

Factsheet One

COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING

- AN INTRODUCTION



Support for much-needed new Community-led Housing (CLH) for East Riding of Yorkshire residents is now available.

Humber & Wolds Rural Action, a charity that supports rural communities in East Yorkshire and northern Lincolnshire, is working with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to tackle the problems of providing local housing for local communities at an affordable price.

Community-led Housing can help local groups to solve housing problems, create their own genuinely affordable homes and build stronger communities. This comes hot on the heels of the Government's announcement for £163m of national funding to support Community-led Housing.

Is your community worried about whether local residents can continue to afford to live in your area? If your village is lacking smaller homes for younger residents or long term residents that are looking to downsize but can't afford to, then we can help you explore options to help you meet your community's housing needs. This is people-powered housing in action where local homes are firmly in the hands of community ownership.

Humber & Wolds Rural Action is working to raise awareness of, and enthusiasm for, Community-led Housing among East Riding of Yorkshire Community Groups, Parish Councils, Landowners or anyone with a local interest. Over the next 12 months, we will help communities to identify opportunities worth investing in and encourage groups to consider building and owning their own homes using the available funding.

Humber & Wolds Rural Action has already helped five groups acquire funding from the Community Housing Fund, run by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Others are also interested and are about to submit funding applications to help start the process. The funding is available in three stages. Communities who are not sure if there is a need for this type of housing locally, can apply for Stage One funding of up to £4,000, to run engagement and consultation exercises to explore options for developing housing that exactly matches the needs of their community.

Humber & Wolds Rural Action will also work with Local Councils, Housing Providers, the North Yorkshire and East Riding Community-led Housing hub (The Hub/REACH) and other stakeholders to provide ongoing Community-led Housing support and advice. The Hub/REACH will lead on technical support matters such as legal advice, architectural, finance and other professional services.

The North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Enablers produced a suite of resources that will encourage rural communities to take Community-led Housing schemes forward. The toolkit of resources and promotional video, funded by Nationwide Foundation, North Star Housing Group and UK Co-Housing Network is available and will detail how to get a project started, the work involved throughout the different stages and highlight the support and funding available to get projects off the ground. Workshops will be delivered to get interested communities to find out more about the benefits of Community-led Housing and why and how to do it.

www.communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/projects/community-led-housing

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