



NEW HOMES PARTNERSHIP

A new development, which will enable local people to continue living in their close-knit community, is getting underway in Walgrave. A start on site event took place with local developer, Whiterock Homes, who built the first 11 affordable homes with us at Poachers Close in 2014. Four years on, we're working in partnership once more to develop an additional 10 homes.

<http://www.northamptonshirerha.org.uk/news/walgrave-underway-for-community-impact-week/>

BACK IN HARROWDEN

Our rural affordable homes are continuing to transform lives. Dad Simon Herbert and his young daughter were delighted to be able to settle into a new home in the village they love in time for Christmas. They are now back in Little Harrowden, where Simon was brought up and where his parents and sister still live.

<http://www.northamptonshirerha.org.uk/news/nrha-helps-dad-get-settled-for-christmas/>

SAFETY REVIEW

The next phase of the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety was launched in January. An interim report, Building a Safer Future, has been published and the National Housing Federation is gathering views from members and partners so that recommendations can be made in key areas including design, construction and maintenance. Ensuring our residents stay safe from fire has always been a key concern for us and we are continuing to share our safety advice through our various communications channels.

<http://www.housing.org.uk/latest-updates/hackitt-review-and-the-future-of-building-safety-shaping-the-next-phase>

RURAL REPORT

Our commitment to developing local affordable homes for local people, is more important than ever, if we are to keep our rural communities alive. The National Housing Federation's Rural Life Monitor report finds that services, such as schools, post offices and pubs, which are the pillars of rural community life, have been closing on a regular basis in rural areas which have suffered from a lack of investment in new affordable homes.

<https://www.housing.org.uk/resource-library/browse/affordable-housing-saving-rural-services/>

New developments in the pipeline:

Plans have been announced to develop a potential 36 much needed affordable homes in four Northamptonshire villages.

WALGRAVE

The 10 new properties being built adjacent to our Poachers Close development will comprise four homes for affordable rent, two for shared ownership and four homes for local market sale.

YARWELL

Five new homes for affordable rent and four for shared ownership are now well underway. The development is due to be completed in May and local people are being asked to express their interest in becoming a shared owner.

LITTLE ADDINGTON

June should see the start on site at our first development in the village. Two homes for affordable rent and four for shared ownership, along with five for open market sale, are planned.

BRIGSTOCK

We hope that planning will be approved for a scheme in Brigstock, comprising one property for affordable rent and five for shared ownership. Work is scheduled to start on site in early 2019.