Countess of Wessex visits Cornish housing development

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HRH Sophie
the Countess of Wessex visited a new Coastline Housing development in Crowntown, near Helston in Cornwall.

The Plovers
Field development was completed earlier this year and comprises 12 properties for affordable rent and 6 properties for part-buy, part-rent, for local people who wished to get a foot on the property ladder with a shared ownership home.

HRH was
delighted to be greeted by rows of school children from nearby Sithney School waving flags. She was also pleased to meet with representatives of the Parish Council, the over 60s, Sithney and Breage Rainbows and Rev Peter Johnson with the church wardens of Sithney Parish Church.

Among those
meeting HRH was Peter Bickford Smith, landowner of the site and former Chair of Sithney Parish Council, who worked closely with the council and Coastline Housing to bring the site forward for development and provide much needed homes for local people.

The Countess of
Wessex toured the development, meeting with two local families who had secured affordable homes in the area thanks to their local connection with the parish.

Coastline Housing secured over £500,000
of funding from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to develop the properties, an area of open space for public use, and a car park for the nearby Sithney School.

The homes were completed by Kier Living
in less than a year, with local families proudly moving into the properties early in 2017.

Amy Jenkin, Development Manager at
Coastline Housing had the honour of introducing HRH to the project team and local residents on the day of the visit. She said: “We were incredibly proud to host a visit from HRH the Countess of Wessex and prouder still to show her around a development which has provided so many local people who were in housing need with homes to call their own. We hope they will be very happy for many years to come.”

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