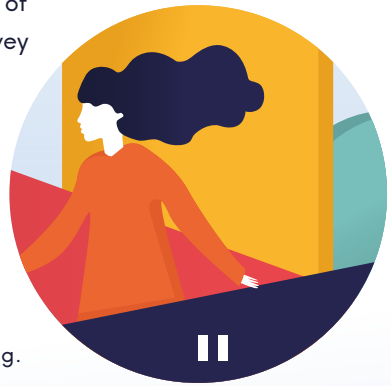


## Housing Needs Survey

# What is a Housing Needs Survey and why should your community do one?

By helping your community or community-led housing group understand the specific housing requirements of residents, an up-to-date Housing Needs Survey can help ensure that your new development best meets local needs. It can be the first step on a journey to new affordable homes.



### A survey can:

- ✓ Raise awareness about community-led housing.
- ✓ Galvanise local interest in joining a community-led housing group.
- ✓ Explore levels of interest in different types of community-led housing approaches.
- ✓ Help find out whether residents would support a community-led housing scheme.
- ✓ Identify housing need that is not captured on Local Authority housing registers – a survey can encourage people to get their name on the list.
- ✓ Identify households who have had to move out of a parish due to difficulties in finding a suitable home locally.
- ✓ Help the community understand why there is a local housing need.

# How can Collaborative Housing help?



Housing Needs Surveys are undertaken on behalf of Collaborative Housing by Community First Oxfordshire. CFO has undertaken numerous surveys and their in-house experts can simply and professionally take you through the process and manage the entire survey process. CFO's rigorous approach and methodology will ensure your Housing Needs Survey can be used as robust evidence by a Local Authority when determining a planning application.



“ Community First were appointed to assist with a survey to determine the likely need for affordable housing and the type of such housing. Despite the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic the data received was inputted promptly and the report provided was thorough, easily understood and flowed logically. We were kept informed of progress throughout and the report was delivered ahead of the agreed schedule.

Wokingham Area Housing Society



## Get involved

Collaborative Housing is able to offer up to a **50% discount** on the cost of a Housing Needs Survey (subject to discussion and while funds allow). For a discussion about how we might be able to help your community, contact us.

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