

Housing needs survey for Lighthorne parish

June 2025

Do you want to downsize, are you currently living at home with parents and want your own home? Do you need a bungalow in preference to a house? Do you work in Lighthorne parish and would also like to live locally?

A lack of suitable and affordable housing in rural communities has been a serious problem for many years, with house prices outstripping average incomes by large margins. The last housing needs survey was conducted in 2013 so we want to determine what homes local people need now, and this information will assist in drafting the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The form is to be completed ONLY if you have a need for alternative housing and wish to live within the parish.

If you know anyone currently living elsewhere who would like to live in Lighthorne parish they can complete their own survey form. They would need to have a local connection, for example they work in the parish, previously lived in the parish or have close family currently living in the parish.

Data is being collected on behalf of the parish council by WRCC (an independent charity that supports rural communities across Warwickshire) for the purpose of identifying parish-wide housing need only. All information is treated in confidence and returns are anonymised.

A separate form should be completed by each household (family, single, couple) in need of alternative housing and if they wish to be housed within the parish within the next five years. If necessary, please request extra forms; see contact details on the back page.

Completed forms should be returned by 30th June 2025 using the attached Freepost envelope or complete this survey online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Lighthorne25.

Thank you for participating in this survey.

Brian Lewis - Chairman
Lighthorne Parish Council

Note: This survey is available in other languages or LARGE PRINT. Please contact WRCC if you require another format (01789 842182 or housing@wrccrural.org.uk).

1. Why do you/your household require alternative accommodation (tick all that apply)?

- ☐ Need a larger home due to overcrowding
- ☐ Wish to downsize
- ☐ Want a starter home / first home
- ☐ Wish to return to the parish
- ☐ Struggling to afford current home
- ☐ Need to be closer to a carer or dependent to give or receive support
- ☐ To be closer to employment within the parish
- ☐ Need a home that is more accessible (ie all rooms on one floor)
- ☐ Need a new home for another reason - please explain below

2. Current dwelling - what type of property do you currently live in?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat / maisonette |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Number of bedrooms

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent - housing association* | <input type="checkbox"/> Owned (with/without mortgage) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent - private* | <input type="checkbox"/> Live with parent/s * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shared ownership (part rent, part buy) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

*** If you currently pay rent approximately what percentage of your income, after tax, do you spend on rent?**

%

3. What is your connection to this parish (tick all that apply)?

- ☐ Currently live in the parish and have done so for at least the past twelve months
- ☐ Want to return to the parish and previously lived in the parish for a continuous period of at least 3 years within the past 5 years
- ☐ Have parents, siblings or children currently living in the parish and who have done so for a continuous period of not less than 3 years within the past 5 years.
- ☐ Currently work in the parish and have done so for at least the past 12 months for an average of not less than 16 hours per week
- ☐ Born in the parish and/or parents were resident in the parish at the time of birth

4. What type of property would you/your household prefer (tick all that apply)?

☐ Bungalow ☐ House ☐ Flat / maisonette

Number of bedrooms

☐ Rent - housing association ☐ Shared ownership (part rent, part buy)

☐ Rent - private ☐ Owned (with/without mortgage)

☐ Interested in self-build

☐ Specifically designed to cater for a disability

Please provide details of any specific housing requirements (eg relating to a disability) for yourself or any member of your household who is seeking housing with you.

5. It is important to understand what people can afford.

This information will not be disclosed to any third party and remains confidential. Financial information helps to determine the tenure of property suitable for the household.

Please indicate the approximate total annual gross income (before tax) of the household seeking alternative housing. Do not include housing or other benefits.

£

Do you have savings, equity in your current home or will someone gift you money towards a new home?

☐ Yes savings £..... / equity £..... / gift £.....

☐ No

6. Are you registered on Stratford on Avon District Council's housing waiting list (known as Home Choice Plus)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you wish to apply to rent a housing association property you should be on the housing waiting list. Application forms are available by download (www.homechoiceplus.org.uk), email (housingadviceteam@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or telephone (01789 260861).

7. Details of the household (family, single, couple) seeking alternative housing.

Please complete a separate form for each household in need of different housing.

	Age (yrs)	Sex (M / F)	Relationship to person completing survey form
Person 1			<i>Person completing form</i>
Person 2			
Person 3			
Person 4			
Person 5			
Person 6			

Please provide your name and contact details. We may need to contact you to obtain further information. Any information you give will remain confidential to WRCC and will not be shared with any third party.

Name	
Address	
Email / telephone	

If you require an additional survey form contact the Rural Housing Enabler:
01789 842182 or housing@wrccrural.org.uk.

**Please return this form in the Freepost envelope provided
no later than 30th June 2025.**

(or post to Freepost Plus RSRR-KAGE-GBUR, Warwickshire Rural Community Council,
Warwick Enterprise Park, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9EF)

WRCC collects the minimum data required and for the specific purpose of providing an anonymised housing needs report. Data is processed lawfully and fairly, and it is kept in a secure manner. Returned survey forms are kept for a short period before being shredded.

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