

## PUT HOUSING TOP OF THE AGENDA

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The need for affordable rural housing in Northamptonshire has never been more critical. We're proud to be supporting the National Housing Federation's week of action to ensure that affordable housing is put at the top of the political agenda.

## REPORT REVEALS HOUSING CRISIS

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The National Housing Federation's East Midlands Home Truths 2016/17 report has shown that people across the county are facing a housing crisis, with a shortfall of 29,000 affordable homes in the region. It revealed that in Northamptonshire, the gap between house prices and salaries is huge, with the average home costing around 8 times the average salary. There is an urgent need for more affordable housing.



## PLANS FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES

This year we're set to provide 34 much needed affordable homes in four Northamptonshire villages. Work will be getting started in Yarwell imminently and we've secured funding for developments in Little Addington and Brigstock. Phase 3 of our development in Braunston is nearing completion and residents will be moving in this Summer.

## LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED

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All our homes are specifically built for people with a local connection to the village, enabling residents, such as Leslie Thorburn, to return to their roots. Leslie, who suffers from osteoarthritis, was struggling to manage until we offered her a bungalow in Clipston. Now she's back living in the village where she grew up, close to old friends.

## AMBITION TO DELIVER

The National Housing Federation is calling for united support for its Ambition to Deliver which set out the sector's vision to build 120,000 new homes a year by 2033. Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe, Chair of the NHF, says: "Housing associations are united by a single purpose - to ensure everyone in the country has the opportunity to live in a quality home that they can afford."

