

Stowe-by-Chartley Parish – Housing Needs Survey Report

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

CCA was commissioned by Stowe-by-Chartley Parish Council in 2018 to carry out a housing needs survey, in order to collect up-to-date information from local residents on their housing needs.

The household survey was aimed at residents within Stowe-by-Chartley Parish – the results of which are included in this report.

This report is suitable for guiding and informing:

- Rural housing developments, including those by registered providers (housing associations) and private developers
- Parish and town councils
- Communities

Cheshire Community Action is an independent charity based in Cheshire West that has conducted the Housing Needs Survey independently. All personal information that has been received as part of the survey is treated as confidential.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The household survey shown in Appendix A on pages 32-37 of this report was posted to all residents in Stowe-by-Chartley Parish in early-mid September. Residents receiving the survey in the post could return it to the Parish Council or have it collected. To increase accessibility there was also an option to complete it online by typing a web link into an internet browser, which was highlighted in the cover letter of the printed version and promoted locally by the Parish Council.

CCA worked with Stowe-by-Chartley Parish Council to agree the cover letter and questions for the survey. The housing needs survey template was based on a template that follows the principles of the Rural Housing Needs Surveys as endorsed by the Rural Housing Alliance:

<http://ruralhousingalliance.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Final-RHE-Surveys-principles-and-guidance.pdf>.

The survey required responses from as many local residents as possible, including details of anyone known to have moved away from Stowe-by-Chartley due to a lack of suitable housing in the last 5 years.

The deadline for responses was 15 October 2018 so that residents had 4 weeks to respond. CCA carried out data entry and analysed the responses. Hard copy responses were manually entered into the same database as those already completed on-line, using Survey Monkey.

As the survey was only sent to residents within Stowe-by-Chartley Parish, only local housing needs are addressed in this report.

N.B. The results to each question are presented in both chart and tabular form in this report. Most questions show that often a small, or sometimes a large proportion of respondents have 'skipped' questions. This is due to the survey being structured so that if people answered in certain ways, they would be 'skipped' through questions that were not relevant. E.g. If respondents answered 'no' to Q5 on whether they required more suitable accommodation, they did not need to answer the majority of remaining questions about housing need. In addition, some respondents also skipped questions of their own accord.

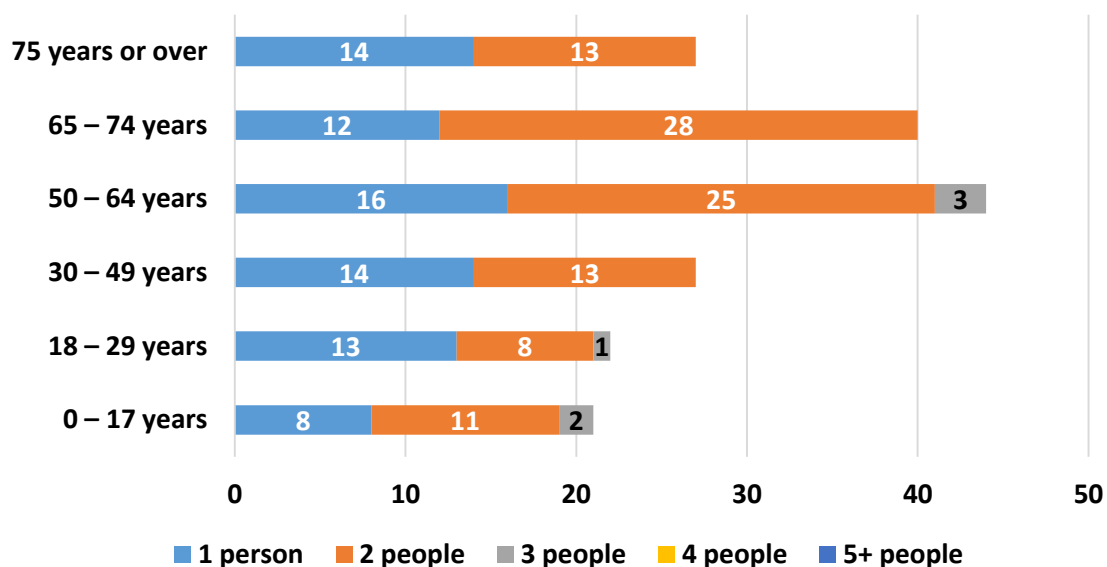
3.0 OVERALL RESPONSE OF THE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

A total of 118 surveys were returned out of the 172 surveys distributed. This gives an **overall response rate of 67%**. The mean average response to CCA Housing Needs Surveys in the last 6 years was 35%. 14 out of 118 (12%) of respondents said that they expected to need to move within the Parish in the next 5 years.

4.0 CURRENT ACCOMMODATION

This section shows the results of the question responses about ‘current accommodation’ – it does not include the current accommodation information of all residents in Stowe-by-Chartley.

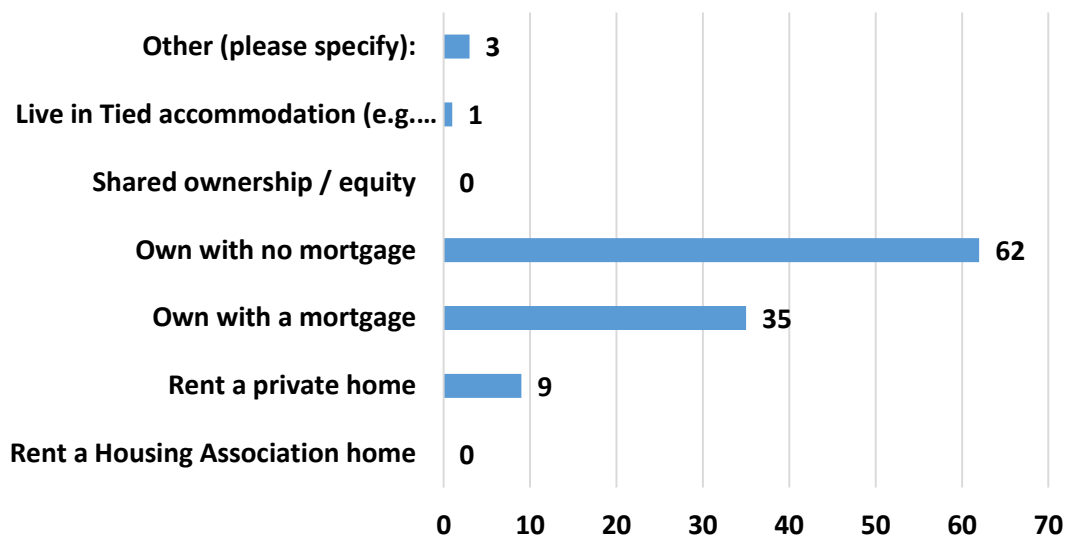
Q1: How many people in each of these age groups live in your household (including yourself)?



	Number of people in this age group					Total responses	Total in age group
	1	2	3	4	5+		
0 – 17 years	8	11	2	0	0	21	36
18 – 29 years	13	8	1	0	0	22	32
30 – 49 years	14	13	0	0	0	27	40
50 – 64 years	16	25	3	0	0	44	75
65 – 74 years	12	28	0	0	0	40	68
75 years or over	14	13	0	0	0	27	40
	Answered						117
	Skipped						1

The highest number of responses (44) to the survey came from people in the 50-64 age group, followed by 65-74 group (40), 30-49 and 75+ groups (27 for each). 18-29's made up 22 of the responses and 0-17's came to 21 responses.

Q2. How do you occupy your current accommodation?

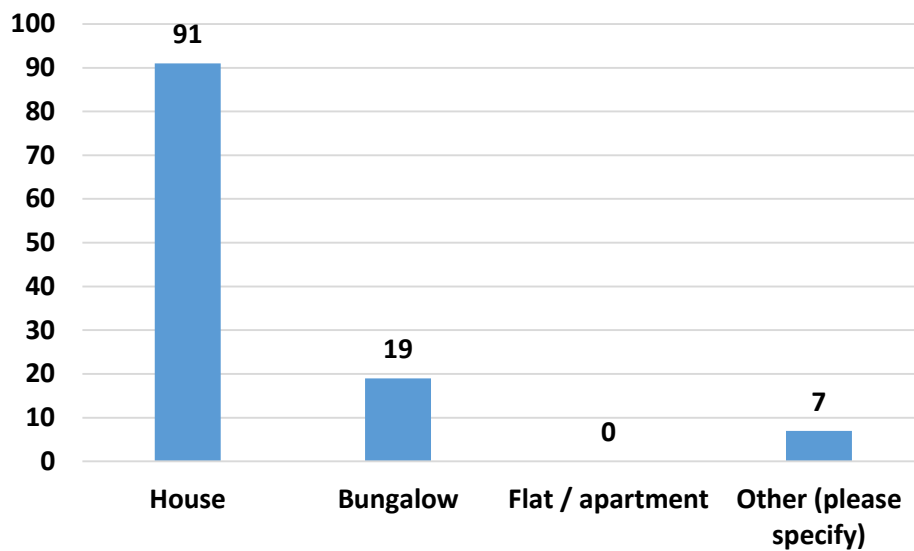


Answer Choices	Responses	
	Percentage	Count
Rent a Housing Association home	0%	0
Rent a private home	8%	9
Own with a mortgage	32%	35
Own with no mortgage	56%	62
Shared ownership / equity	0%	0
Live in Tied accommodation (e.g. provided by employer)	1%	1
Other (please specify): see below	3%	3
Answered		110
Skipped		8

Other (please specify)
"I also have a tenant"
"live with parents and brother"
"not prepared to answer"

The most common tenure from the survey sample were people who owned homes without a mortgage to pay (56%), followed by people who own with a mortgage to pay (32%). 8% of respondents rented a private home, 1% lived in tied accommodation provided by their employer and 3% selected 'other' with comments in the table above.

Q3. What kind of property do you currently live in?

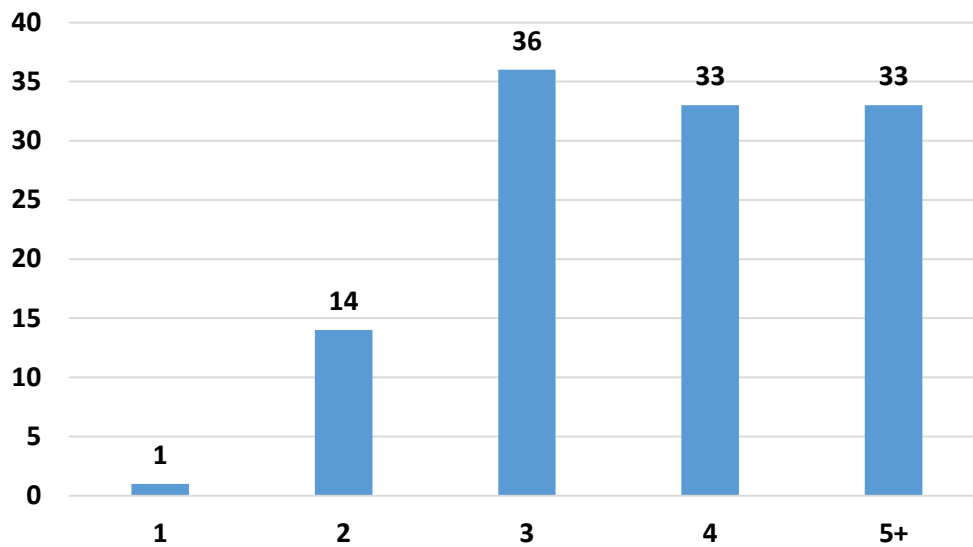


Answer Choices	Responses	
House	78%	91
Bungalow	16%	19
Flat / apartment	0%	0
Other (please specify)	6%	7
Answered		117
Skipped		1

Respondents	Other (please specify)
1	Barn conversion
2	cottage
3	Barn conversion
4	Barn conversion
5	Barn conversion
6	Stables
7	Dormer bungalow

Most respondents (78%) lived in houses, 16% in bungalows, none in flats and 6% answered 'other' with their responses listed in the table above.

Q4. How many bedrooms does your property have?



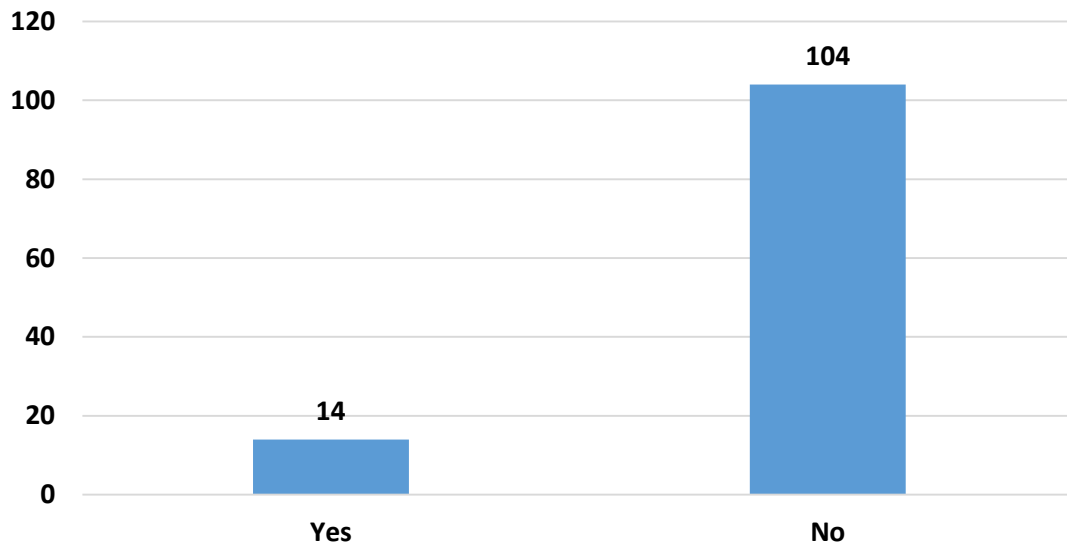
Answer Choices	Responses	
1	1%	1
2	12%	14
3	31%	36
4	28%	33
5+	28%	33
	Answered	117
	Skipped	1

28% of respondents lived in 5+ bed properties, 28% lived in 4 bed properties, 31% had 3 bed, 12% - 2 bed and only 1% were in 1 bed properties.

5.0 HOUSING NEED

This section shows the results of the question responses about 'housing need' (as in the need to move) – it does not include the housing need information of all residents in Stowe-by-Chartley.

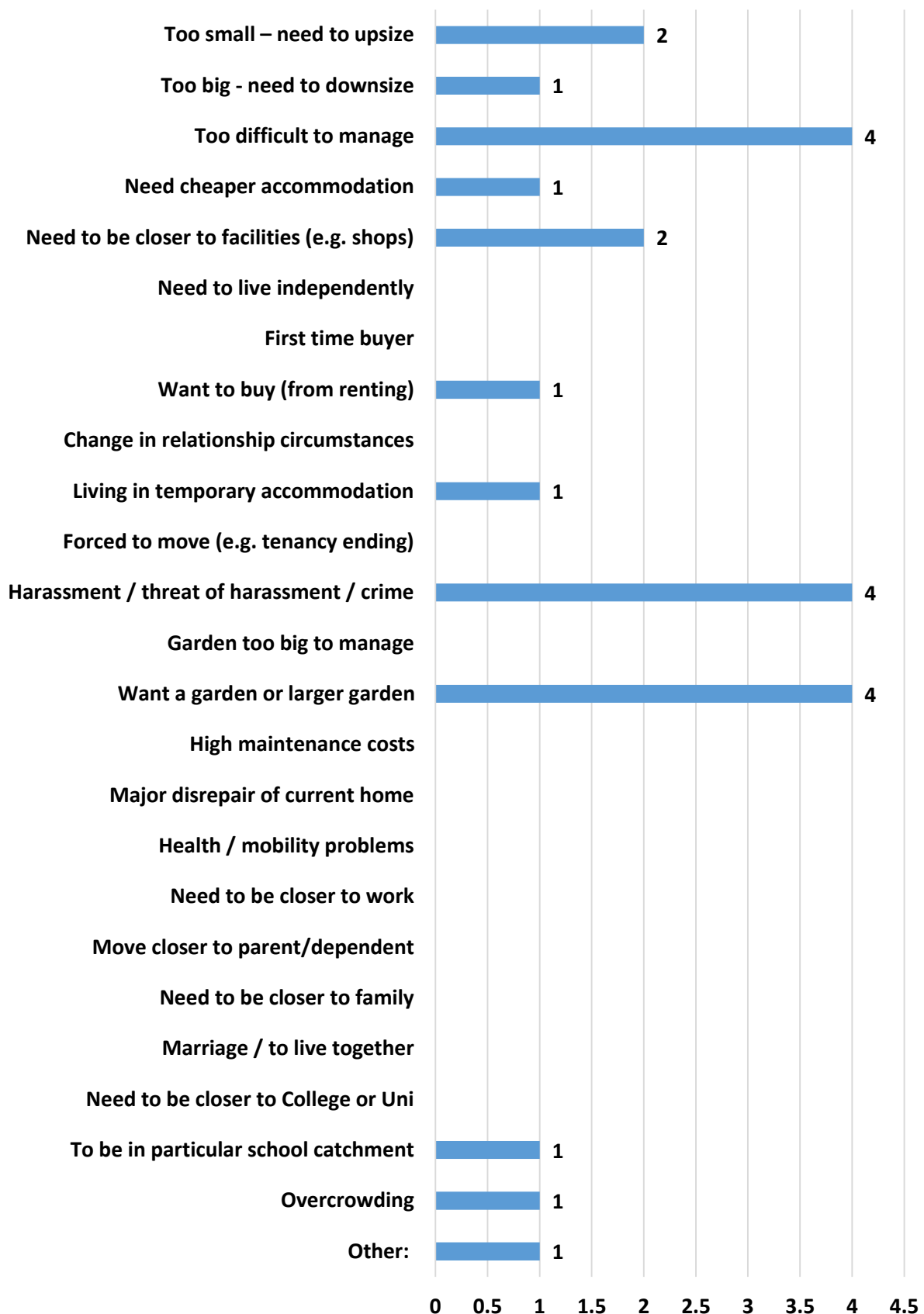
Q5. Does your current household as a whole, or anyone in your current household, expect to need to move within the parish (if suitable accommodation was available) within the next 5 years?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	12%	14
No	88%	104
Answered		118
Skipped		0

14 respondents (12%) said that they expected to need to move within the Parish in the next 5 years. Of 170 households, 14 is 8% of 172 – in other words: **approximately 8% of Stowe-by-Chartley residents are reporting that they live in unsuitable accommodation now or accommodation that will become unsuitable within 5 years.** This report does not speculate about the needs of those who did not respond to the survey.

Q6. Why is the accommodation unsuitable?

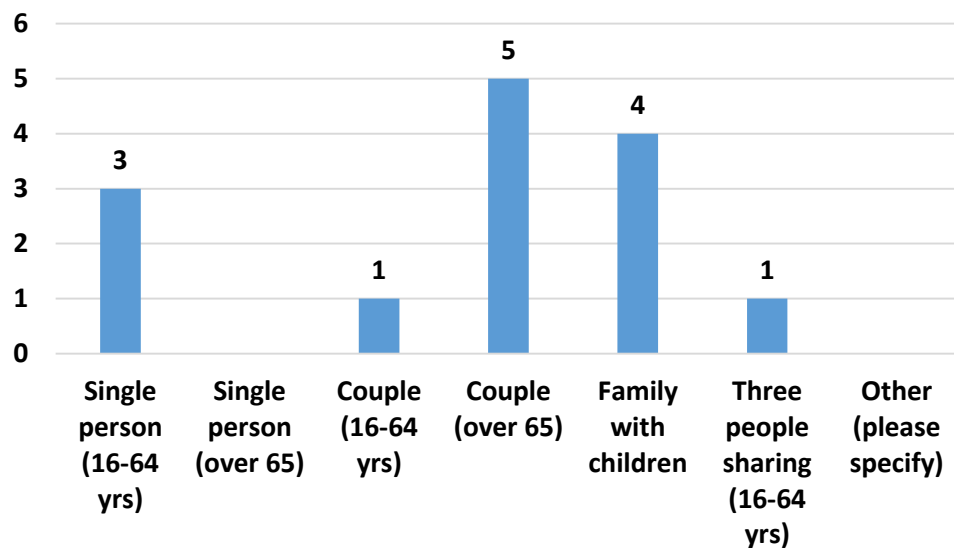


Answer Choices	Responses	
Too small – need to upsize	14%	2
Too big - need to downsize	7%	1
Too difficult to manage	29%	4
Need cheaper accommodation	7%	1
Need to be closer to facilities (e.g. shops)	14%	2
Need to live independently	0%	0
First time buyer	0%	0
Want to buy (from renting)	7%	1
Change in relationship circumstances	0%	0
Living in temporary accommodation	7%	1
Forced to move (e.g. tenancy ending)	0%	0
Harassment / threat of harassment / crime	29%	4
Garden too big to manage	0%	0
Want a garden or larger garden	29%	4
High maintenance costs	0%	0
Major disrepair of current home	0%	0
Health / mobility problems	0%	0
Need to be closer to work	0%	0
Move closer to parent/dependent	0%	0
Need to be closer to family	0%	0
Marriage / to live together	0%	0
Need to be closer to College or Uni	0%	0
To be in particular school catchment	7%	1
Overcrowding	7%	1
Other: <i>“We are farmers and would like to move over to allow a young farmer and his family to work alongside us on the farm.”</i>	7%	1
	Answered	14
	Skipped	104

The most common reasons for accommodation being deemed unsuitable were: ‘too difficult to manage’, ‘harassment / threat of harassment or crime’ and ‘wanting a garden or larger garden’, which received 4 responses or 29% each. ‘Upsizing’ and ‘needing to be closer to facilities’ both received 2 responses or 14% each.

The following reasons for moving were all selected once: Too big – need to downsize, need cheaper accommodation, want to buy from renting, living in temporary accommodation, school catchment, overcrowding and a change of agriculture personnel as stated in the table above.

Q7. Who in your household needs (or will need) more suitable accommodation?

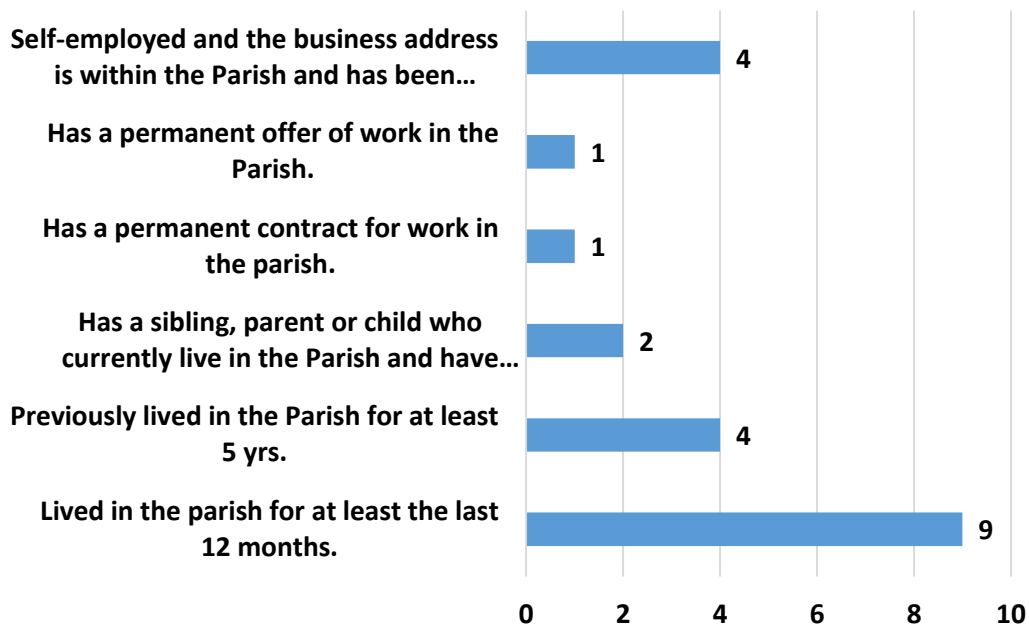


Answer Choices	Responses	
Single person (16-64 yrs)	21%	3
Single person (over 65)	0%	0
Couple (16-64 yrs)	7%	1
Couple (over 65)	36%	5
Family with children	29%	4
Three people sharing (16-64 yrs)	7%	1
Other (please specify)	0%	0
	Answered	14
	Skipped	104

Older couples over 65 made up the highest proportion (36%) of those in need of more suitable accommodation. Families with children made up 29% of those in need, 21% were single people (16-64 yrs), 7% were couples (16-64 yrs) and 7% had three people sharing (16-64).

Section 6.0 of this report 'Summary table of housing need' breaks down these different categories and shows the specific requirements of those respondents who said that they need to move home within the next 5 years.

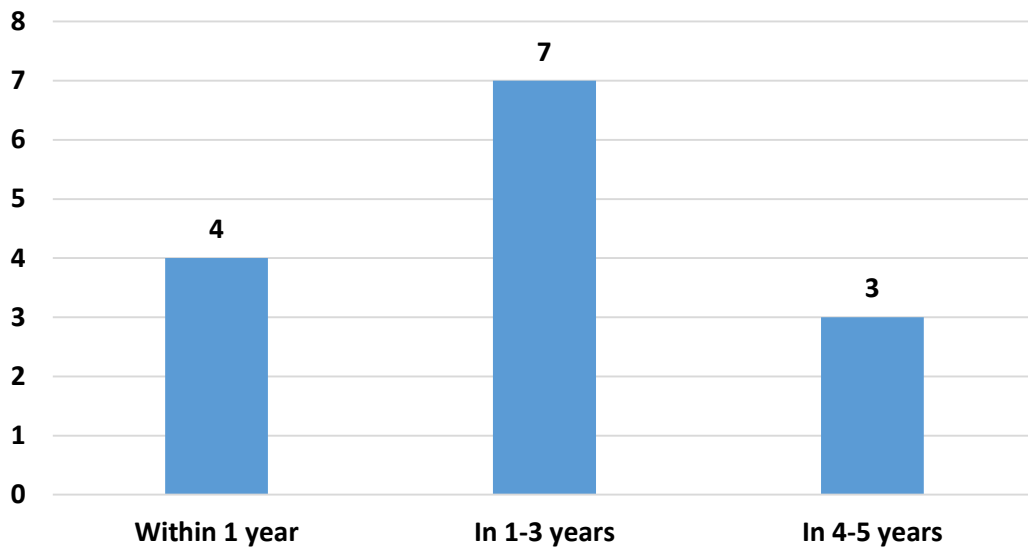
Q8. Local connection to the Parish?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Lived in the parish for at least the last 12 months.	75%	9
Previously lived in the Parish for at least 5 yrs.	33%	4
Has a sibling, parent or child who currently live in the Parish and have done so for at least 5 years.	17%	2
Has a permanent contract for work in the parish.	8%	1
Has a permanent offer of work in the Parish.	8%	1
Self-employed and the business address is within the Parish and has been operational for a minimum of 12 months.	33%	4
	Answered	12
	Skipped	106

12 out of the 14 who expressed a housing need answered this question. Local connections are listed in the table above.

Q9. When are you or members of your household likely to need new housing?

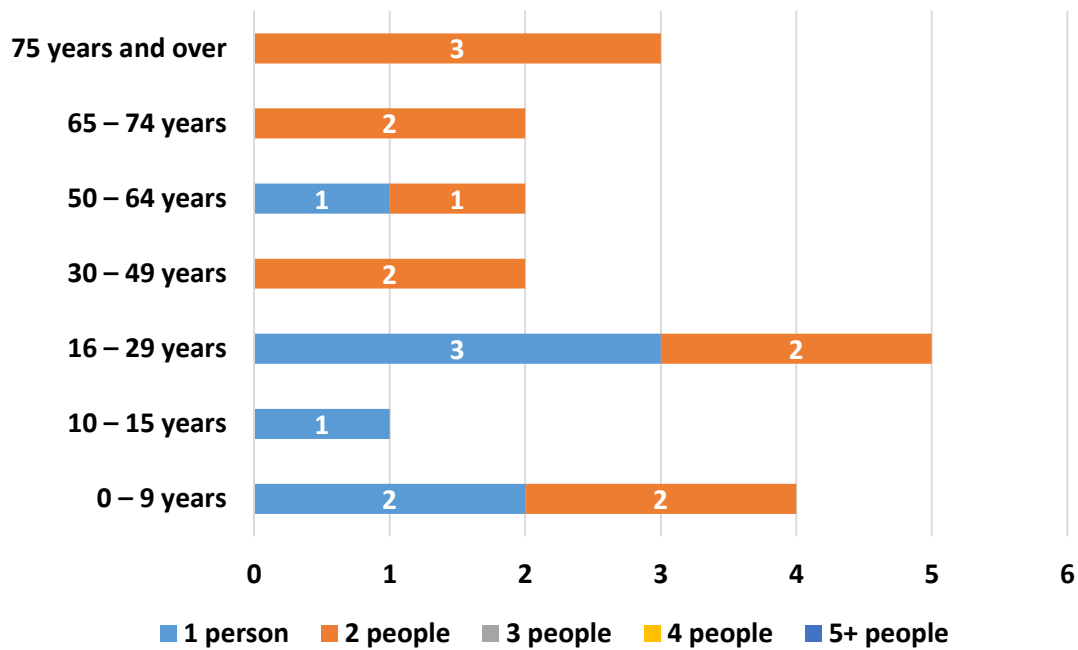


Answer Choices	Responses	
Within 1 year	29%	4
In 1-3 years	50%	7
In 4-5 years	21%	3
	Answered	14
	Skipped	104

29% (4) of the respondents in need said that they need to move within a year, 50% (7) in 1-3 years and (3) 21% in 4-5 years. ¹

¹ The survey was carried out in September to October 2018.

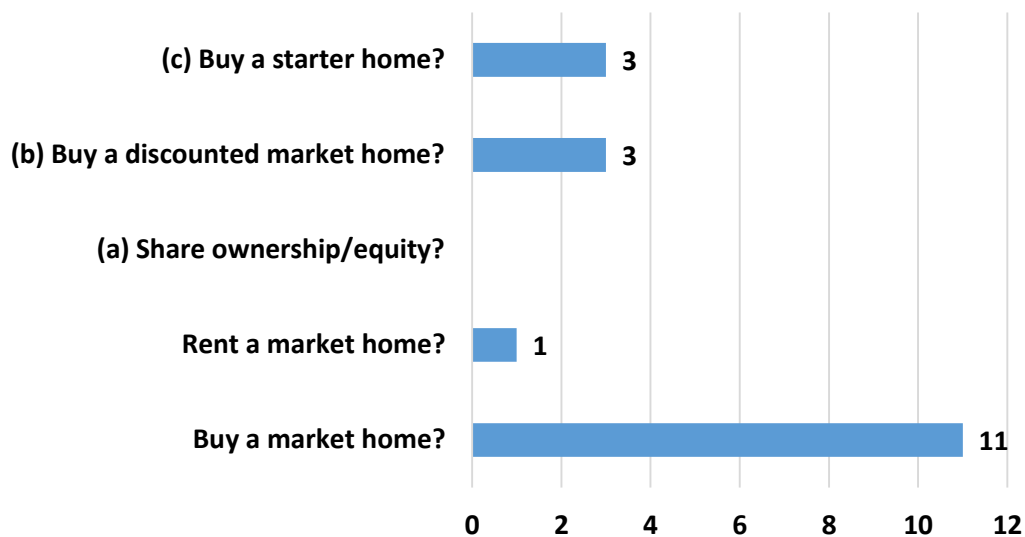
Q10. How many people within each of these age groups would form the new household?



	Number of people in this age group					Total responses	Total in age group
	1	2	3	4	5+		
0 – 9 years	2	2	0	0	0	4	6
10 – 15 years	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
16 – 29 years	3	2	0	0	0	5	7
30 – 49 years	0	2	0	0	0	2	4
50 – 64 years	1	1	0	0	0	2	3
65 – 74 years	0	2	0	0	0	2	4
75 years and over	0	3	0	0	0	3	6
						Answered	14
						Skipped	104

16-29 year olds (7) showed the highest number of people in need of more suitable accommodation. There were 6x 0-9 year olds and 1x 10-15 year olds as part of families in need. 4x 30-49 year olds and 65-74 year olds respectively. 3x 50-64 year olds and there were 6x over 75s.

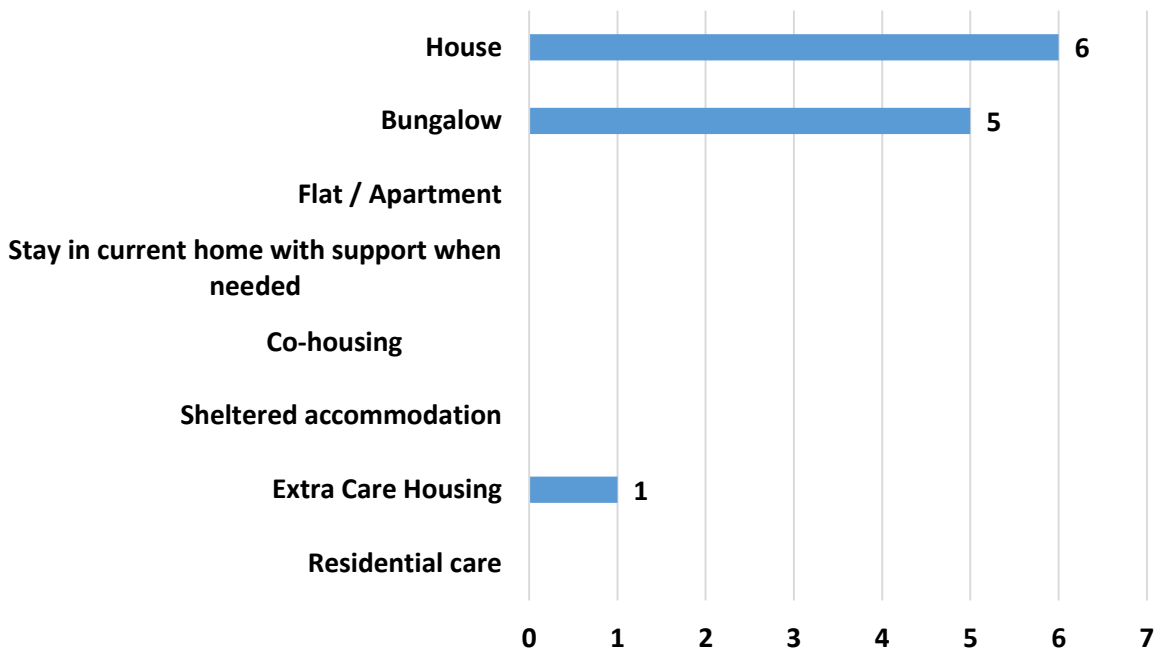
Q11. Preferred tenure?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Buy a market home?	85%	11
Rent a market home?	8%	1
(a) Share ownership/equity?	0%	0
(b) Buy a discounted market home?	23%	3
(c) Buy a starter home?	23%	3
(d) Affordable or social rent?	0%	0
	Answered	13
	Skipped	105

Most respondents in need (11 or 85%) would prefer to buy a property on the market. 3 or 23% selected both discounted market home and starter home. 1 person selected market rent and no respondents selected shared ownership or social / affordable rent.

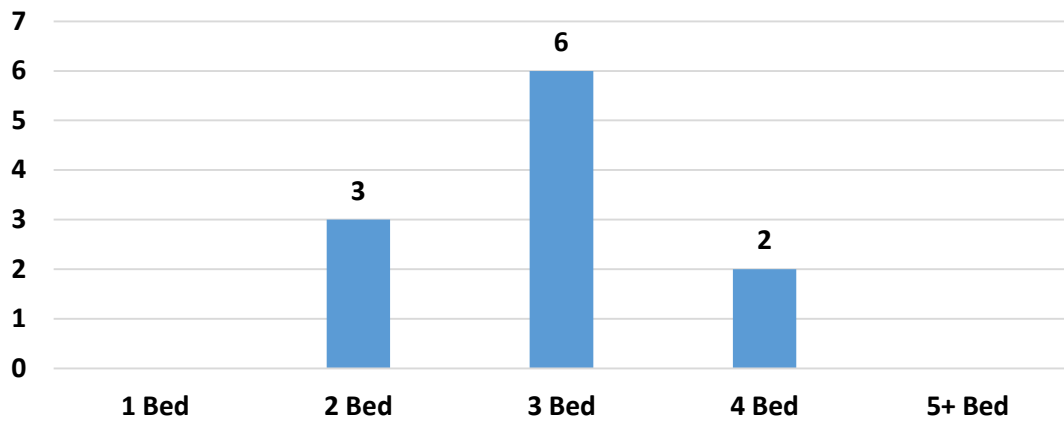
Q12. What type of home would be most suitable?



Answer Choices	Responses	
House	50%	6
Bungalow	42%	5
Flat / Apartment	0%	0
Stay in current home with support when needed (e.g. home visits, 'help' alarm)	0%	0
Co-housing (Your own home in a small community which shares facilities (e.g. laundry) and activities)	0%	0
Sheltered accommodation (This is usually in a group of bungalows or flats and you have your own front door. Schemes usually have a manager/warden to arrange services and are linked to a careline/alarm service.)	0%	0
Extra Care Housing (This is designed with the needs of frailer older people in mind. It includes flats, bungalows and retirement villages. You have your own front door. Domestic support and personal care are available.)	8%	1
Residential care (You would normally have a bedroom and the use of a shared lounge with other residents. Personal care is provided – bathing, help dressing, meals etc.)	0%	0
	Answered	12
	Skipped	106

50% (6) of those in need selected 'house' as the most suitable type of accommodation. 42% (5) selected 'bungalow' and 1 person selected extra care housing.

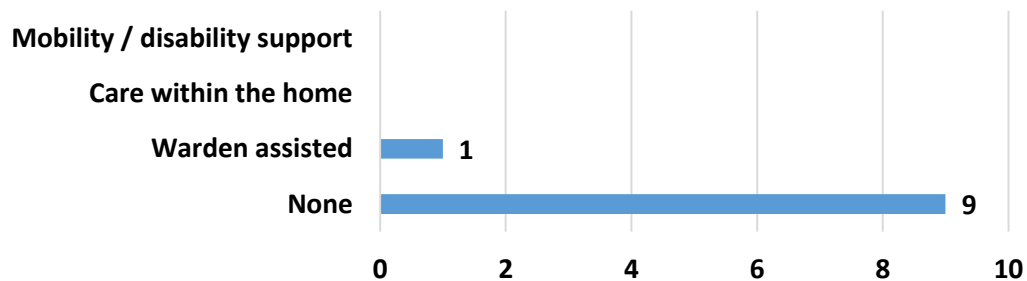
Q13. How many bedrooms would be needed?



Answer Choices	Responses	
1 Bed	0%	0
2 Bed	27%	3
3 Bed	55%	6
4 Bed	18%	2
5+ Bed	0%	0
Answered		11
Skipped		107

The most popular answer to this question was 3 bed accommodation selected by 6 respondents, 3 people said they needed 2 bedrooms and 2 said 4 bedrooms were needed.

Q14. Would you need any support or special requirements?



Answer Choices	Responses	
None	90%	9
Warden assisted	10%	1
Care within the home	0%	0
Mobility / disability support	0%	0
Answered		10
Skipped		108

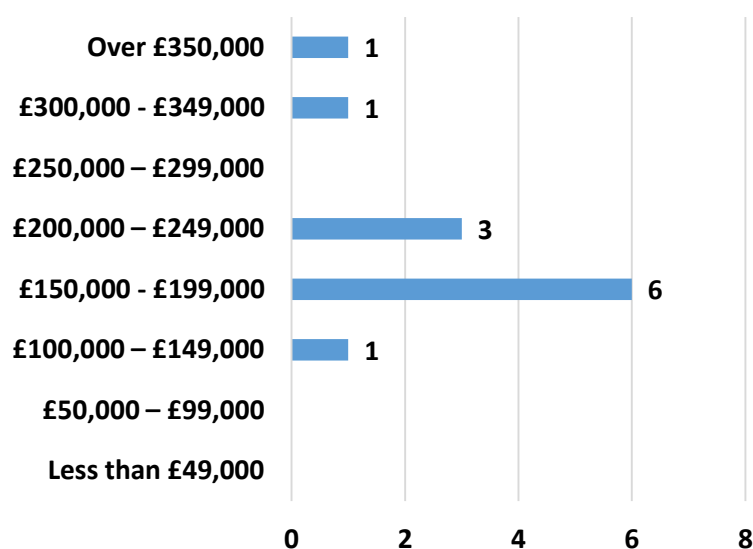
The vast majority (9 out of 10 who answered) did not require special support in the home but 1 respondent needed warden assisted accommodation.

Q15. Is the new household on the Stafford Housing Register for social / affordable housing?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	0%	0
No	100%	10
	Answered	10
	Skipped	108

None of the respondents in need said that they were on the Housing Register.

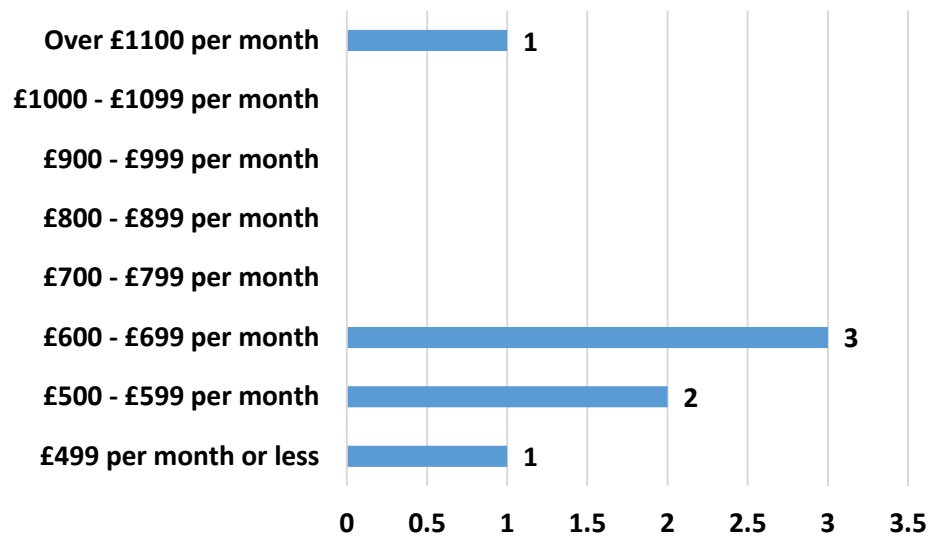
Q16. What price range would those in housing need be able to afford should they wish to purchase or share ownership?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than £49,000	0%	0
£50,000 - £99,000	0%	0
£100,000 - £149,000	8%	1
£150,000 - £199,000	50%	6
£200,000 - £249,000	25%	3
£250,000 - £299,000	0%	0
£300,000 - £349,000	8%	1
Over £350,000	8%	1
	Answered	12
	Skipped	106

In terms of what people can afford to buy, 6 respondents (50% of those who answered) said that £150-199k was affordable. 3 people (25%) selected £200-£249k. £100-149k, £300-349k and over £350k were all selected once.

Q17. What rent range would those in housing need be able to afford should they wish to rent?



Answer Choices	Responses	
£499 per month or less	14%	1
£500 - £599 per month	29%	2
£600 - £699 per month	43%	3
£700 - £799 per month	0%	0
£800 - £899 per month	0%	0
£900 - £999 per month	0%	0
£1000 - £1099 per month	0%	0
Over £1100 per month	14%	1
	Answered	7
	Skipped	111

Only 7 of the respondents in housing need answered this question, but the most popular answer (3 responses) was £600-699 per month in terms of what rent range was affordable. 2 people said they could afford up to £500-599 per month. £499 per month or less, and over £1100 per month were both selected once.

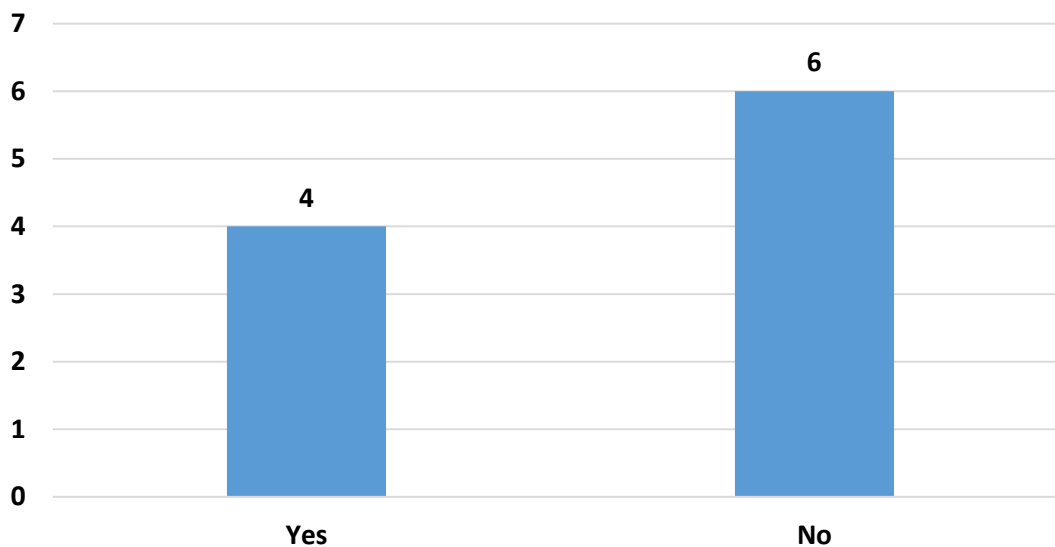
Q18. Are you planning to release capital from the sale of your home (trading down)?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	45%	5
No	0%	0
Not applicable	55%	6
Answered		11
Skipped		107

5 out of the 11 respondents who answered this question said they were planning to release capital from their current home when they move. The other 6 respondents said 'not applicable'.

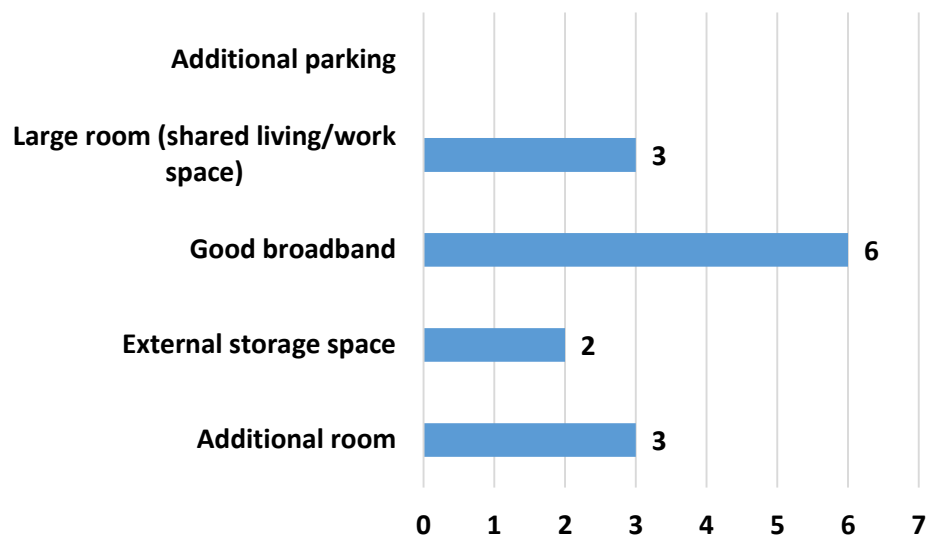
Q19. Does anyone in your household need 'work from home' facilities?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	40%	4
No	60%	6
Answered		10
Skipped		108

4 of the respondents in housing need said that they required 'work from home' facilities.

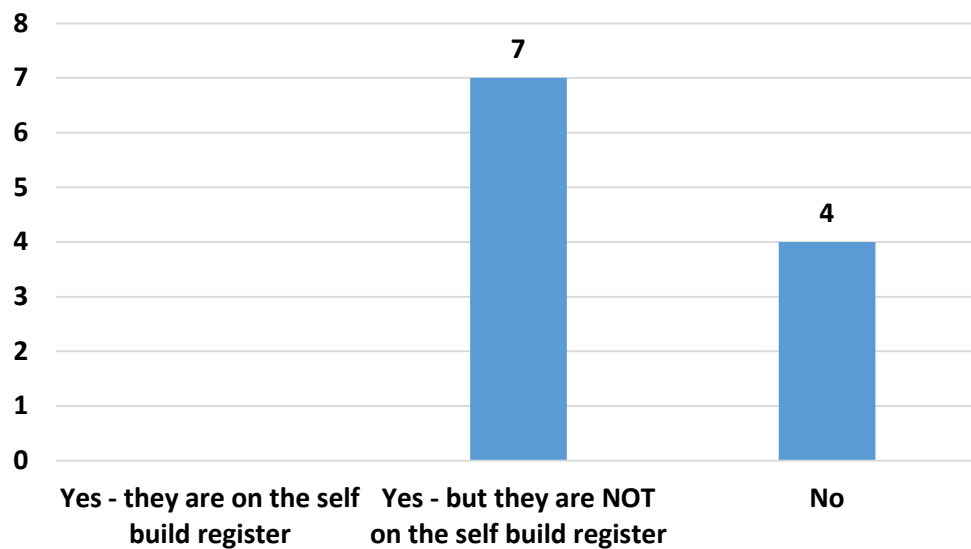
Q20. Which of the following 'work from home' facilities are needed?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Additional room	50%	3
External storage space	33%	2
Good broadband	100%	6
Large room (shared living/work space)	50%	3
Additional parking	0%	0
Other (please specify): <i>"Would like to build a garage to store and work from but I have already been rejected by the Council."</i>	17%	1
	Answered	6
	Skipped	112

6 respondents answered this question despite only 4 saying they needed work from home facilities. All of them stated 'good broadband' as a requirement, 3 each selected 'additional room' and 'large room', 2 selected 'extra storage space', and 1 selected 'other' with comments in the table above.

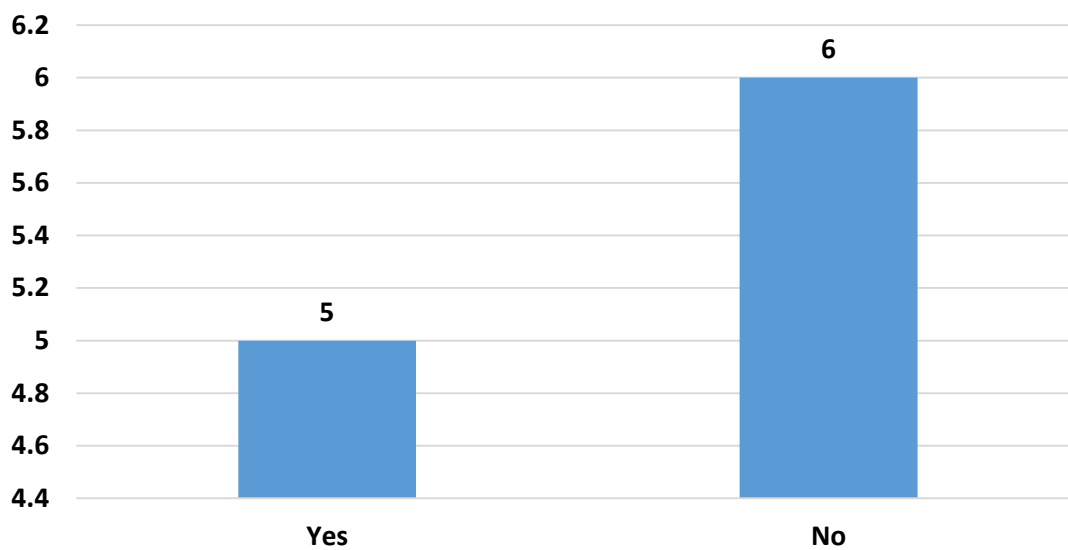
Q21. Would anyone in your household be interested in self-build?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes - they are on the self-build register	0%	0
Yes - but they are NOT on the self-build register	64%	7
No	36%	4
	Answered	11
	Skipped	107

7 respondents (or 64% of those who answered the question) were interested in self-build but were not on the self-build register. 4 respondents were not interested in self-build. No-one said they were both interested in self-build and on the register.

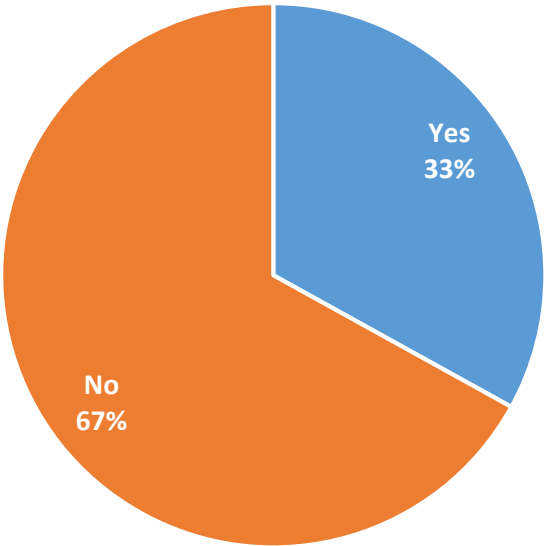
Q22. Do you know of anyone who has had to leave Stowe-by-Chartley Parish in the last 5 years due to lack of availability of suitable accommodation?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	45%	5
No	55%	6
If yes, what type of accommodation did they need and where did they move to?	n/a	1
	Answered	11
	Skipped	107

5 respondents to the survey reported that they knew someone who had to move out of Stowe-by-Chartley Parish in the last 5 years due to a lack of suitable accommodation. No details or reasons were given.

Q23. Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable homes for local people?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	33%	37
No	67%	75
	Answered	112
	Skipped	6

33% of respondents were in favour of a small affordable housing development for local people and 67% were against.

6.0 THANKS

Cheshire Community Action would like to thank Stowe-by-Chartley Parish Council for commissioning the survey and for its support to promote the survey locally, and all of the residents of Stowe-by-Chartley who took the time to complete their surveys.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY PARISH HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY 2018

YOUR CURRENT ACCOMMODATION

1. How many people in each of these age groups live in your household (including yourself)? Please write a number in each of the boxes e.g. "2". If there is no-one in your household of a particular age group, please leave the box blank.

0 – 15 years	<input type="text"/>	50 – 64 years	<input type="text"/>
16 – 29 years	<input type="text"/>	65 – 74 years	<input type="text"/>
30 – 49 years	<input type="text"/>	75 years and over	<input type="text"/>

2. How do you occupy your current accommodation? Please select one option only.

Rent a Council or Housing Association home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Own with no mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rent a private home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared ownership /equity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own with a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please tick and specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live in Tied accommodation (e.g. provided by employer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		

3. What kind of property do you currently live in? Please select one option only.

House Bungalow Flat/Apartment

Other (please specify)

4. How many bedrooms does your property have? Please select one option only.

1 2 3 4 5+

HOUSING NEED

5. Does your household as a whole, or anyone in your current household, expect to need to move within the parish (if suitable accommodation was available) within the next 5 years?

Yes Please go to Q6

No Please go to Q23

6. Please give the reasons why this household's current home is unsuitable? Please select any options that apply.

Too small – need to upsize	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garden too big to manage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too big - need to downsize	<input type="checkbox"/>	Want a garden or larger garden	<input type="checkbox"/>

Too difficult to manage	<input type="checkbox"/>	High maintenance costs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Need cheaper accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major disrepair of current home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Need to be closer to facilities (e.g. shops)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health / mobility problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
Need to live independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to be closer to work	<input type="checkbox"/>
First time buyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Move closer to parent/dependent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Want to buy (from renting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to be closer to family	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in relationship circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage / to live together	<input type="checkbox"/>
Living in temporary accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to be closer to College or Uni	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forced to move (e.g. tenancy ending)	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be in particular school catchment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harassment / threat of harassment / crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overcrowding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need to move out of shared house	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Who in this household needs to move in the next 5 years? Please select one option only. (if there is more than one new household needing to move, please request additional forms)

Single person (16-64 yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single person (over 65)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Couple (16-64 yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Couple (over 65)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family with children	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three people sharing (16-64 yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

8. Local connection - please select all options that apply to the household that needs to move.

<input type="checkbox"/> Lived in the parish for at least the last 12 months.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously lived in the Parish for at least 5 yrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has a sibling, parent or child who currently live in the Parish and have done so for at least 5 years.
<input type="checkbox"/> Has a permanent contract for work in the parish.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has a permanent offer of work in the Parish.	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed and the business address is within the Parish and has been operational for a minimum of 12 months.

9. When is the household likely to need to move? Please select one option only.

Within 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/>	In 1-3 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
In 4-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>		

10. How many people within each of these age groups would form the new household? Please enter the number of residents for each age group who would be in the new household. E.g. "2".

0 – 9 years	<input type="text"/>	50 – 64 years	<input type="text"/>
10 – 15 years	<input type="text"/>	65 – 74 years	<input type="text"/>
16 – 29 years	<input type="text"/>	75 years and over	<input type="text"/>
30 – 49 years	<input type="text"/>		

13. How many bedrooms would be needed? Please select one option only.

1 2 3 4 5+

14. Would any support or special requirements be needed? Please select all options that apply.

None Care within the home
Warden assisted Mobility/disability support

15. Is the new household on the Stafford Housing Register for social / affordable housing?

Yes No

16. What price range would those in housing need be able to afford should they wish to purchase or share ownership? Please select one option only.

This is normally based on 3.5x gross annual household income plus estimated equity in your current home, savings, gifts from parents and deposits available.

Less than £49,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£200,000 – £249,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£50,000 – £99,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£250,000 – £299,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£100,000 – £149,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£300,000 - £349,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£150,000 - £199,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over £350,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. What rent range would those in housing need be able to afford should they wish to rent? Please select one option only.

This is normally based on 25% of gross monthly household income.

£499 per month or less	<input type="checkbox"/>	£800 - £899 per month	<input type="checkbox"/>
£500 - £599 per month	<input type="checkbox"/>	£900 - £999 per month	<input type="checkbox"/>
£600 - £699 per month	<input type="checkbox"/>	£1000 - £1099 per month	<input type="checkbox"/>
£700 - £799 per month	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over £1100 per month	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Is the new household planning to release capital from the sale of a home? (trading down)

Yes No Not applicable

19. Does anyone in the new household need 'work from home' facilities?

Yes Please go to Q20
No Please go to Q21

20. Which of the following 'work from home' facilities would be needed? Please select any options that apply.

Additional room	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
External storage space	<input type="checkbox"/>	Large room (shared living/work space)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional parking	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Would anyone in the new household be interested in self-build?

Yes Continue below... No Please go to Q22

If yes, have they registered on the Stafford Self-build register?

Yes No

22. Do you know of anyone who has had to leave the village in the last 5 years due to lack of suitable accommodation?

Yes No

If yes, please provide contact details to enable us to contact them about the survey:

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We will document this consent electronically and securely retain this information at our offices in Chester. We will never share this information with any third parties unless we have their explicit consent. We will only store data for the purposes of housing needs related communications. Consent can be easily withdrawn by calling: 01244 400222 or e-mailing: john.heselwood@cheshireaction.org.uk

23. Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable homes for local people?

Yes No

24. Please use the space below to give any additional information regarding your housing needs now or any housing needs that you think you may have in the next 5 years?

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Information on the Stafford BC Self-build Register

Extract from Stafford BC website: <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/self-build-and-custom-housebuilding>

[Stafford Borough Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register](#)

With effect from 1 April 2016, the Council must keep a register of individuals and groups who want to acquire land within Stafford Borough for self-build homes.

Please be aware that self-build homes are subject to the same requirement for planning permission as other homes. The submission of a site on to the register does not guarantee planning permission, nor does it prejudice any planning decision the Council may make for a particular site.

Putting forward a site on to the register is simply an expression of interest that an individual or an association is looking to acquire a self-build plot in a particular locality. The local authority must then assess the demand and ensure sufficient plots are provided to meet that demand in the Borough as a whole (there is no duty to meet the needs of particular locations).

To be included on the register please complete the [application form](#) on the web page link above. Please note only forms with a written signature will be accepted.

The information gathered will help us to find out more about the demand for custom and self-build plots in the Borough of Stafford, where people would like their plot to be and the type of dwelling that they would like to build.

In submitting this form, you are agreeing that the council can use the data you provide to understand the demand for custom build and self-build housing.

Personal details included on the form will not be made public.

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