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Hardwicke Housing Need Survey – Executive Summary

Hardwicke Parish Council recently commissioned Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to undertake a Housing Need Survey in order to ascertain the affordable housing needs within the Parish. Housing Need Surveys were sent to 2263 households and 239 (11%) replies were returned to GRCC. Analysis of the data revealed that:

- 92% of respondents owned their own home, 4% rented from Stroud District Council or a Housing Association and 3% were in private rented housing.
- 5 respondents revealed that a member of their family had moved away in the last 5 years because they could not afford the accommodation available within the parish.
- 67 respondents from within the parish said they would like to move house within the next 5 years
- **Of these 67, 7 households have self-identified themselves as being in need of affordable housing, 5 of which require affordable rented accommodation whilst 2 would prefer shared ownership.**
- The other 60 respondents had sufficient funds to meet their needs on the open market and their reasons for moving included:
 - old age/retirement - 17 people (26%)
 - larger home - 21 people (32%)
 - independence -10 people (15%)
 - avoid development/more rural setting - 8 people (12%)
 - closer to work – 2 people (3%)
 - cheaper home – 2 people (3%)
- 26% of respondents were in favour of a small development of affordable homes, 34% were against and 32% were unsure.

The responses form the basis of a full report which can be viewed in the Village Hall or via your Parish Clerk who can be contacted on 01452 536192 or clerk@hardwickpc.gov.uk.

What happens next? A copy of the final report has been passed to Stroud District Council. Hardwicke Parish Council is currently considering its options on how it will respond to the survey findings.

Don't forget:

Anyone wishing to apply for affordable housing must register on Gloucestershire Homeseeker website www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk or contact Stroud District Council Housing Advice Team on tel 01453 754078.