

Welford-on-Avon Housing Needs Survey

January 2025

Dear Householder,

The Parish Council is aware that a lack of affordable and suitable housing is an issue for many rural communities, which can lead to local people being forced to move away.

To assess whether this is a problem in Welford-on-Avon parish we are carrying out a survey to identify the types and sizes of homes that local people need. The last full survey was conducted in 2019. It's important that housing needs information is up to date to ensure that planning applications can be properly assessed.

The survey is for everyone, not just people in housing need. The questions in the first part of the survey will help to compile a profile of residents and some general points about life in the parish.

We need your help and ask all households to complete a survey form:

- People who are not in need of housing are requested to complete part 1 only.
- People who are in need of housing are requested to complete all parts of the form.

The survey is being carried out in partnership with Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC), an independent charity that works across Warwickshire and Solihull to sustain rural communities. When complete the Parish Council will consider the results of the survey and work together with WRCC to explore how any identified needs can be addressed.

Statistical feedback to villagers will be given via Welford Matters and the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Do you know of people with a local connection to the parish who would like to live here? Please encourage them to contact Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Rural Housing Enabler for WRCC, on 01789 842182 or email sarahbt@wrccrural.org.uk so a survey form can be sent to them. They should currently work in the parish, have previously lived in the parish or have close family currently living in the parish.

All information you give will be treated in strict confidence and neither the Parish Council or any third party will see individual replies.

The analysis will be carried out independently by WRCC and it will retain all survey forms and digital information. Please complete and return the attached form by 28th February 2025 using the Freepost envelope provided or complete the survey online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WoAHNS2025.

Thank you for your help in conducting this survey.

Yours sincerely,

Simon

Simon Carter
Chair, Welford-on-Avon Parish Council

