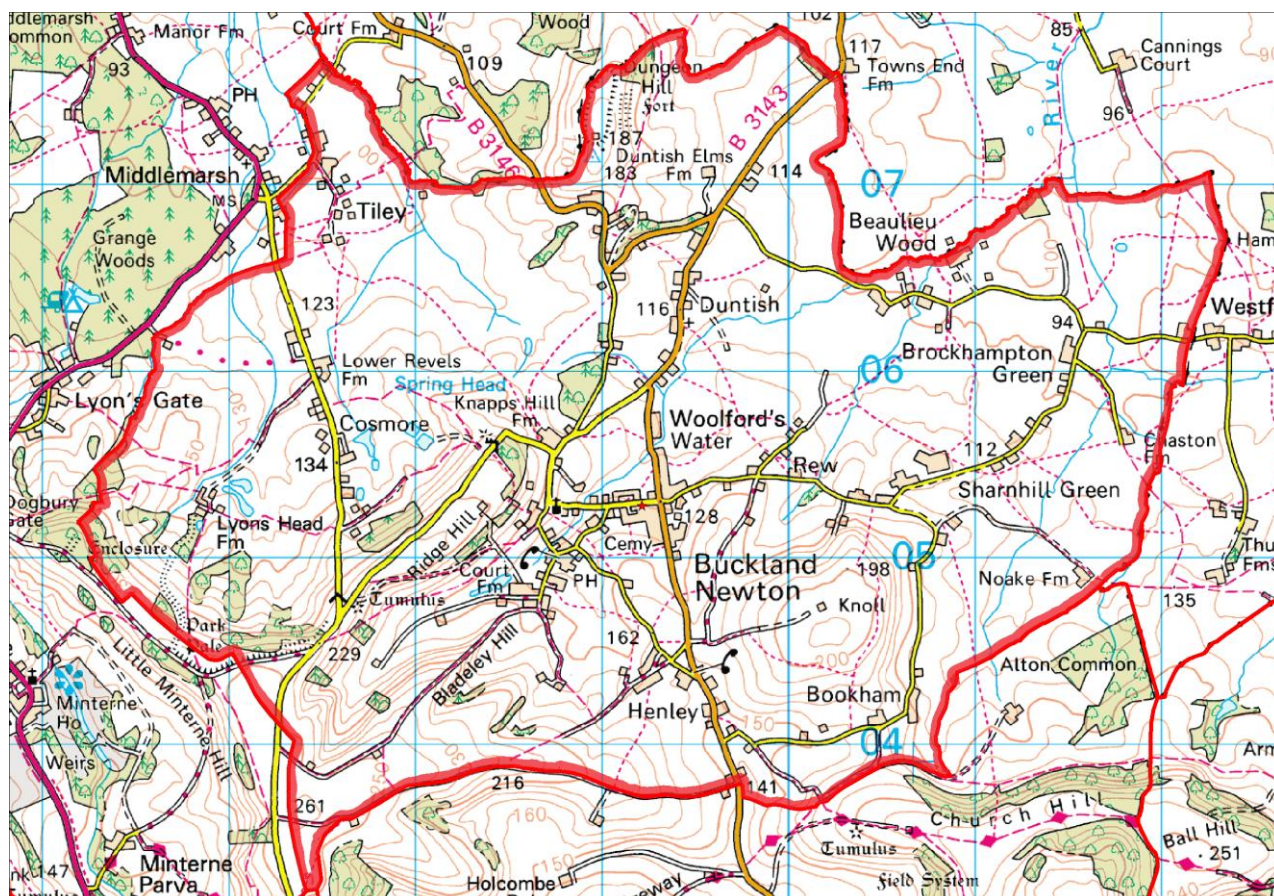


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In March 2014 every household and business in Buckland Newton parish received a Housing Needs Survey form to be completed by those identifying a need, either at that time or within the next 10 years. See Appendix A for the form.

The Housing Needs Survey showed a need for smaller homes, and this too was supported through the consultation feedback. These types of homes are needed for first time buyers, small families (such as couples with one child) and elderly people wishing to downsize but stay in the area.

- A total of 35 people responded to the Housing Needs questionnaire
- Of the 35 respondents, 17 said they will be looking for housing within the parish within the next 10 years, 3 upsizing and 11 downsizing (3 respondents did not specify).
- 6 respondents will be requiring a 2 bedroom house, whilst 8 will require 3 bedrooms (3 respondents did not specify). No respondents said they will be requiring 4 bedroom homes. There was a mixture of open market, rented and affordable housing required.
- 8 of the 17 who will require a property in the parish were from those who are either already retired or nearing retirement age who wish to stay in the community but downsize from their existing property. If people do downsize then it would add to the number of 4 or 5 bedroom family homes on the open market.
- 13 of the respondents said that what they will be looking for in the future is not currently available in the parish.

Although not published with this report, a spreadsheet showing analysis of the responses is available, [Housing Needs Survey 2014](#). Additional input has also been received from WDDC concerning housing needs.

Appendix A

Your housing needs – now and in the future

HOUSING SURVEY

Buckland Newton Parish Council has sent you this request for information to help develop a draft plan for the parish.

The plan will give local people a say over where new buildings will be built, what they will look like and the confidence that future development will enhance our community.

Please complete this form if you anticipate changes to your accommodation needs or those of your family in the coming years. This is your opportunity to help shape the future provision of homes in the parish.

A member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is available if you would like to discuss this survey or you need assistance. Please contact John Baker on 01300 345386 or email john@lydden.org.uk.

Please put your completed survey/form in the envelope and return it by the 4th April 2014 by putting it in the box in the Old Chapel Stores, or phone 345109 to arrange for collection.

Please tick all relevant boxes

1. **Do you live in the parish of Buckland Newton?**

Yes No

2. **If not, do you have a connection with the parish?**

Work Family
Other – please specify:

3. **Do you want to move?**

- Within the parish
- Into the parish
- Away from the parish

4. **If so, why?**

5. **When do you anticipate you would want to move?**

Now 1 – 2 years 3-5 years
5-10 years

6. **What type of housing do you need in the parish of Buckland Newton?** *Please tick all relevant boxes.*

- Starter
- Family
- Retirement
- Other (please give details, eg work/live unit)

- Social/ housing association
- Affordable rental
- Private rental
- Affordable purchase, eg low cost or housing trust
- Open market purchase

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- Self build
- Warden assisted

- Smaller dwelling than present – downsizing
Bedrooms: 1 2 3
- Larger dwelling than present – upsizing
Bedrooms 2 3 4

- Other requirements – please specify

7. Is what you are looking for available in the parish?

- Yes
- No

8. Has anything prevented you from moving to date?

- Cost
- Availability
- Other (please specify)

9. If you have children living at home and under the age of 18, is it likely that they would prefer to stay in the parish when they are adult?

- Numbers if 'Yes'
Numbers if 'No'

10. Please indicate your age group

- Under 25
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 49
- 50 to 64
- 65 to 79
- 80 or over

10. Any other comments

OPTIONAL CONTACT DETAILS

Name:
(BLOCK CAPITALS please)

Please give your preferred contact information:

Telephone

Email

Postal address

All replies will be treated in strictest confidence; the Parish Council is registered under the Data Protection Act.