

# Rural Housing Service Buckinghamshire



**Does your Rural parish need more affordable housing for local people?**



## **What is Rural Housing?**

Rural exception sites offer the opportunity for small and bespoke developments to meet the affordable housing needs prioritised for local people.

## **What does a Rural Housing Enabler do?**

Rural Housing Enablers help rural communities consider the need for affordable housing locally, connecting them with landowners, housebuilders and planners to bring about suitable schemes.

## **Contact us for more information about Rural Housing**

-  [ashleigh.stent@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:ashleigh.stent@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)
-  <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/collaborative-networks/rural-housing>

 01494 924458



**Funded by  
UK Government**



## HillView, Great Kimble

### Rural housing crisis

The market for housing has become out of sync from local people and their incomes. With more intense competition for these homes, young people and families are priced out of rural communities entirely – forced to move away from friends, families, and jobs. Many rural communities struggle to fill vacancies and many communities struggle to maintain services such as local schools, pubs and shops. The lack of affordable homes threatens the social fabric of rural life.

### A rural solution

If communities can identify a site that may not usually get planning permission but could be utilised for affordable housing to meet local needs (known as a Rural Exception site), this can allow small rural housing schemes for local people to be delivered.

Legal arrangements ensure the properties continue to be affordable and prioritised for local people, always.

### Next steps

#### **Do you think there might be a need for affordable housing need in your area?**

This service will initially support local housing needs surveys, which identify local need and are the first step for rural communities wanting to deliver affordable housing. **Get in touch to find out more.**