



Northamptonshire
Rural Housing
Association

Where?

Rookery View, Little Harrowden,
Northamptonshire

What?

Six of the new homes - a pair of two-bedroom bungalows, two two-bedroom houses and two three-bedroom houses - are available for affordable rent. A third three-bedroom home is for shared ownership - a part buy/part rent scheme. We worked on the scheme with the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Little Harrowden Parish Council, East Midlands Housing Association, developer Whiterock Homes and the local community.

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The residents moved in in October 2010 amongst which were 27-year-old Gemma Wilkinson, who grew up in the village, and Angela Ambidge, whose 80-year-old mother lives in Meadowlands sheltered housing scheme opposite the new homes.

Angela's husband, Michael, said: "We have been living in Corby but of course my wife wants to be near her mother, so this move has made a massive difference to us. We are really pleased because we are now in constant contact and we are within 'rapid response' distance if anything was to happen to her."

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