



ALLOTMENTS PROJECT BLOOMS!

A new parking area has been completed at the popular community allotments in Wootton Wawen. Bouygues UK has been liaising closely with residents to ensure our new Passivhaus scheme makes a positive contribution to the local community. When the parking issues were highlighted, we agreed to fund the work with Waterloo Housing, making a 10 year dream a reality for allotment holders.

CELEBRATING HOUSING DAY

National Housing Day celebrated the positive impact which social housing has on people across the UK, and we were pleased to share stories about our residents such as Louise Cusack. When her mum passed away, Louise wanted to find a place of her own in Alcester and we offered her an ideal one bedroom property close to her dad and other relatives.

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

By developing affordable homes in rural villages we're helping to make local communities across Warwickshire more sustainable. Our homes in Ilmington have meant that Andrew and Sarah Miles can stay in the village where Sarah grew up. Now they've set up an U8s football team with Sarah's dad, Richard, which is bringing the community together.

GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

The announcement of the Government's planned £2bn investment in affordable housing is excellent news, but specific attention must be paid to the needs of rural communities which are facing their own housing crisis. We welcome the Government's investment and hope this provides new opportunities to work with our local authority partners to deliver genuinely affordable, high quality homes across rural Warwickshire.

<http://www.warwickshirerha.org.uk/news/government-investment-signals-a-better-future/>

FIRE SAFETY

The recent Grenfell Tower tragedy has been a wake-up call for all landlords, creating a stark reminder of the responsibilities they have to their residents. Fire safety has become a greater concern than ever before. Although we're not directly affected as we don't own or manage any high rise properties, we're assuring all residents that their safety remains a top priority. While we await the new fire safety regulations, we've been reiterating our safety advice and continuing to maintain our high standards for the repairs and maintenance of our existing homes, as well as for our new developments.

New developments in the pipeline

This year new developments have already got underway in four Warwickshire villages and more are in the pipeline.

WOOTTON WAWEN

Work is progressing well at our ground-breaking Passivhaus scheme in Wootton Wawen in partnership with Bouygues UK and Waterloo Housing. An open afternoon is being held on Thursday 9th November during Community Impact Week. If you are interested in looking around the site and learning more about the scheme, please email sue.haywood@midlandsrural.org.uk for more details.

BROOM

Our five new homes for affordable rent and one for shared ownership are now being offered to local people with a connection to the village or the surrounding parishes.

LONG COMPTON

A development of five homes for affordable rent and four for Local Market sale started on site in March and is set to be completed in May 2018, in partnership with Heyford Homes.

GREAT ALNE

Work will begin shortly to develop seven properties for affordable rent and 10 for Local Market sale.

STRETTON ON FOSSE

We're hoping to start on site next year, bringing five homes for affordable rent to the village.

CLAVERDON

Our first development in the village should start on site in early 2018. One home for affordable rent and two for shared ownership are planned.