

AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

We wanted to share some personal stories to show the difference that new affordable homes are making for our local people. In these parishes, and several others, new affordable homes are being built to provide local households a safe and warm place to live, in a community where they have strong personal connections.

In two of these parishes new affordable developments have also provided homes for people working in local businesses, showing

how much these developments can help retain much-loved village assets - be that local shops, pubs or supporting the farming community.

North Norfolk's housing team have been working hard, talking to our Parish Councils and local landowners to increase the number of new affordable homes in our villages. Our aim is to ensure that every village has affordable homes that offer the opportunity for local families to remain in the community where they live, work, used to live, or have family.



Hindringham

Mr Warnes (left), who works as a postman said: *"When we received a call to offer us the home, we didn't really believe it. I think we expected it to be rabbit-hutchy, but when we opened the door it took our breath away. And we have a garden overlooking fields - it's such a better place to bring up the kids".*

Salthouse

One new tenant moving into the Salthouse affordable housing development said: *"It's so nice to be able to bring up the kids near family, and in a home which has enough space for us all. And the energy efficiency means it's going to be affordable to run the house as well. After spending the past six years living in private rented accommodation, which was expensive, not big enough for us, it is wonderful to be able to live in Salthouse once again."*



Swanton Novers Community Land Trust

Gary May, Chair of Swanton Novers Land Trust (second from left) said: *"The reaction in the village has been very positive. With any development there is always going to be a bit of nervousness, but we have been able to deliver a modest development which is fully affordable housing, which the village is absolutely delighted with."*

West Beckham

"We were blown away when we first saw this house, we couldn't believe our luck. We are currently living in a cramped, damp house which is suffering from mould" said Mrs MacDonald.



THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES IN NORTH NORFOLK

Calling Parish Councils! Your help is needed to deliver new affordable homes for local people

Sloley Parish profile

There are **131** homes in the parish.
7 are holiday or second homes. **3** are empty homes (unoccupied for six months or over).

48 households are currently on the Housing List and have a local connection to the parish and directly adjoining parishes.

These are households that are part of your community though their current or former residency, work in the parish or close family living in the parish.

There have been **no** affordable homes let in the last twelve months.

NNDC's Housing list has:

2231 households needing a new home

493 households who are in the highest need

127 homeless households, many who have no where else to go and are staying in temporary accommodation

For help and advice about homelessness, please visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/homelessnessadvice

Affordable homes available

There have been **305** affordable homes let across the district in the last 12 months. One let for every 7 households on the Housing List.

Rural Exception Housing Scheme in Bodham



Broadland Housing Association

What can the Parish Council do to help. You can help us by telling us about:

- land owned by the Parish which could be suitable for developing new affordable homes
- local landowners who could be interested in selling land to develop new affordable homes
- empty homes in your parish – we can talk to the owners about bringing the home back into use
- homeowners who may be interested in renting a home to a local household in housing need
- interest in forming a Community Land Trust which could help deliver local affordable homes

Parish Councils can also help:

- identify and signpost homeless households and those at risk of becoming homeless
- identify and signpost those in housing need

Please contact housing@north-norfolk.gov.uk

or visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/northnorfolkhelphub

For more information, please visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/rural-exception-housing-schemes

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