



A HOME OF ONE'S OWN?

The long awaited completion of the small development of Affordable Homes in Walgrave known as Poachers Close have become home to many Walgrave people. The development has provided independence and a sense of pride and most importantly has enabled these residents to continue to live in one of our beautiful villages in the District.

It has become clear however, that there is confusion as to how interested people can be selected for these types of property and I hope that by giving you all this brief outline of the procedure, it will enable more houses of this type can be built in the future.

Firstly, it is absolutely VITAL that anyone wishing to be considered will need to be accepted onto the Daventry Housing List. Once you are on the list, then you will become eligible, otherwise there is no other way. Housing Associations do however, have their own lists and it is worth pursuing this option in parallel.

It has been reported that adult offspring are unable to leave the family home as they cannot afford a mortgage or the deposit. Daventry District Council issue Housing Needs Surveys throughout the District on a regular basis. These are delivered to every household in the selected area and I urge you and any other occupants to complete and return these surveys as it then gives us an indication of the needs of the District in the medium and long term.

It is a problem that Daventry District land availability is in short supply and is notoriously expensive but we do consider land which would normally not be allowed planning permission (known as Exception Sites) the Hannington development being one such case.

Information about registering on our Housing List and the criteria we consider can be found on the Daventry Council website. I am however, always willing to help discuss options with anyone and to generally point them in the right direction.

Please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to try and help.

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