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Buckland Housing Need Survey – Executive Summary

Buckland 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 126 households and 34 (27%) replies were returned to GRCC. 2 of the respondents said it was their second home. Analysis of the data from the 32 households living in Buckland revealed that:

- 91% of respondents owned their own home, 6% rented from a private landlord and 3% stated 'another' tenure.
- 75% of homes have 3 or more bedrooms. Yet 84% of households had only 1 or 2 persons.
- One respondent 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 2 households within the parish who have self-identified themselves as being in need of affordable housing.**
- 19% of respondents were in favour of a small development of affordable homes, 50% were against, and 31% were a 'maybe'.

The responses form the basis of a full report which can be viewed on Buckland and Laverton Parish Council website

<http://www.bucklandandlavertonparishcouncil.org.uk/> or by contacting your Parish Clerk, Lorraine Jones on tel 01386 584365.

What happens next?

The survey may be used to influence proposals for future residential development in Buckland. A copy of the final report has been passed to Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Don't forget:

Anyone wishing to apply for affordable housing must register on Homeseeker Plus website www.homeseekerplus.co.uk or contact Tewkesbury Borough Council Housing Advice Team on tel 01684 272212.