

**Risby Housing Needs Survey
 Executive Summary and Key Findings
 February 2022**

Risby Parish Council carried out a Housing Survey to determine the level of need for housing across all tenure types (privately owned or rented) in the parish. The Housing Survey used was compiled by Community Action Suffolk in agreement with Risby Parish Council. The survey was distributed to each of the 350 households within the parish boundary.

The aim of the survey was to understand the existing and future housing needs for Risby residents including family members (not necessarily living in Risby) and other members of the household. The study was also designed to understand Risby’s current housing stock and whether this meets the needs of residents and is affordable to them.

This study included-

- General information about existing housing in Risby including 2011 Census data
- A Housing Survey to determine the housing needs of current households
- Contextual information about Risby
- Information from the Gateway to HomeChoice housing register to cross check the findings

Data analysis and the writing of this report have been undertaken independently by Community Action Suffolk.

Key Findings

	Number	%
Surveys Returned Completed (full or partial)	99	30
Surveys Not Completed or Returned or Blank	251	70
Total Surveys Distributed	350	100

99 completed surveys were returned fully or partially completed via post and on-line. 251 surveys were not returned. The Risby Housing Survey 2021 achieved a 30% return rate which indicated a need for additional housing by 24 households (48 people), with respondents in favour of homes for older people, small family homes and homes for couples. The average return rate for HNS is generally between 30 - 40% which indicates that the number of responses received provide a slightly less robust sample snapshot of Risby parish.

From the 99 surveys returned, 14 households responded that the existing households have identified a current need totalling 29 people. 10 of those households also identified a need for 19 family members (people with a local connection) wishing to live in or return to Risby.

Survey Method

One survey form was provided per household with a unique code to allow the household to complete on-line or send a completed hard copy back. The unique code was to ensure that residents were only able to respond once to prevent the results being skewed. Households that had more than one housing need i.e. two or more people requiring housing going forward in different households could request additional forms from the Parish Council or Community Action Suffolk.

Data entry of the surveys was undertaken by Community Action Suffolk using bespoke in-house software. Each survey form input was allocated a unique code so that the data could be cross referenced to provide a comprehensive level of information. Individual people or households were not able to be identified. For quality purposes a 10% sample of the surveys input were checked for accuracy.

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