

## The Spotlight is on Derek Brown



### 1. What's your role at Peabody?

*Building Services Manager - I deal with anything from Legal disrepair, damp and mould cases and property inspections here at Charlton Triangle Homes*

### 2. What brought you to Peabody?

*Prior to working here, I was a loss adjuster dealing with Household Insurance claims. The role was home based, apart from the visits to clients, I missed the day to day contact with colleagues. I wouldn't say that I was specifically looking to work in Housing but, the position here at Charlton came up at the right time where I could use my insurance/property experience and as they say, the rest is history.*

### 3. What are you working on at the moment?

*I'm presently working on our legal disrepair and damp and mould cases, along with the other members of my team. As a team, we have weekly meetings with our Director where we discuss the cases and record where we are, in terms of progress. Apart from this, I'm also involved in a project, being led by our Housing Operations Manager, looking at our waste and recycling. There's never a dull moment working here!*

### 4. What's one of your favourite things about this place?

*It has got to be the people, that's the residents, colleagues, contractors. Being based in the middle of the estate, you cannot fail to get to know people and whilst you cannot please everyone all of the time, I try my best.*

### 5. What makes you smile?

*It's a bit cheesy really but, it's my granddaughter, she was born on Christmas day morning 2021 and it's just the way she tries to say Grandad.*

## 6. Tell us about your home.

*I live near Lee, in South East London with my wife and son. I've lived there for over 20 years and I think I like most about it is the garden, it's difficult to maintain but great to relax in. It's a good neighbourhood, people are friendly and look out for each other particularly if they know that you will be away. They've created a WhatsApp group where they'll post messages etc as well as listing the names of good contractor's who've done work for them.*

## 7. Tell us something about you that we might be surprised by.

*Many moons ago, when I was young, I was playing football for my primary school at a place in North London called Parliament Hill Fields, and I was told afterwards that a scout from Manchester United FC took my name, I didn't hear anything further after that but I do wonder what could have been!!*

## FAVOURITE...

- **Food:** Turkish
- **Band/Singer/Group:** 80's Soul/jazz funk- Roy Ayres, Players Association...
- **Favourite song:** Too many to list
- **Film:** Cast Away (Tom Hanks)
- **Sport:** Football
- **Dream place to visit:** Barbados