

Dear Exmoor National Park Resident,

Exmoor Housing Need Survey - your help is needed.

Exmoor National Park Authority, Somerset Council and North Devon Council are looking at local housing need across Exmoor, and your input is important to us.

You, or people you know, could be in housing need for several reasons. This could be:

- Accommodation in the local area is not affordable for you,
- Your current home no longer meets your needs or the needs of your household,
- Your property is in disrepair,
- You need to move for financial reasons,
- You wish to own your own home, perhaps through a self or custom build project.

Whether or not you consider yourself to be in housing need, the information you provide through this survey will be vital for authorities considering housing need and future housing provision on Exmoor.

How to complete the Housing Needs Survey questionnaire:

The online questionnaire should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. It is in two parts:

Part 1: for everyone to complete, regardless of your housing need status or current accommodation.

Part 2: you should only complete this if you hope to move home in the next five years and would like to live or continue living in Exmoor National Park. Young people approaching adulthood in your household should complete their own survey to ensure their needs are captured.

If you know someone who has moved away and wants to return to live in Exmoor National Park, or who works locally but does not live on Exmoor, please also encourage them to complete the survey. The survey is online and can be accessed via the QR code below or via this link www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/housing-survey

The survey is open from 1 February 2026 until 31 March 2026.

Many thanks for your help in gathering this important information.



Yours faithfully



Sarah Bryan, CEO Exmoor National Park Authority

FAQs - find more information at www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/housing-survey

Why do you need this information?

Parish surveys are a vital starting point to show there is a local need for housing in a parish. The information you provide will help update information and ensure housing need in Exmoor's local communities is not underestimated. Evidence of a local housing need has led to almost 120 homes for Exmoor's communities with a local need occupancy tie (conversions, new build and self-build).

I need a paper copy of the survey or I need access to a computer to complete the survey

Paper copies of the survey and/or computers to enable you to complete the survey online are available at the following local libraries during opening hours. You are advised to check opening times:

Dulverton Library: Fore Street, Dulverton TA22 9EX

Lynton Library: Market Hall, Market Street, Lynton EX35 6AF Tel: 01598 752505

Porlock Community Library: Old School Centre, Porlock TA24 8NP If you are not digitally confident, one to one sessions are available on Wednesday mornings (Booking required)

South Molton Library: The Amory Centre, 125 East Street, South Molton EX36 3BU Tel: 01769 572128

I have received this letter and been invited to complete the survey, but my neighbours haven't

With the exception of Brushford, we are only writing to residences within Exmoor National Park. For some parishes only part of the parish is inside the National Park. Your neighbour can still complete the survey if they live just outside the National Park. Somerset Council have asked to include Brushford because, uniquely, all parishes surrounding it are either in Exmoor National Park or Devon which are not in the same Local Plan area.

Will my details be confidential?

The information provided in individual surveys will be dealt with in strictest confidence and no data will be published that can be used to identify an individual. Full GDPR information is available on the online survey.

Will I be able to see the results of this survey?

We aim to make a summary report available online in Winter 2026, with housing need by parish.

I would like more information on my housing options or registering on Homefinder Somerset or Devon Home Choice

For housing options www.somerset.gov.uk/housing-support/affordable-housing-in-somerset/ or North Devon: northdevon.gov.uk/housing/

If you are in housing need you are also advised to register at www.homefindersomerset.co.uk/choice/ or Apply for affordable housing - www.devonhomechoice.com/ It is important you complete this Exmoor survey even if you are already registered on Homefinder or Home Choice.

For planning advice on new housing on Exmoor, including self-build: plan@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

For young people living and working on Exmoor: www.exmooryoungvoices.org/