

Berneslai Homes - Freedom of Information 2025-2026: Lettings

730	04/04/2025	1. The total number of vacant council-owned homes in Barnsley over the last three years.	
		Financial Year	Number of empty properties during each financial year
		2022/23	929
		2023/24	871
		2024/25	805
		Please note: a majority of these properties would have been re-let following the vacancy within each given year.	
		2. A breakdown of the number of empty council homes by ward within Barnsley.	
		Council Ward	Number of empty properties*
		Central	75
		Dearne	44
		North area	71
		North East	61
		Pensitone	13
		South area	72
		*As of 29/04/25	
		3. The total financial loss in rental income caused by empty properties over the past three years, including how long these properties have remained vacant.	
		Berneslai Homes only hold data for rent loss as a cumulative for the year, not down to individual property levels.	
		Financial Year	Total rent loss from empty properties
		2022/23	£705,809.55
		2023/24	£1,216,350
		2024/25	£1,602,298

739	30/04/2025	1. The total number of lock-up domestic garages owned by your council.
		718
		2. The total number of these garages that are currently empty.
		269
		3. The total number that are currently let to council estate residents.
		195
		4. The total number that are let to non council estate residents.
		254

753	05/06/2025	How many units of social housing stock do you currently have?
		As of June 2025 Berneslai Homes manage a total of 17,869 social houses owned by Barnsley Council.

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How many units of social housing stock did you own in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?

Financial Year	Units of housing stock owned
2018/19	18,400
2019/20	18,329
2020/21	18,264
2022/23	18,095
2023/24	17,967
2024/25	17,904
2025*	17,869

*Data held for 2025 as of June 2025

How many of these social housing units are currently in rental arrears?

Data held as of May 2025: 7,076 total properties were in rental arrears.

How many of these social housing units were in rental arrears in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?

Financial Year	Units of social housing in rental arrears
2018/19	7,081
2019/20	6,160
2020/21	7,158
2021/22	7,320
2022/23	8,060
2023/24	8,639
2024/25	6,869
2025*	7,076

*Data held for 2025 as of June 2025

What is the total value of these rental arrears?

Data held as of May 2025: the total value of rental arrears is £3,402,061

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What was the total value of these rental arrears in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?

Financial Year	Total value of rental arrears (£)
2018/19	1,306,171
2019/20	1,603,024
2020/21	1,865,193
2021/22	2,388,975
2022/23	2,636,279
2023/24	2,979,945
2024/25	3,109,141
2025*	3,402,061

*Data held for 2025 as of June 2025