

What are the roles of each member of the Partnership?



The Countryside Agency

One of the major funders of the Rural Housing Enabler posts. The Agency monitors information collected on rural housing issues and uses this to develop its rural policies and strategy.



The Housing Corporation

Responsible for investing public money in Housing Associations to ensure provision of decent homes.



SWINDON
BOROUGH COUNCIL



KENNET
District Council



West Wiltshire
DISTRICT COUNCIL



SALISBURY
District Council

North
Wiltshire
District
Council

The Local Authorities

Identify local housing need within their district and have a local housing register. They work with the Housing Corporation and Housing Associations to enable provision of affordable homes.

Housing Associations Work with the Local Authorities and receive money from the Housing Corporation to provide affordable homes where they are most needed and manage the homes once they are built.

Community First

An independent charity which supports initiatives in rural communities that directly benefit local people and which employs the Rural Housing Enabler.

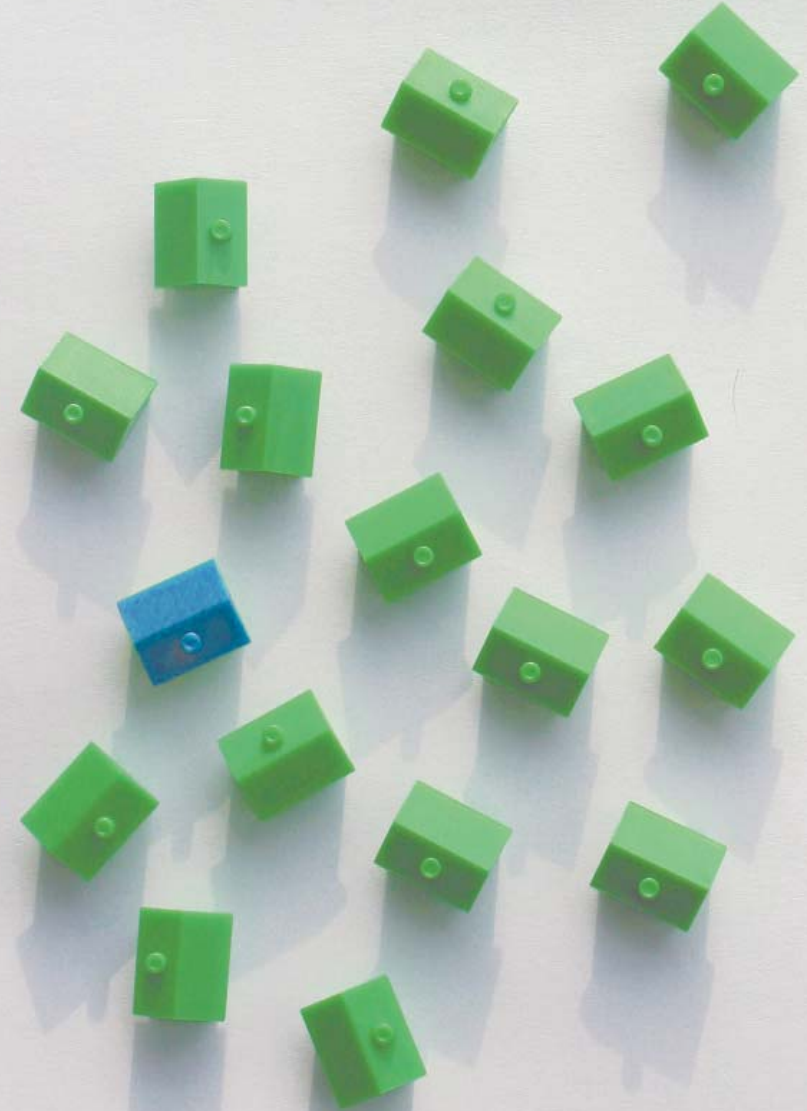


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Rural Affordable Housing Partnership for Wiltshire & Swindon



Do you know someone who has moved away to find a suitable home?
Are there people in your village unable to rent or buy a home?
Please read this leaflet to find out more.

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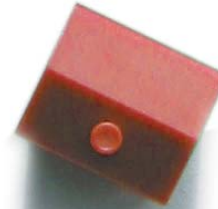
- Partnerships of the Countryside Agency, Housing Corporation, Local Authorities and Housing Associations to promote rural housing development in each of England's Shire counties have been set up.
- They have agreed to enable the provision of affordable housing on a more strategic and co-ordinated basis.
- Rural Housing Enablers have been appointed to help deliver more affordable homes. They are employed by the Rural Community Councils in order to maintain their independence.

What is the project about?



- The project aims to increase the number of affordable homes where they are most needed in the rural areas of Wiltshire and Swindon.
- The Rural Affordable Housing Partnership has come together to work towards a common goal of providing housing in Wiltshire in a more co-ordinated way.
- An annual programme will be agreed to prioritise the work identified.

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.

A rural housing enabler can



- Help villages assess their housing need.
- 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 the parties involved.
- Help to identify suitable sites for housing.
- Work with the housing providers to improve rural housing information and advice.
- Influence local, regional and national housing strategies.