

Rural Affordable Housing Development



St Giles in the Wood:

8 affordable homes were completed and occupied in the spring of 2011.

This project originated through the publication by the Parish Council of a Parish Plan which identified affordable housing as the parish's highest priority. As a result the RHEs carried out a housing need survey in June 2007. The homes were completed in March 2011

- One site emerged as the most suitable after a site appraisal exercise with the Parish Council and the RHE. Torridge DC and the Parish Council were very influential in helping to convince the land agent that a fair land price was being offered.
- The homes were designed to be in keeping with adjacent stone cottages with stonework porches and matching roofline features. Torridge DC has provided funding for additional design features and the cost of the stonework.
- The provisional design and layout was agreed at an early meeting with the Parish Council and the final version displayed at a public consultation event, combined with a Parish Council meeting in October 2009. The Parish Council and the village community were unanimously supportive of the scheme, without a single objection being recorded.
- The level of community support and the absence of any objectors is testimony to the Parish Council's ability to keep the community inside and convinced about the value of the scheme to the community.

