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## Woodchester Housing Need Survey – Executive Summary

Woodchester 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 557 households and 168 (30%) replies were returned to GRCC. Analysis of the data revealed that:

- 88% of respondents owned their own home, 4% rented from Stroud District Council and 6% were in private rented housing
- 84% of homes have 3 or more bedrooms, yet 69% of households had only 1 or 2 persons
- 4 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
- **There are currently 12 households within the parish who have self-identified themselves as being in need of affordable housing, 8 of which require affordable rented accommodation whilst 4 would prefer shared ownership**
- 47% of respondents were in favour of a small development of affordable homes, 13% were against and 36% were unsure.

The responses form the basis of a full report which can be viewed on the village website [www.woodchesterparish.org.uk](http://www.woodchesterparish.org.uk), or a printed copy is available from the Parish Clerk, Ann Bijkerk on 01453 873456 or [clerk@woodchesterparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@woodchesterparish.org.uk).

### What happens next?

The survey may be used to influence proposals for future residential development in Woodchester. A copy of the final report has been passed to Stroud District Council. Woodchester Parish Council will be discussing on how best to take forward the survey findings at the next Parish Council meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Don't forget:

Anyone wishing to apply for affordable housing must register on the Gloucestershire Homeseeker website [www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk](http://www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk) or contact Stroud District Council Housing Advice Team on tel 01453 754078.