

Where?

Foan Hill, Swannington,
North West Leicestershire



What?

Leicestershire Rural Housing Association manages five homes for local people at affordable rents. Three homes have been provided for rent and two for shared ownership.

Why?

A housing needs survey by Midlands Rural Housing identified the local housing need. The homes were built by East Midlands Housing Association after consultation with Swannington Parish Council and North West Leicestershire District Council. The £¼million scheme was financially supported by North West Leicestershire Council (providing land at discounted rate), East Midlands Housing Association and by a £202,855 grant from the Homes and Communities Agency.

When?

Building work commenced early in 2007 and the first residents were able to move into their new homes in November.

Who?

Julie Siddles was one of the first residents to pick up the keys of her new home. She said: "I love my new home. It is absolutely fantastic. My family has lived in the village since 1912 and my sister and I both help care for my elderly mum but, until now, I had not been able to afford somewhere of my own in the village."

Richard Blunt, Chair of Leicestershire Rural Housing Association, said: "By having a mix of both rental and shared ownership homes, this scheme allows us to meet the affordable housing needs of the village."