



a rural housing scheme...



Your Rural Housing Enabler will help you through the various stages involved in working up a scheme.

1. Talk to the Parish Council
2. Assess the need
3. Identify land options and discuss with landowners
4. Consult the community
5. Select the most appropriate action and work up scheme with Housing Association
6. Deliver affordable housing scheme
7. Identify residents
8. See local people move in



how enablers can help

The North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enabler Programme is working across rural areas of North Yorkshire to help communities improve their quality of life.

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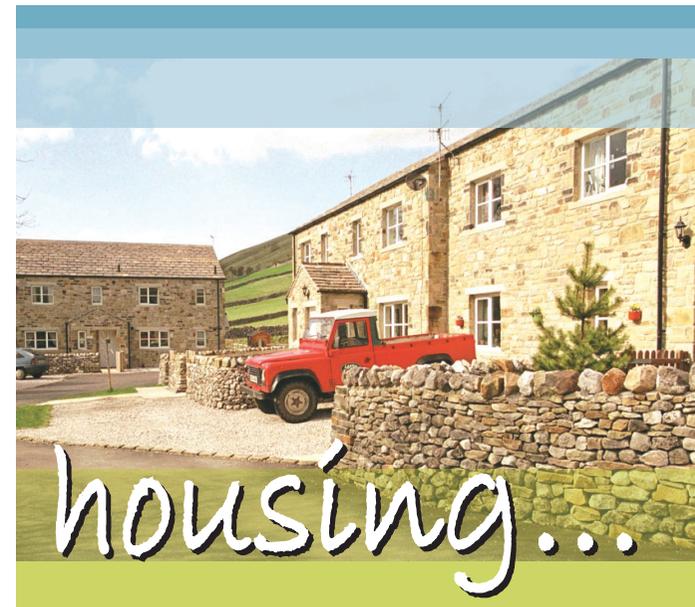
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Local homes for local people

- Promoting the value of affordable housing
- Identifying the housing need of local people
- Working in partnership to deliver solutions
- Securing sustainable rural communities



HOUSING ENABLERS
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are local houses affordable?



High house prices in many rural areas are causing problems for local people on low and average incomes. In some places house prices are so high that they can be afforded only by people commuting to nearby towns and cities. Communities are turning into 'dormitory villages' and the social and economic mix of the area is becoming unbalanced.



Is this happening in your community? Do young people have to leave the area in order to find accommodation they can afford? Are local facilities such as schools and shops under threat because there are fewer young families in the area? Are you worried about the future of your village as a thriving, supportive community where people can continue to live and work?

These issues are affecting many parts of rural North Yorkshire.



promoting more affordable homes



North Yorkshire's Rural Housing Enablers work with local communities and in partnership with local authorities, National Park authorities, local housing associations and government agencies to promote affordable homes for local people.



They can work with local communities and other partners to increase the supply of affordable housing, enabling local people on modest incomes to stay in their own village and helping to secure a sustainable future for the community.

Providing affordable housing is a complex process. Local Government North Yorkshire & York Housing Board a partnership of all local authorities and national parks in North Yorkshire supports the Rural Housing Enablers Programme to play a key role in identifying opportunities and ensuring that new housing schemes meet the needs of the local community and fit in with the local environment.



working with rural housing enablers



Locally based Rural Housing Enablers work closely with parishes to promote affordable housing for local people. They will:



- carry out a parish wide survey to assess local housing needs if required
- work with the Parish Council and other organisations such as housing associations to explore ways of meeting the housing needs that have been identified
- liaise with landowners, local authority housing and planning departments to identify possible sites
- help to secure funding for an affordable housing scheme
- act as an honest broker between all parties as the housing scheme progresses, ensuring that the community has full participation in the process.