

RURAL HOUSING

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Raising awareness of the need for affordable housing

The RHE attended further training courses for Rural Housing Enablers to be updated on current legislation and to continue to apply good practices in Wiltshire and Swindon.

As part of the RHE network the officer was part of the consultation for the Commission for Rural Affordable Housing

The Wiltshire and Swindon Rural Affordable Partnership have had the four meetings, with additional RSLs attending as required

The RHE continues to implement the agreed action plan mainly by meeting with Parish Councils to facilitate housing needs surveys and by raising the awareness of the need for affordable housing in the whole of the county by attending various seminars and workshops.

The RHE held a conference on 'sustainable communities' with WALC in March

Identification of suitable sites with strong community support at parish level

The RHE is currently working in five parishes with RSLs to try and deliver affordable housing on exception sites.

Networking with rural development partnerships

Worked with the community plans for Westbury, Warminster, Chippenham, Corsham. Continue working with Devizes and Tidworth to ensure they take their rural element into consideration. Now working with Shaftesbury Area Task force with cross boundary working

Regular meetings with the South West Region RHEs have been attended to ensure good practice is adhered to.