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October 2025 - Toddington Housing Needs Survey

Dear Resident

As you may be aware, a Neighbourhood Plan for Toddington is being developed to give the community a real voice in shaping the future of Toddington, and how the village will be developed over coming years.

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BedsRCC) is an independent charity established in 1953 and the leading community development agency working across Bedfordshire. We work with parish councils, local authorities, housing associations and private developers to address housing needs in rural Bedfordshire, as well as a wide range of other projects and services. Learn more at www.bedsrcc.org.uk

We have been commissioned by Toddington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, to carry out an independent survey of housing needs in the parish. We are interested in assessing local demand for both affordable and market housing within the parish. The aim of the survey is to feed into the Neighbourhood Plan to try and accommodate local housing needs within any future housing developments.

There are various types of affordable housing, perhaps most common is 'Affordable rental', where rent is capped at no more than 80% of market rent, 'Shared Ownership', where you can buy / mortgage a share in a property and pay rent to a Housing Association on the remainder. You can find out more about affordable housing and our rural housing work by visiting http://bedsrcc.org.uk/rural-housing-enabler and reading our 'Frequently asked questions'.

It is important that you return your questionnaire regardless of personal need to ensure all views are taken into consideration and can be incorporated into the Toddington Neighbourhood Plan. A separate form should be completed for each potential new household. Please contact BedsRCC (details below) if you require additional survey forms. Forms can also be sent to family members living away from Toddington who would like to return to the parish or people working in the parish but not currently living here. The survey can also be completed online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/toddington or by scanning the QR code below.

The results will be published on the Toddington Neighbourhood Plan website toddingtonplan.co.uk and Facebook Page by the beginning of January 2026.

Please complete and return the survey by 8th November 2025 in the Freepost envelope provided. All responses are confidential and no personal information will be shared in the final report.



Yours sincerely

David Maxwell - Rural Housing Enabler