

## **CRAVEN:** Laurel Croft, Embsay

Embsay is a village in the Craven district of North Yorkshire, situated about two miles north-east of Skipton. It is a split ward with part of it falling within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and the southeast portion within Craven District Council's jurisdiction.

The village close to the edge of Lower Wharfedale and is popular with train enthusiasts as well as walkers and cyclists who are keen to explore the southern Dales. It is one of the main stops on the popular Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, a heritage line that reopened in 1981 using the route that originally linked Ilkley with Skipton.

Embsay is a popular village within the Craven District and as a result house prices are high with two bed terraces selling in the region of £220,000. For many local people who have lived there all their lives, this has left them unable to afford their own home. Their only option has been to remain living with family or move away to access more affordable housing.

Laurel Croft is a development of nine natural stone houses built by local developer Snell Homes. Of the nine homes being developed, two are being provided as shared ownership homes.

The homes will be purchased from Snell Homes by Craven District Council, which is a Registered Provider, and then resold to those who qualify\*. Shares of between 25% and 70% will be made available. As with all shared ownership homes in

Designated Protected Areas, the owners will not be able to purchase more than an 80% share in the home to ensure that they remain affordable in perpetuity.

It is anticipated that these homes will be marketed in the next couple of months and will be ready for occupation by August/September 2020.



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\*Qualification for a home is dependent on a person meeting the local connection criteria outlined within the Section 106 agreement and also having an application approved for shared ownership via Help to Buy.