

**Ticehurst Parish housing survey results  
July 2010**

**Survey details:**

Survey conducted by post during June and July 2010. Respondents were given the option to complete the survey online

**Sample details:**

Number of questionnaires sent:	1,600
Responses received by post to 3/7/10:	432
Responses received online to 3/7/10:	130
Total responses to 3/7/10:	532
Response rate:	33.3%
Margin of error at 99% confidence:	4.57%

99.5% of respondents' Ticehurst addresses were the main home

**Housing type:**

House	77.8%
Bungalow	11.1%
Flat/maisonette/bed-sit	3.8%
Sheltered/retirement housing	2.9%
Caravan/mobile home/temporary structure	0.2%
No answer	2.7%

**Size of home:**

No. of bedrooms	
1	5.9%
2	20.4%
3	33.3%
4	34.4%
5 or more	0.0%
No answer	5.6%

**Ownership status:**

Owned outright	49.0%
Mortgaged	34.4%
Shared ownership (Part owned, part rented)	0.7%
Rented from local authority	1.3%
Rented from a housing association	6.6%
Rented privately	6.0%
Tied to job	0.9%
Other	0.2%

**Years in parish:**

Average	19.61
Minimum	1.5 months
Maximum	86
Std.Dev	18.70

**Area:**

Ticehurst	70.5%
Stonegate	19.4%
Flimwell	9.3%

**Do you or anyone in your household need to move to alternative accommodation within the next five years?**

Yes, within parish	12.0%
Yes, outside the parish	9.1%
No	76.7%

**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**It's important to develop affordable housing for local people**

Agree strongly	48.4%
Agree slightly	24.2%
Neither agree or nor disagree	12.5%
Disagree slightly	6.1%
Disagree strongly	8.8%

**There has already been enough development in the village**

Agree strongly	48.3%
Agree slightly	18.5%
Neither agree or nor disagree	21.8%
Disagree slightly	6.8%
Disagree strongly	4.4%

**Affordable housing must be only for people from the village**

Agree strongly	56.4%
Agree slightly	20.0%
Neither agree or nor disagree	13.6%
Disagree slightly	6.8%
Disagree strongly	3.3%

**Any further development will spoil the village**

Agree strongly	49.3%
Agree slightly	20.6%
Neither agree or nor disagree	16.6%
Disagree slightly	8.8%
Disagree strongly	4.6%

**The village has quite enough affordable housing**

Agree strongly	35.4%
Agree slightly	15.1%
Neither agree or nor disagree	27.4%
Disagree slightly	11.9%
Disagree strongly	9.9%

**Any further development must not be on sites which will spoil the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

Agree strongly	83.3%
Agree slightly	6.8%
Neither agree or nor disagree	4.6%
Disagree slightly	2.7%
Disagree strongly	1.8%

**Other comments:**

- rother planning should be more iron willed
- 80% is already far too high and it is not right that the parish should have as many affordable homes.
- Additional housing of any type must be accompanied by parking considerations and effective speed controls around the village.
- Affordable housing should mean only houses to rent with no "buy" component, ensuring they remain affordable in the future. Discouragement for second homes would help supply more housing (but how to do this?)
- After most of my life, I and my wife are moving to a quieter, less traffic 'manic' part of the country. In my lifetime this part of Sussex has changed from a predominately agricultural community to 'suburbia'!
- Don't let a tiny minority of people in Ticehurst spoil the recreation ground. Look at the bigger picture of feelings rather than that of 1 household.
- Enough is enough. Any village needs a mix of residents/housing. Ticehurst is almost a "sink" estate now. I understand that the demand is insufficient and people from London have been "imported". There are no jobs in the village so what next, our own DSS office?
- Facilities should be made available in the recreation grounds for elder people not just the young who dominate and intimidate
- For a village with no major facilities near there has been an excess of development in the recent past.
- I am aware that East Sussex is an ageing country but Ticehurst does seem to be becoming overly OAP biased - not just its own ageing residents. Also when is something practical/useful/community enhancing going to happen with Ticehurst House, all its buildings and grounds?
- I believe that recreational facilities should also be provided for the many older residents in the village. I have recently returned from a holiday in Spain where an outside table tennis table was provided in a residential area. This appeared to be in virtually constant use by local people of all ages, often family groups. Something like this could be considered for Ticehurst.
- I can understand that affordable housing needs to be provided for children of local people as they grow up but strongly disagree with the policy of rehousing people here from other areas as these very often seem to be people that care less about the village and that is a shame for everyone else. It only takes a few families with social problems to upset the balance of such a small village particularly in the village school. Rehousing them here also takes them (often the most needy families) away from their established support networks in the larger towns that they come from. Finally I feel strongly that any additional houses built should be beautiful houses in beautiful places with decent sized gardens which would encourage the residents to take care of their homes, and their estates rather than cramming all the houses on

top of each other and expecting everyone to get along and be grateful.

- I feel that this survey is completely biased against the people in desperate need of affordable housing in the parish. The statement that "Ticehurst has taken 80% of Rother's affordable housing in the past 3 years" is inaccurate and scaremongering. Rural areas need affordable housing, especially Ticehurst. Is this "survey" apposed to all new housing in Ticehurst including the private sector, or just social housing? I am stunned that the parish council would pay the postage to circulate such a poorly written and deliberately misleading document.
- I find it hard to believe that a single individual in the village can effectively dictate the terms and conditions of the activities provided at the village hall / sports field for the benefit of the whole community. as for affordable housing, this should never be in an ANOB, should always be for people from the village, not from the whole district, and needs to be ablr to be supported by the infrastructure
- I think that there are families within the village, particularly The Mays, who make it their business to protest against plans for the recreation ground and they should not be allowed to ruin plans to provide facilities for the villages young people!! Why buy a property bordering a public ground if you are not willing to see it being made good use of! These people are bullies and should not be allowed to control the shape of the village!!
- i think there is more than enough housing in the south east
- I think there should be more parking within walking distance to the central square to avoid the chaos of parking both sides of the road in Church Street. Alternatively, have parking on just one side of Church Street
- I want to live in a village not a town and any further development would be excessive given what we have had thrust upon us already.
- I would like to know why none of the Ticehurst affordable homes to become vacant recently have been offered to locals. I see it as a cynical ploy by RDC Housing to keep the list of local applicants to a maximum.
- I would object if spending cuts involved the elderly as this would be counter productive in the all round issue of the economy - e.g. cutting benefits for the elderly would have to increase the Health bill
- if ciyncil have money for thir survey to be conducted, it would be more beneficial to local residents to have traffic calming measures implemented.
- It is important that all communities contain an appropriate mix of housing. There are significant risks in overwhelming any community with excessive social housing, nor should some areas be protected. Given prior developments in the area it would seem sensible to site further social housing elsewhere. It is rather arrogant for nayone to assume that they have a devine right to live in any area.
- local children shoud also be able to access bedgebury pinetum - a lower rate than £8 parking fee
- no more developments like the one at springfields at present being developed. This has taken away the only

green area from village between on the edge of the conservation area in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

- NO more low cost housing in the village please -we have more than enough.Our village has more low cost housing than any where else.This is not a NIMBY grouse but enough is enough . Thank you
- Please can we have a safe playground for children of ages 1 - 5yrs away from the main road?
- Really don't like question 14 because it completely contradicts question 10. And also the fact that Ticehurst has taken 80% of Rothers affordable housing over the last 3 years is an unbelievably shocking statistic. We're in danger of going too far the wrong way and risk ruining our genteel village way of life with the influx of people from places like Hastings, Ashford and London. It's about time other towns and villages did more to help, we've had more than our fair share.
- regarding question 12, it obviously depends on where the affordable housing is located, ie ideally not visible from the main road
- suggest building more at flimwell - cheap skates can put up with new A21. we've had had to hold off a family to be able to afford a house - we see no benefits when ill !!
- The children's play area in the recreation ground needs to be updated, with more things for toddlers to go on. Also the recreation ground needs to be used more for organised events for the whole of the community, without the "neighbours" complaining everytime an event is held there. If the recreation ground is not being used for the purpose it is meant for, then you might as well build 70-80 houses on it for the village!!!!!! That would probably upset the "neighbours" even more
- the recreation ground is the only facility for our children to play, people assume the only children in this village live on the council estate, there are children everywhere all needing somewhere to play and let off steam, i think it is appalling that a few members of the village are trying hard to get it all stopped, surely our children have human rights too!
- The recreation ground should be used as an area where youngsters can go to play. The multicourt was made available by the hard work and dedication of a few people and the money raised to make it all possible was raised by the whole village. It seems very wrong that the children suffer by only being able to use it for such a short time during the summer months and there seem to be gates and barriers everywhere. I am sure that the majority of the village are very upset and cross with these restrictions which seem to have been caused by one person. The rec. is for the whole village.
- The statement you have made about Ticehurst taking 80 per cent of social housing in the last 3 years is inaccurate. I think your questions are biased and advertising your company on the last page of this questionnaire is inappropriate.
- The villages have benefitted greatly from development over the years; a very few individuals may have

suffered. It is important that the Parish (& District) Councils continue to provide for what the majority need, not what a vociferous minority say they want.

- want to comment that my husband and i thjink they should provide more affordable housing for disabled people like myself as there is none and nobodt seems willing to help us.
- We are very concerned that Ticehurst has been singled out for more than a fair share of affordable housing. 80% of Rother are not truly "local" to Ticehurst.
- We assume the question "It's important to develop affordable housing for local people" relates to more development - if it means as a general statement "there should be sufficient affordable housing for local people" then we agree with that. We believe there is more than enough existing affordable housing for local needs, if more is needed then "non-local" people should be moved out
- we do need houses for local peoplenot for the family from outside area.
- We don't feel that one parishioner,albeit someone living on the perimeter of the village recreation ground should be able to dictate which facilities should/should not be provided and when used.
- We have a shortage of housing in our village, but whenever a house is avaiable (council, housing association) it seems to be given to people from outside the parish - this is highly annoying as people are being forced to fight it out between people from places like london when they want to stay in the village where they grew up. Also houses seem to stay empty for months before the application process even starts. I find it very hard to understand this.
- We have no experience of the need for social housing, but certainly think it should be limited to the parish in order to avoid it becoming a dormy town.
- We lived in Ticehurst before our present house was built. I feel strongly that any future affordable housing should be for people with links to the parish, not overspill from elsewhere.
- why do you only talk about affordable houses ?

### Facilities required

Skateboard park	48.9%
Bike ramps	53.2%
Swings	83.6%
Climbing frame	34.7%

### Other:

- A new, safe playground
- a running track
- a safe fun area
- a slide
- a softer area for th swing etc. Wood chips are sharp, dirty.
- a tolerant population....not all kids are horrors.
- access to ticehurst club rooms
- adventre playground
- after coming from an area that had a skateboard park, i would think twice before installing one. The noise is horrendous.
- all of above provided in ticehurst
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- and items for toddler age group
- any of the3 above. Then perhaps they will stop kicking football around outside my house and against my wall.
- anything for exercise, and free to use
- anything safe as adult not be in attendance.
- anything to encourage sports.
- anything to keep the young people out of trouble.
- Anything which will give the young something constructive to do with their spare time.
- areas to play football/cricket
- as much as possible + other facilities such as doctors etc.
- as much as possible for 4 to 11 years to stop them playing on the street
- ask the young people (3)
- babies recreation ground
- Basic shelters for hanging out (bit like large bus shelters)
- basket ball/football court. These present facilities shoud be left open for the children.
- basketball court, 5 a side football, short tennis
- Basketball park; cricket nets; BMX track; generally, lots more facilities.
- basketball pitch or nets
- better sports facilities
- bicycle track

- bike track, organized facilities in the evening and weekend. ie.tennis, badminton, basketball,hockey, netball
- bmx tracks
- bike track
- cafe/bar
- cinema
- circular/saucer shape, chair on chanes, tree house with adventurous ways/alternative, to get up, down + railways sleeper/swing susp/ to balance, walk alpng.
- club house
- collaction of above
- community centre
- cricket nets
- cricket pitch
- current facilities are adequqte
- cycle track
- decent changing rooms/sports pavilion. Cricket facilities, nets etc. Proper sports corching for soccer & cricket.
- dedicated youth space
- dog walking are anything that we can use without time limit or curfew.
- e.g.football nets
- enough as it is
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- equipment for kids for special needs
- existing 4 to be improved. Youth centre - so teenagers have somewhere to go instead of hunging around the street.
- facilities for winter/poor weather
- facilities that keep children off the road
- fit track
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- football
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- football field/rugby field
- football pitch
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- football post
- football, cricket and tennis facilities
- football/cricket facilities

- footpath to walk from flimwell to wadhurst
- freedom to use them at reasonable time of day
- full use of existing area
- fun whirly things
- general facilities i.e cricket, football, hockey, rounders
- goal post
- had skateboard park but, got taked away due to one lady compraining
- having no children, can't answer
- helter skelter ?
- indoor swimming pool
- it is a recreation ground should be used as such and much better that children can use supplied facilities rather than amuse themselves on the street.
- it's already provided
- meeting place (cafe?)
- more facilities for small children i.e swings and climbing flames
- more play equipment for toddlers
- more up to date play areas like hurst green
- more youth club/centres
- multicoury
- Nature trail and plenty of space to run around and get dirty
- no contact with youngsters
- none, they will only get vandalised
- nothing - fields promote imaginative play
- older people also
- open multi-court
- open spaces for community games
- Organised team games
- organised youth club/community centre
- pitches
- playground like wadhurst
- public swimming pool
- regular transport to cinemas, clubs etc. To cater for older children.
- roundabout
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- running track, swimming pool
- sand pit,martial arts, etc.
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- sandpits.paddling pool. Seating for parent
- see saw, trampolines roundabout
- see-saw
- sheltered seeting/smorking area outside

- similar age range equipment like the playground in sparrows green
- six-a-side football pitches
- skateboard park and bile ramps have been taken away- totally ruined children's fun
- slide & roundabout, rocking horses.
- slide, round about
- slides
- slides, see-saw, roundabout
- small out door pool for small children
- some area for gogs not just children
- something suitable under 5's. All current apparatus is for older children apart from swings and boring seesaw. mayfield has good one for example.
- sports facilities. Organised event.
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- Sports/activity clubs
- swimming pool
- swimming pool for everyone.
- swimming pool, leisure centre at warrens
- take a note from wadhurst where they asked the primary school children what they wanted.
- tennis
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- tennis court
- tennis court, net ball/basketball court
- tennis court, pool
- tennis court/ bike track
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- tennis courts/ other pitches
- the playground is excellent
- There is already enough and in Ticehurst the MUGA has been totally inappropriately located
- they have lots already
- toddlers swing

- Trampolines
- tree house type fun climbing frame
- up to date swings/slide play equipment that are safer than the current equipment
- varied activity apparatus for different ages
- village hall
- we already have all of the above
- we have a lovely recreation ground but it's not used enough. Few children would rather play football in the church yard than walk a few steps to the REC !
- wet weather cover
- What's this got to do with housing?
- why not the question about middle aged or older people? Biased question!
- young children should be encouraged to meet in groups supervised by a responsible adult to partake in different organised activities.
- youth allotments for gardening/nature outdoor/indoor activity, shelter.
- youth centre
- youth club or social facility
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- zip wires