



## Rural Housing Enabling Service

**RCCE's Rural Housing Enabler Service has been running for over 10 years and provides free and independent service to all parishes within the county, helping to deliver affordable housing schemes to meet the local needs. This forms part of a network of Rural Housing Enablers (RHEs) working across the country as part of a national programme to increase the provision of affordable housing in rural communities.**

The Essex RHE's remit is to;

- Help parish councils to understand the processes and options for achieving rural affordable housing for local people within their parish
- Identify housing need which cannot be currently met by the market through a Housing Needs Survey
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with housing and planning authorities in pursuit of the provision of rural affordable housing
- Assist in the identification and appraisal of potential sites and liaise closely with landowners and planning authorities over constraints and opportunities
- Liaise closely with local housing associations and housing partnerships to facilitate a smooth handover from pre-development through to the build completion
- Operate independently to achieve consensus among partner stakeholders, and contribute to relevant strategies at national, regional and local level to increase the deliverance of affordable rural housing throughout Essex, including research and policy analysis on rural housing issues

**Watch our film** featuring key members of the community and residents talking about what affordable housing for local people has meant to them

<https://youtu.be/aJsFjizIxNM>

If you would like to find out more or discuss how we might help you or your parish, please contact Laura Atkinson (Rural Housing Enabler) on

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