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Aylburton Housing Need Survey – Executive Summary

In Summer 2019 Gloucestershire Rural Community Council carried out a local Housing Need Survey to ascertain the affordable housing needs of people living, working or with close family ties to Aylburton Parish. The full report is available from the clerk to the parish council or from GRCC upon request. Questionnaires were sent by post to 322 households and 89 responses were received by GRCC (a 26.8% return rate). Analysis of the data revealed that:

- 84% of respondents own their own home, 3% rent from a housing association and 9% were in private rented housing.
- 72% of homes have 3 or more bedrooms. Yet 71% of households have only 1 or 2 persons.
- 8 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 4 households within the parish who have self-identified themselves as being in need of affordable housing.** Two households seek accommodation within the parish, and 2 households would consider moving home to other areas within Forest of Dean District as well as Aylburton.
- 53% of respondents were in favour of a small development of affordable homes for local people, 22% were against, 23% were a 'maybe' and 2% gave no reply.

What happens next?

The survey may be used to influence proposals for future residential development in Aylburton. A copy of the final report has been passed to Forest of Dean District Council. Aylburton Parish Council is currently considering their options on how to respond to the survey findings.

Don't forget:

Anyone wishing to apply for affordable housing must register on the Homeseeker Plus website <https://www.homeseekerplus.co.uk/choice/> or contact Forest of Dean District Council Housing Advice Team on tel 01594 810000.