

Dear all,

We are due to have the Housing Needs Survey carried out in March 2024. These surveys are carried out differently to how they were before. The surveys are sent out, and managed by the Rural and Community Housing Enabling Service (RACE). They are an independent service for Kent and they work in partnership with communities, Parish Councils, and local authorities to deliver local needs housing. Details of the draft survey that will be sent out by them are attached.

The process is as follows:

- A postcard is delivered to every household in the parish explaining the survey and providing an online link. A copy of the standard survey is attached. You'll see that for people who can't respond online, they would contact the Clerk for a paper copy (provided by RACE)
- Only asking people with a housing need to respond (both for affordable housing and for older people, including owner occupiers)
- RACE will analyse the results and communicate the result to the Parish Council through a report and a meeting to discuss the findings and any next steps.

The Housing Needs Survey is item 9 on the HPC agenda for the meeting next week.

Kind regards

*Rachael*