

## Welcome to the first issue of our brand new ezine which shares the latest news from Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association.

We're continuously working to develop affordable rural housing to enable individuals and families to stay in the villages in which they grew up and to encourage the sustainability of rural communities.

To achieve this, partnership working is vital and we're always keen to foster new relationships. I would welcome the opportunity to show you around one of our developments or to meet to discuss our plans moving forward.

If you would like to find out more about the difference we are making across Northamptonshire, please give me a call.

**Craig Felts, Company Secretary**



## Phase 3 for Braunston

To further meet the needs of the local community, plans are underway for Phase 3 of our successful rural affordable housing development in Braunston. Funding

of £405,000 has already been received from the Homes and Communities Agency and we're working closely with Braunston Parish Council and Daventry District Council to bring the plans to fruition.

## MP discusses housing crisis

Andrea Leadsom, MP for South Northamptonshire, visited Croughton, one of our most recent developments, to discuss our concerns about the future of affordable rural housing. The visit enabled Andrea



Leadsom to see first-hand what a difference new rural developments can make to her constituents and talk about policy approaches which could enable a greater supply of affordable homes in rural areas.

## Real need for affordable homes

The annual Halifax Rural Housing Review underlined the fact that the need for rural affordable housing is greater than ever. While rural homes across all regions are more expensive than urban properties, the price difference in the East Midlands is nine per cent higher than the national average.

## New developments in the pipeline

We're looking to develop a potential 37 affordable homes in Warwickshire between 2015 - 18.

### BRAUNSTON

Planning permission has been granted, subject to S106, for 10 homes for affordable rent and two for shared ownership. HCA funding is in place and work is expected to start on site in April 2016.

### MEARS ASHBY

The public consultation carried out in November went well regarding plans for a new development of six homes for affordable rent and two for sale on the open market. HCA funding is in place and we'll be looking to submit a planning application in February 2016 with a view to starting on site in the September.

### YARWELL

Plans are underway for six homes for affordable rent and three for open market sale. HCA funding is in place and we'll be looking to submit a planning application in February 2016.

### TITCHMARSH

Planning is in place for five homes for affordable rent and one for shared ownership. We're currently waiting to hear whether the HCA will provide funding.