

BBC Focus

By **Ross Wilson**

Ross Wilson of Isle of Arran Homes sends us this comment on the BBC programme featuring Arran last week.

The BBC's 'Countryfile' programme broadcast on Sunday highlighted the vital need for affordable housing to help islanders on Arran. It was immediately welcomed by Isle of Arran Homes which provides 270 affordable homes on the island and is part of Trust Housing Association.

Two weeks ago Isle of Arran Homes revealed it had spent £6.559 million on new homes since it was formed in 2001... Soaring property values on Arran have priced many people out of the market and we consider our role absolutely essential in the delivery of various types of housing such as general needs,

such as amenity, sheltered and shared ownership properties.

Incredibly, one Arran estate agent interviewed on the programme said that in six years she had NEVER had a first time buyer and claimed that a three bedroom home on Arran would not sell below £260,000. The BBC programme also highlighted the fact that 40 per cent of homes on Arran were now holiday lets or second homes.

