



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 @WarksRural

Villages say Yes

Plans are underway to be on site in two more Warwickshire villages by the end of the year. Our planning application for a development in Broom has just been approved unanimously, while in Long Compton, planning has been granted subject to the signing of the S106 agreement.



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 Stratford 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 Warwickshire villages continue to progress.

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We are hoping to gain planning for a development of seven properties for affordable rent by the end of October. HCA funding is already in place. We will be submitting the planning application by the end of October.

STRETTON ON FOSSE

Full planning permission has been granted for five properties for affordable rent, funded through the developer's S106 affordable homes obligation. It is hoped that work will start on site next Summer.