and upcoming events SHLA.

This follows on from a fantastic Annual Conference which took place at The Law Society on 12th March 2026. It was great to see so many members in attendance for a jammed packed day covering many of the issues currently impacting the sector.

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 Emma Hindon, Associate, Ashfords LLP who talks us through what social landlords must know about the recently introduced electrical safety regulations which are due to be fully implemented on the 1 May 2026.

Secondly, Aaron Taylor, Solicitor at MSB provides useful information on the Written Statements requirements for private landlords and social landlords with market rent properties which apply from 1 May 2026.

Our last article is from Louise Murphy, Partner at MSB who gives us an overview of the reforms to rent repayment orders made under the Renters Rights Act 2025 that are due to come into force on the 1 May 2026.

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

Links to the government guidance on the new written statements, including a link to the Righters' Rights Act Information Sheet 2026 and the statutory instrument can be found [here](#).

A look back at February 2026

Mazur

The Court of Appeal heard the highly anticipated appeal in [Mazur v Charles Russell Speechlys LLP \[2025\] EWHC 2341 \(KB\)](#), following 3 days of legal arguments from the parties and 6 interveners, including the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA), the Law Society, the Legal Services Board, the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and the Law Centres Network, the legal world eagerly awaits the Court's judgment which was reserved and is now likely to be handed down until late spring or summer.

The Call for Evidence – Disrepair

The government's Call for Evidence in housing disrepair/condition claims closed on the 12 February 2026. SHLA would like to thank the members that attended the roundtable on the 29 January 2026. Housing condition claims, particularly from bulk litigation firms situated in the north of the country, continue to be a cause of concern for the sector. There was a consensus from those who attended that changes need to be brought in to ensure vulnerable tenants are protected and to ensure social landlords can focus their resources on improvements to their stock rather than paying legal costs to law firms.

It continues to be an incredibly busy time for social housing lawyers, with many scheduled changes due to come into force on the 1 May 2026, 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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