

# NEWTON & NOSS HOUSING SURVEY 2008

## THE RESULTS SUMMARY

The purpose of the Survey has been to establish whether a significant number of people living or working in the Parish have been unable to obtain suitable accommodation due to high housing costs, size, location, layout, state of repair or security of tenure.

### WHAT WAS ASKED FOR .....

#### General Information

In order to give an overall context for the data and to ensure the Survey had been returned by a broad section of the population, every household was invited to complete the first section of the form, giving details of household size, age profile and current housing.

#### Households in Need

If a household considered itself in need, there was an invitation to complete Part II - a further three pages. This section had been designed to find out why the current accommodation failed to meet its needs and the type of housing which might be required in the future. To ensure confidentiality and anonymity for the respondents, a stamped envelope was supplied with each Survey for direct return to the Rural Housing Enabler for analysis.

### WHAT YOU SAID.....

Thank you to those who completed the Survey. A total of 437 forms were returned - a good response rate of 43.4%. The return was sufficient to regard the results as reliable and a basis for action. The Survey achieved its aim - to identify actual households in need. Of the 58 Part II forms returned, 32 identified a housing need.

### WHAT THE REPORT RECOMMENDS.....

- In Newton and Noss new affordable properties are needed to meet the identified need.
- 15 households require housing immediately or within 12 months.
- 17 further households need housing within the next three years.
- The overwhelming need is for social rented accommodation, although seven households may be able to afford shared ownership housing.

### WHAT NOW ??????????

The Parish Council has agreed to accept the Housing Need Report and its recommendations, and the document can be used as evidence to drive forward the provision of affordable homes in Newton and Noss. Overall, it must be remembered that the 2008 Housing Needs Survey represents a snapshot in time. Personal circumstances are constantly evolving.

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