



## Risby Housing Needs Survey

### We need your help

Risby Parish Council is working with Community Action Suffolk (CAS) to carry out a **Housing Needs Survey**. CAS is an independent organisation which works with local communities to help determine whether there is any support or need for future housing. The cost of the survey will be covered by West Suffolk Council with printing costs largely paid for out of County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger's locality funding.

While the survey is designed to identify what type of housing need, if any, exists in Risby, it is also your opportunity to share your thoughts about the concept of future development in Risby and provides you with the opportunity to identify whether you would wish to see any development and if so where, and how many units you would consider acceptable. This information does not oblige Risby to host new development, instead it helps us to understand accommodation need as well as helping to inform our responses to future Local Plan consultations and planning applications.

Housing need can be varied. You might, for example, be looking to downsize to somewhere easier to manage over the next few years, or perhaps move into your own house and start a family. It will also pick up if there is a hidden need for people living outside the village with a connection to Risby who would like to return if the right types of housing were available. The survey will also look at whether there is need for affordable housing for people with a local connection to Risby.

We are hoping to deliver the survey to every household in Risby by the end of April/beginning of May. Where possible we would encourage you to complete the survey online to help speed up the analysis process. All questionnaire responses remain confidential and are not seen by the Parish Council. Residents will receive a summary report when the survey has been completed and the results analysed.

If you have any questions regarding the Housing Needs Survey please contact the Parish Council. This is your village, and it is important that you have your say. Please take the time to complete the survey. Thank you in advance for your support.

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