



Speaking out for Housing Week

We were proud to make our voice heard alongside housing associations nation-wide during Housing Week in September. We took the opportunity to reflect on the difference we're making to rural communities throughout the county. Despite working in an ever changing environment, something which has never changed is the real need for affordable housing. Join in the debate by following us @NorthantsRural

Residents start new life at Titchmarsh

Residents have now moved in to our six new properties in Titchmarsh and are enjoying living in homes beautifully designed to be in keeping with their picturesque surroundings. All the properties were allocated to people with a connection to the village, such as Lewis Mitchell and Roberta Levis who welcomed their first baby during the moving in process!



Homes Survey

A stock condition survey of all our properties is being carried out so that we can keep them maintained to a high standard. We'll be visiting every home to look at the age and condition of the bathroom, kitchen, windows and external doors, and will be using this information to create our planned and cyclical programme of works for the coming years.

Right to Buy

There is still no formally agreed scheme regarding the Right to Buy for housing association tenants. This continues to be worked on by the National Housing Federation and the Government. Any scheme will be 'voluntary' and individual housing associations will be able to decide which homes they sell. The timetable for the introduction of the scheme remains unclear, and the criteria which will apply has not yet been agreed. Once it has, we will publish our formal policy.



Universal Credit Latest

Universal Credit has now started to be rolled out in Daventry District and residents are being kept up-to-date with the latest details through the tenant newsletter and website, and through social media.

New developments in the pipeline:

Our plans to develop much needed affordable homes in several Northamptonshire villages continue to progress.

BRAUNSTON

Work is progressing well on site at Braunston and is hoped that the 12 properties which make up Phase 3 of the development will be completed next June.

YARWELL

Planning permission has been granted, subject to the signing of the S106 agreement, for a development of five homes for affordable rent, one for shared ownership sale and three for open market sale. HCA funding is in place and it is hoped that work will start on site by the end of the year.