**Overview**

**Charmouth Parish Council, Dorset Council & Dorset Community Action are working together to conduct an online housing survey to help plan for the future.**

This survey can be completed by all residents and anyone with a local connection to the parish, regardless of their housing situation. This will help us better understand the current housing provision in the area and identify if there is a need for affordable housing.

A local connection means you or your family live or have lived in Charmouth Parish, or you currently work more than 16 hours a week in the Parish.

This survey should take between 5 and 15 minutes to complete.

**If you would like us to send you a paper copy of the survey, need help completing the survey or have any questions please email: jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk or call 07421 994590 between 08:00 – 20:00**

**Why your views matter**

As part of creating a genuinely representative Neighbourhood Plan, Charmouth Parish Council are pressing for a more detailed housing survey to get a clearer idea of what may be needed in the parish, in order to sustain a thriving community for the future. We want to know what sort of new housing is required in Charmouth.  We would like Charmouth residents and people with a local connection to Charmouth to be involved in this process, so we are in the best position to influence the right sort of targeted new housing.

**Give us your views**

The online survey can be accessed using the following link or QR Code:

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.**

**URL:** [**https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/02f8c4a4**](https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/02f8c4a4)

Alternatively, please answer the questions below and return to Dorset Council in the freepost envelope provided.

**This survey closes on Monday, 12th May 2025**

SECTION 1: Your Current Home

This part of the survey is about your current living situation. A **HOUSEHOLD** could be one person living alone or a group of people, even if they're not related, sharing the same address and some common living arrangements like a living room or having at least one meal together each day.

This survey is for households with a local connection to the parish of Charmouth. A local connection means you or your family live or have lived in Charmouth, or you currently work in the parish.

**Question 1 Where do you currently live?**  (Required)

Charmouth

Other

If you have selected Other, please specify:

**Question 2 How long have you lived in the following places?**

Please select all that apply

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Less than 1 year | 1 to 3 Years | More than 3 years, but less than 10 | More than 10 years |
| This home  (please select only one) |  |  |  |  |
| Charmouth Parish  (please only select one item) |  |  |  |  |
| Dorset Council Area  (please only select one item) |  |  |  |  |

Please select only one item

**Question 3 If you previously lived in the parish of Charmouth, what was the main reason for moving away?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Housing is not affordable |
|  | Moved away for work |
|  | Moved away for family reasons |
|  | Moved away for education |
|  | Other  Not applicable |

**Question 4 What type of home does your household live in?**

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

(Required) Please select only one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Semi-detached |
|  | Detached |
|  | Flat / apartment |
|  | Bungalow |
|  | Terraced housing (including end terrace) |
|  | Mobile home (permanently sited) |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 5 How many bedrooms does your home have?**

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Studio / bedsit |
|  | 1 |
|  | 2 |
|  | 3 |
|  | 4 |
|  | 5 or more |

**Question 6 How many people are in your household?**

(Required) Please select all that apply

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7+ |
| 18 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 years and younger |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Question 7 Do you own or rent this home?**

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Own (with or without a mortgage) |
|  | Shared ownership (part-buy, part-rent) |
|  | Discount home ownership |
|  | Rent privately  Rent from Housing Association or Local Authority |
|  | Rent from the employer of, or tied with job of, household member |
|  | Live with family or friends |

**Question 8 Approximately what percentage of your household income is spent on mortgage and/or rent?**

Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | 0 to 30% |
|  | 31 to 50% |
|  | 51 to 70% |
|  | 71 to 100%  Not applicable |

**Question 9 What is your connection to the parish of Charmouth?**

(Required) Please select all that apply

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Currently live in the parish and have done so for the last 12 months |
|  | Want to return to the parish and previously lived in the parish for a continuous period of 3 years within the last 5 years |
|  | Have parents, siblings or children living in the parish and who have done so for a continuous period of 3 years within the last 5 |
|  | Have worked in the parish for the last 12 months, for at least 16 hours a week |
|  | Born in the parish and/or parents were residents in the parish at the time of birth |
|  | Have a second home in the parish area |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 10 Are you, or anyone else in your household, considering moving into or within the parish of Charmouth in the next 5 years?**

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |

If **Yes** *selected, please go to the next page*, **Section 2**

If **No** *selected, please go to page 16*, **Section 4**

SECTION 2: Housing Need – First Household

This section asks about the household or household members considering moving to or within the parish of Charmouth in the next 5 years, the size of home they will need, and how they plan to afford their accommodation.

This information is being collected to consider additional homes that might be needed in the parish.

This survey allows you to complete housing need for up to 2 new households being formed, such as children leaving the family home.

Any questions or if you need another form, please contact jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk or call 07421 994590 between 08:00 – 20:00

**Question 11 How many people in your household are planning to move home?**

(Required) Please select all that apply

**Question 12 How many bedrooms will the household require?** (Required)

Please only select one item

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7+ |
| 18 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 years and younger |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Studio / bedsit

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | 1 |
|  | 2 |
|  | 3 |
|  | 4 |
|  | 5 or more |

**Question 13 How would you describe your household?**

(Required) Please select only one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Single |
|  | Couple |
|  | Family (one or two adults with children) |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 14 When is your household considering moving?**

(Required) Please select only one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Within 1 year |
|  | Between 1 and 3 years |
|  | Between 3 and 5 years |
|  | Don’t know |

**Question 15 What is the reason(s) your current home does not meet your household’s needs?**

(Required) Please select all that apply

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Too small / overcrowded |
|  | Too large |
|  | Can’t afford to live independently |
|  | Unsuitable for physical needs |
|  | Temporary accommodation |
|  | Need to live close to employment |
|  | Need to live close to relative / family |
|  | Need to live close to carer or to give care |
|  | Struggling to afford current home |
|  | Unsecure tenancy |
|  | Accommodation is in poor condition |
|  | Tied accommodation |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 16 Does this household have a specialist housing need?**

(Required) Please select only one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | No |
|  | Yes, accessible accommodation on the ground floor |
|  | Yes, sheltered housing with support services provided |
|  | Yes, housing for older people |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 17 Which band is your household income in?**

*This is an* **OPTIONAL** *question, to help understand the need for affordable housing*.*Please note if you are over 55, eligibility for affordable housing is not determined by household income.*

Less than £60,000 per annum (may be eligible to join Dorset Council Housing Register)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | £60,001 to £80,000 per annum (may qualify for Discounted Market Homes, First Homes or Shared Ownership) |
|  | £80,001 to £100,000 per annum |
|  | More than £100,001 per annum |

**Question 18 How much would the household be able to afford if renting?**

*It is normal to consider one third of the household’s net income for the period.*

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I don’t want to rent |
|  | Less than £100 per week |
|  | £101 to £150 per week |
|  | £151 to £200 per week |
|  | £201 to £250 per week |
|  | More than £251 per week |

**Question 19 What is the maximum amount the household could afford if buying a property?**

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I don’t want to buy |
|  | £60,000 to £100,000 |
|  | £100,001 to £200,000 |
|  | £200,001 to £300,000 |
|  | £300,001 to £400,000 |
|  | £400,001 to £500,000  Over £500,001 |

**Question 20 If you could move, which option would be most suitable?**

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Buy on the open market |
|  | Discount to open market home |
|  | First time buyer discounted home (First Homes) |
|  | Shared ownership home (part-rent, part-buy) |
|  | Rent from Housing Association or Local Authority |
|  | Rent from a private landlord |
|  | Build own house |
|  | Mobile Home (permanently sited) |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify and add comments you feel are relevant:

**Question 21 Is the household currently on the Dorset Council Housing Register waiting list?**

If you wish to join the Dorset Council Housing Register or obtain more information about accessing available housing, please visit: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/apply-to-join-the-housing-register](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/apply-to-join-the-housing-register) or call Dorset Council Customer Services on 01305 221000

Check the eligibility criteria and the documents you will need, before you apply to join the Dorset Council Housing Register. You will need to create an online customer account and have an email address.

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No (this questionnaire does not register you on a housing waiting list) |

If you have selected **Yes** above, please state the length of time on the waiting list in years and months

**Question 22 Will there be anyone else who is normally a resident in this household that is considering setting up a new home, ideally moving to or within Charmouth, in the next five years?**

For example, a family member wanting to move out of the family home.

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
| - - | No |

If **Yes** selected, please go to the next page, **Section 3: Second Household**

If **No** selected, please go to page 16, **Section 4: Views on Affordable Housing**

SECTION 3: Housing Need – Second Household

This section asks about the household members considering moving to or within the parish of Charmouth in the next 5 years, the size of home they will need, and how they plan to afford their accommodation.

This information is being collected to consider additional homes that might be needed in the parish.

Any questions or if you need another form, please contact jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk or call 07421 994590 between 08:00 – 20:00

**Question 23 How many people in your household are planning to move home?**

(Required) Please select all that apply

**Question 24 How many bedrooms will the household require?** (Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7+ |
| 18 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 years and younger |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Studio / bedsit

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | 1 |
|  | 2 |
|  | 3 |
|  | 4 |
|  | 5 or more |

**Question 25 How would you describe your household?**

(Required) Please select only one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Single |
|  | Couple |
|  | Family (one or two adults with children) |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 26 When is your household considering moving?**

(Required) Please select only one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Within 1 year |
|  | Between 1 and 3 years |
|  | Between 3 and 5 years |
|  | Don’t know |

**Question 27 What is the reason(s) your current home does not meet your household’s needs?**

(Required) Please select all that apply

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Too small / overcrowded |
|  | Too large |
|  | Can’t afford to live independently |
|  | Unsuitable for physical needs |
|  | Temporary accommodation |
|  | Need to live close to employment |
|  | Need to live close to relative / family |
|  | Need to live close to carer or to give care |
|  | Struggling to afford current home |
|  | Unsecure tenancy |
|  | Accommodation is in poor condition |
|  | Tied accommodation |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

(Required) Please select only one item

**Question 28 Does this household have a specialist housing need?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | No |
|  | Yes, accessible accommodation on the ground floor |
|  | Yes, sheltered housing with support services provided |
|  | Yes, housing for older people |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify:

**Question 29 Which band is your household income in?**

*This is an* **OPTIONAL** *question, to help understand the need for affordable housing*.*Please note if you are over 55, eligibility for affordable housing is not determined by household income.*

Less than £60,000 per annum (may be eligible to join Dorset Council Housing Register)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | £60,001 to £80,000 per annum (may qualify for Discounted Market Homes, First Homes or Shared Ownership) |
|  | £80,001 to £100,000 per annum |
|  | More than £100,001 per annum |

**Question 30 How much would the household be able to afford if renting?**

*It is normal to consider one third of the household’s net income for the period.*

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I don’t want to rent |
|  | Less than £100 per week |
|  | £101 to £150 per week |
|  | £151 to £200 per week |
|  | £201 to £250 per week |
|  | More than £251 per week |

**Question 31 What is the maximum amount the household could afford if buying a property?**

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I don’t want to buy |
|  | £60,000 to £100,000 |
|  | £100,001 to £200,000 |
|  | £200,001 to £300,000 |
|  | £300,001 to £400,000 |
|  | £400,001 to £500,000  Over £500,0001 |

**Question 32 If you could move, which option would be most suitable?**

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Buy on the open market |
|  | Discount to open market home |
|  | First time buyer discounted home (First Homes) |
|  | Shared ownership home (part-rent, part-buy) |
|  | Rent from Housing Association or Local Authority |
|  | Rent from a private landlord |
|  | Build own house |
|  | Mobile Home (Permanently sited) |
|  | Other |

If you have selected Other above, please specify and add comments you feel are relevant:

**Question 33 Is the household currently on the Dorset Council Housing Register waiting list?**

If you wish to join the Dorset Council Housing Register or obtain more information about accessing available housing, please visit:

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/apply-to-join-the-housing-register](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/apply-to-join-the-housing-register) or call Dorset Council Customer Services on 01305 221000

Check the eligibility criteria and the documents you will need, before you apply to join the Dorset Council Housing Register. You will need to create an online customer account and have an email address.

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No (this questionnaire does not register you on a housing waiting list) |

If you have selected **Yes** above, please state the length of time on the waiting list in years and months

**Question 34 Will there be anyone else who is normally a resident in this household that is considering setting up a new home, ideally moving to or within Charmouth, in the next five years?**

For example, a family member wanting to move out of the family home.

(Required) Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
| - - | No |

If **Yes** selected, you will need another form, please contact jacqui.cuff@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk or call 07421 994590 between 08:00 – 20:00

Please go to next page, **Section 4: Views on Affordable Housing**

If **No** selected, please go to the next page, **Section 4: Views on Affordable Housing**

SECTION 4: Views on Local Affordable Housing

This section aims to understand the opinions of local residents on new housing in the parish of Charmouth.

All responses will be kept confidential, but anonymised comments and reasons may be used in reports.

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**Question 35 If a need is identified, would you support a small development of new affordable housing in the parish Charmouth? Write over the page, if needed.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | No |
|  | Maybe |

Yes

Please share your reasons:

**Question 36 If there is an identified need for a small scale affordable housing development in Charmouth, for people with a local connection, can you suggest any potentially suitable locations and give your reasons, if you wish. Please write over the page, if needed.**

**Dorset Council Equal Opportunities Policy**

This section is **OPTIONAL**. It is used to collect diversity information. This helps to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact specific sectors of the community. It also helps to make sure our responses for this survey come from a representative sample of residents.

**Please select your age group:** Please only select one item

14 – 24 50 - 59

25 – 39 60 - 64

40 - 49 65 +

**What is your sex?** Please only select one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Female |
|  | Male |
|  | Prefer not to say |

**Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?** Please select only one item

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | White : British |
|  | White: Irish |
|  | White : Gypsy Traveller |
|  | White : Irish Traveller |
|  | White : Other |
|  | Mixed : White and Black Caribbean |
|  | Mixed : White and Black African |
|  | Mixed : White and Asian |
|  | Mixed : Other |
|  | Asian or Asian British : Indian |
|  | Asian or Asian British : Pakistani |
|  | Asian or Asian British : Chinese |
|  | Asian or Asian British : Other |
|  | Black or Black British : Arab |
|  | Other ethnic group |
|  | Prefer not to say  If you have selected Other above, please specify: |

**Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?**

*The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |

**If you have stated in the previous question that you consider yourself to have a disability, please select the type of disability which applies to you.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) |
|  | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) |
|  | Autistic Spectrum Conditions |
|  | Blind |
|  | Dyscalculia |
|  | Dyslexia |
|  | Dyspraxia |
|  | Deaf |
|  | Hearing loss |
|  | Long term health condition |
|  | Mental health issues |
|  | Physical impairment |
|  | Sign Language User |
|  | Visually impaired |
|  | Medical conditions |
|  | Mobility issues |
|  | Learning disability |
|  | Specific learning differences |
|  | Wheelchair user |

If you prefer to use another term, please write in:

**Are you currently pregnant or have you been pregnant in the last year?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | Prefer not to say |

Thank you for completing this segment of the survey. Only the age element, in percentages, of this part will be used in preparing the Housing Needs report given to the Charmouth Parish Council. All other information will be kept confidential and used to ensure the survey has met Dorset Council Equality standards.

Spread the word …..

Please share the link to this questionnaire with anyone you know who has a **'local connection'** to the parish of Charmouth, and who wants or needs to move back to the area.



**URL: https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/02f8c4a4**

All responses will be kept confidential, but anonymised comments and reasons may be used in the survey report.

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If you would like to be contacted with the results of this survey, please provide your details below:

If you do not have access to email, please call Jacqui Cuff, Rural Housing Enabler on 07421 994590

Email address:

**Please Note - this questionnaire does not register you on a housing waiting list.**

**If you wish to apply to join the Dorset Council Housing Register and do not have access to the internet, please call Dorset Council Customer Services on 01305 221000**

Next Steps

Once the responses are collated and analysed, we will invite the community to attend a public meeting, where you will have an opportunity to hear the results, ask further questions and make additional comments.

Charmouth Parish Council felt it was important to gather first-hand information direct from residents and people with a local connection to the Parish to help guide future planning decisions and on how to address the housing needs in the area, so your contribution and feedback is very important.

A written report will be produced by Dorset Community Action and given to Charmouth Parish Council to check for errors and to finalise. A copy of the written report will then be sent to those who have given their contact details.

If you have any questions regarding this housing needs survey or housing in general, please call Jacqui Cuff, Rural Housing Enabler on 07421 994590 or wish to know more about the Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan, contact the Clerk at Charmouth Parish Council on 01297 560826.Any email or telephone contact will be covered under current confidentiality policies.

Thank you for completing the survey, please put your completed survey in the freepost envelope provided and post it back to us before **12th May 2025.**

