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Empty Homes



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Focus – England has circa 400, 000 empty homes. New schemes are taking derelict homes and resurrecting them. Some even create apprenticeships for young people in the process. Ask most people about England's epidemic of empty homes and they are likely to think of lavish vacant mansions in London owned by absent foreign billionaires. In fact, the majority of empty properties are in post – industrial areas, where poverty rates are high and house prices languish well below their pre-crash levels. UK Govt have pledged an extra £2b for housing associations to fund large scale developments.

Dear friends welcome to the November edition of **My Community Network** for keeping you informed of issues that I am representing you on at TMBC. I am a local family man, born and bred in Borough Green. Business man, ex - school governor, Parish & T&MB councillor. My mission includes building a network of support in my political work for improving our community and to represent our people. *This month's edition focuses on 'The Empty Homes' situation here in Kent.*

Fact – KCC launched its 'No Use Empty' campaign in 2005. The aim to bring back empty properties for use as quality housing accommodation and to raise awareness of the issues surrounding empty properties highlighting the problems they cause to local authorities such as TMBC. In Kent we have circa 5,000 long term empty properties.



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