



## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

As Patron of the English Rural Housing Association I am aware that finding somewhere affordable to live is an increasing challenge for many rural households. High property values, growing aspirations to live in the countryside and limited development of new homes have all had an impact, resulting in many local people now being unable to afford to remain within the rural community where they have grown up and have support networks.

Small scale affordable housing developments help to rebalance rural communities, keeping families together, whilst providing an improvement to local services. Parish and town councils are key partners in highlighting these concerns and initiating the delivery of affordable homes for local people. Please take time to read this practical guide and consider what can be achieved in your own community.