

# Latest news from Warwickshire Rural Housing Association

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#### PUT HOUSING TOP OF THE AGENDA

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The need for affordable rural housing in Warwickshire 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 West Midlands Home Truths 2016/17 report has shown that people across the county are facing a housing crisis, with a shortfall of 45,000 affordable homes in the region. It revealed that Warwickshire is one of the most expensive areas to buy a home in the West Midlands, with the average home costing around 7.8 times the average salary. There is an urgent need for more affordable housing.



## PLANS FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES

This year we're set to begin the development of 40 much needed affordable homes in six Warwickshire villages. Work has already started in Long Compton and at our first development in Broom. We gained unanimous approval for our plans in Great Alne and work should begin on this site, and at Stretton on Fosse, this Summer. Our first development in Claverdon is also in the pipeline.

# **GROUND-BREAKING PROJECT ON SITE**

Having appointed developer, Bouygues UK (formerly Thomas Vale), for our ground-breaking Passivhaus scheme in Wootton Wawen, work has now begun. We're working closely with Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Wootton Wawen Parish Council to bring the first ultra-low energy properties to the county.

### **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."



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