

The Devon Rural Housing Enabler is funded by DEFRA together with CCD, 9 local authorities and 13 housing associations.

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Community Council of Devon

The Devon Rural Housing Enabler is based with the Community Council of Devon

An independent charity founded in 1961. CCD supports initiatives in rural communities, which directly benefit local people.

CCD's vision is of active rural communities shaping their own futures with improved opportunity and quality of life for all.



helping communities help themselves

Rural Housing for Devon



Helping local people find a home

Are people in your village unable to afford a home?

Do you know someone who has had to move away to find a suitable home?

If so please read this leaflet to find out more?

Supported by the Devon Rural Housing Partnership

What is the programme about?

The programme aims to increase the number of affordable homes where they are most needed in the rural areas of Devon.

The Devon Rural Housing Partnership has got together to work towards a common goal of providing housing in Devon in a more co-ordinated way. They have appointed a Rural Housing Enabler to help deliver more affordable homes.

What is a Rural Housing Enabler?

Who do they help?

- ❖ Rural Communities wanting to retain their people and services
- ❖ People seeking affordable housing
- ❖ Landlords, both social and private
- ❖ Landowners interested in providing land for affordable housing
- ❖ Local Authorities wanting to prioritise their support for providing affordable housing

Who is the Rural Housing Enabler for Devon?

- ❖ Sue Hitchcock is a Rural Housing Enabler for Devon. There is a separate RHE for North Devon and the Exmoor area.

A Rural Housing Enabler can...

- ❖ Help villages assess their housing needs
- ❖ Provide advice and information to villages on how to get more housing for their communities
- ❖ Work with communities and the housing provider to develop affordable housing
- ❖ Act as an honest broker between parties involved
- ❖ Help to identify suitable sites for housing
- ❖ Work with the housing providers to improve rural housing information and advice
- ❖ Share examples of good practice
- ❖ Make connections between the people who can make affordable housing happen
- ❖ Influence local, regional and national housing strategies