

Housing Needs Survey

232 surveys were returned which represents 37.5% of the residential properties in Meare and Westhay.

Question 1

Is this address your main home?

Yes – 232 (100%) No – 0 (0%)

Question 2

What type of home does your household live in?

35	Semi-detached House	16%
2	Flat	
35	Terraced House (including end of terrace)	16%
14	Bungalow	6%
	Flat	
144	Detached House	62%
1	Retirement Home	
1	Log Cabin	

Question 3

Approximately when was your house built?

8	In the last 5 years	3%
36	Between 6 and 15 years	16%
124	20 th Century	53%
64	19 th Century or earlier	28%

Question 4

Has your home been extended since the year 2000?

Yes – 68 (28%) No (72%)

Question 5

Does your household own or rent this home?

207	Owns	89%
23	Rents	10%
2	Tied with job	1%

Question 6

How long have you lived in the Parish of Meare?

	< 1 Year	1 – 3 years	3 – 10 years	10 years +
This house	14	22	58	124
Within Meare	2	8	14	56
Within 5 miles	2	6	10	38

Question 7

Why did you move here?

Born here	8	Rural location	21
Downsizing	2	Family here	31
Divorce relocation	4	Work	42
Affordable	8	School	5
Health	2	Lifestyle	11
Garden	4	Retirement	3
Evicted	2	Friends here	9
No reason given	80		

Question 8

How many bedrooms does your home have?

1	11
2	34
3	78
4	57
5 or more	53

Question 9

How many people of each age and sex are there in your household?

	0-9	10-15	16-19	20-44	45-64	65-74	75+
Male	14	22	6	40	64	42	30
Female	24	23	8	41	92	36	36

Question 10

Does your household as a whole, or anyone in your current household expect to move home within the parish of Meare in the next 5 years? This could include children leaving home.

Yes	42 (16%)
No	190 (82%)

**This part of the survey was completed only by those who indicated they are looking to relocate
Completed by 42 households – 18% of respondents**

Question 12

How many people of each age and sex are there in your household?

	0-9	10-15	16-19	20-44	45-64	65-74	75+
Male	4	2	6	8	10	5	4
Female	9	6	5	11	14	6	4

Question 13

How many bedrooms would the household anticipate needing?

1	- 2
2	- 16
3	- 16
4	- 5
5+	- 2

Question 14

How would you describe this households future needs?

Single person	17
Couple	13
Family	12
Other	

Question 15

When would the household anticipate the need to move?

Immediately	7
More than 1 year – less than 3 years	19
Between 3 and 5 years	9
No plans to move in the foreseeable future	7

Question 16

Please give the reasons why this household's current home does not meet the household's need.

Too small	6	Too large	6
Needs more repair	2	Unsuitable for physical needs	-
Temporary accommodation	2	Need to live closer to jobs	2
Need to live closer to a care or to give care	2	Want to live independently	15
<i>Better neighbours</i>	1	<i>Soon to be evicted</i>	1
<i>Better house needed</i>	1		

Question 17

Does the household have a specialist housing need?

Sheltered housing with support	-	1
Ground floor accommodation	-	1
Retirement property	-	1
Starter home	-	7

Question 18

How much would the household be able to afford if renting?

Per week		Per month	
< £70	2	< £280	1
£71 - £90		£281 - £360	2
£91 - £120		£361 - £500	3
£121 - £150	1	£501 - £600	3
£151 - £200		£601 - £800	1
More than £200		More than £800	4
Prefer not to say	7		

Question 19

How much would the household be able to afford if buying a property?

£100,000 - £125,000	7	£125,000 - £150,000	3
£150,000 - £175,000		£175,000 - £200,000	
£200,000 - £225,000	3	£225,000 - £250,000	
£250,000 - £275,000	4	£275,000 - £300,000	
£300,000 - £325,000	3	£325,000 - £350,000	
£350,000 - £375,000	4	£375,000 - £400,000	4
£400,000 - £425,000		£425,000 - £450,000	
£425,000 - £450,000		£425,000 - £450,000	
More than £475,000	3		

Question 20

How would you consider paying for this accommodation?

26	Buy on open market
11	Rent from the private sector
12	Rent from a housing association
2	Buy as shared equity
8	Build own house
9	Build with a loan/mortgage

Views on local housing**Question 21**

If a need is identified, would you support a small development of housing for people local to the Parish of Meare?

Yes	-	114	(49%)
No	-	30	(13%)
Maybe	-	88	(38%)

Question 22

Type of housing needed ?

7	Social housing for young families	
27	Affordable housing for young people	
1	Low environmental impact housing	
1	Residential home	
1	Social housing	
2	Retirement bungalows	
1	Local people's housing	

Question 23

Apart from you, or anyone currently in your household, do you know of anyone who is not currently residing in the Parish of Meare that would like to or needs to set up home in the Parish?

Yes	-	30
No	-	202