

## County first for Rural Housing Week

Plans are underway for an official Start on Site ceremony during Rural Housing Week (Monday 11th – Friday 15th July) at the first Passivhaus scheme in the county! This ground-breaking scheme in Wootton Wawen is being designed and built to the rigorous Passivhaus standard which aims to dramatically reduce a building's ecological footprint by ensuring that ultra-low levels of energy are required for space heating and cooling.

## Community paints for the Queen

Chairman Derrick Dyas and Company Secretary Craig Felts joined fellow staff and residents to complete an ambitious Participate & Paint community event for the Queen! Together they spent five hours painting all the communal fencing which is visible throughout our housing scheme in Alcester as part of the national Clean for the Queen campaign, read more <http://www.warwickshirerha.org.uk/news/housing-bosses-lead-royal-project/>



## Bursary is just the job

The five bursaries which were awarded through our 25th Anniversary Bursary Scheme are continuing to help transform lives. Suzanne Coop, who has spina bifida, used the bursary to enable her to swap her manual wheelchair for a fully operational electric one. As a result, she has recently been able to apply for paid employment at the local school in addition to her regular voluntary work in the village shop, read more <http://www.warwickshirerha.org.uk/news/bursary-is-just-the-job-for-suzanne/>

## Residents take action

Work is underway to turn an overgrown communal area of land in Priors Marston into a wildlife haven. We asked residents for suggestions for improving the land and are now supporting them in turning it into a garden which can be enjoyed by all, read more <http://www.warwickshirerha.org.uk/news/green-fingered-residents-take-action-to-create-wildlife-haven/>

## Improving homes

Having completed the 2015/16 planned maintenance programme three months ahead of schedule, this year's programme has already got underway to ensure tenants' properties are kept warm, safe and fully modernised. All properties are maintained to a high standard on a rolling programme, with improvements including new uPVC windows and doors, and new kitchens, read more <http://www.warwickshirerha.org.uk/news/work-completed-ahead-of-schedule/>

## New developments in the pipeline

**Our busy year of new development has got off to a good start with plans well underway to develop 37 much needed affordable homes to villages across the county by 2018.**

### WOOTTON WAWEN

Planning permission has been secured for our exciting Passivhaus development of 12 properties for affordable rent and two for shared ownership in Wootton Wawen, and work will start on site in September.

### LONG COMPTON

A planning application has been submitted for a development of five homes for affordable rent, along with four for Local Market sale, and a decision is expected this month. HCA and Stratford District Council funding is in place.

### BROOM

A planning application has been submitted for a development of five properties for affordable rent and one for shared ownership. HCA and Stratford District Council funding is in place.

### GREAT ALNE

HCA funding is in place for development of seven properties for affordable rent. A planning application will be submitted in June.

### STRETTON ON FOSSE

Full planning permission has been granted for five properties for affordable rent and the land is in the developer's ownership. The properties will be funded through the developer's S106 affordable homes obligation.

## Universal Credit roll-out

Residents are being regularly updated on the roll-out of Universal Credit and a special Pocket Guide has been produced. The at-a-glance guide has been sent to every resident to explain everything they need to know about how Universal Credit will work and what they need to do to make a claim.