

Cavendish - Housing Needs Survey

We need your help

For some time, the Parish Council has been concerned that the lack of affordable housing in the parish is preventing local people from continuing to live in the parish that they have long called their home. As such, we are working with Community Action Suffolk - an independent charity - to carry out a **Housing Needs Survey**. This would provide the evidence that would either support or otherwise our concern and potentially provide a pathway towards the delivery of a small local affordable housing scheme. The survey will also seek to establish what type of homes would be required by local people.

Housing needs can be varied and are not just about affordability. You might be looking for your first home, you might need a larger home, or you may be looking to downsize to somewhere easier to manage over the next few years. The survey should also pick up hidden needs, for example, people living outside the village with a connection to Cavendish, working for a local business or organization for example, or who would like to return, or move here, if the right kind of housing was available.

Part One of the survey is for ALL residents to complete. It will seek views from every household about housing.

Part Two is for completion by households or individuals who consider themselves to be in need of housing.

A paper copy of the survey will be delivered to your home. The survey should be returned directly to Community Action Suffolk using the pre-paid envelope provided, however where possible we would like surveys to be completed online using the unique code that will be provided.

Although commissioned by the Parish Council, the survey will be completely independent, and your privacy will be respected. The results will be analysed by Community Action Suffolk and at no stage will any personal information be shared with the Parish Council or any third parties. **Surveys will be delivered in the third week of November 2025 and the closing date for returns will be the 22nd December 2025.**

Finally, if you are interested in occupying an Affordable house and feel that you might be eligible, we would encourage you to register with www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk as that will further evidence of an affordable housing need in the parish.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to your valuable input.

Cavendish Parish Council