

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE:

New Housing at Hutton Cranswick

A new affordable housing scheme was completed in June 2019 in the village of Hutton Cranswick in the East Riding. Hutton Cranswick lies just a few miles south of Driffield on the road to Beverley and has had no new affordable housing built for many years.



In partnership with the parish council, a housing needs survey was completed by the East Riding RHE, David Siddle in 2016. The survey found there was a significant number of village households with housing needs that could not be met by market housing or by the existing supply of council housing.

A rural exception site had been identified on the outskirts of the village within easy walking distance of the school, shops and the railway station. With established housing association, Together Housing, and contractor Partner Construction a mix of units consisting of six homes for affordable rent and four homes for shared ownership was agreed. The scheme comprised four two bed bungalows: four two bed houses and two three bed houses. The financing of the scheme was helped by cross subsidy from the sale of two additional open market homes.

The scheme was completed in 2019 and all units let to households who either lived in the village or who had strong local connections through an agreed local letting policy.

One new resident is Brenda Smith. Brenda relies on a frame walker to get around indoors and is confined to a wheelchair when she leaves the house. The bungalow is ideal for her needs and enabled her to move from unsuitable housing in Hull where she was housebound. Now she is much nearer her daughter who, as a long standing resident in the village, lives close by and can look after her, take her out and generally be on hand. Brenda says she feels like she has got her life back since moving in to the development off Hutton Road. This is the first new affordable housing scheme to be delivered through a rural exception site in the East Riding for around 10 years.

