

Results of Bridport Area Employee and Employer Housing Survey as of 5-3-2016

1) Gore Cross, St. Andrews Road and Dreadnought business parks.

Number of completed questionnaires	18*
Q1. Total workforce (on combined three sites)	196
Q2. Who lives in or near Bridport or Bradpole ?	146
Q.3 Who would move nearer if local property was cheaper ?	24
Q4. Who lives further away (eg. 30 minutes) out of choice ?	33**
Q5. Does the business have trouble attracting new staff because they can't afford to rent or buy anywhere suitable to live ?	No, with 1 exception
Q6. Does the business experience problems because staff living remotely have difficulty getting to work ?	No, with 3 exceptions
Q.7 Do you have any particular concerns regarding housing in the Bridport Area-whether to buy or rent-which you would like us to consider when compiling our study ? A. In the main, the comments reflected the unobtainable housing, due to excessive pricing.	

*Several more are awaited, and will be posted.

** One document indicated that five live in Beaminster and two in Charmouth

2) Business premises in South and West Street(s), Bridport.

Number of completed questionnaires	14
Q1. Total workforce (on combined premises)	164
Q2. Who lives in or near Bridport or Bradpole ?	103
Q.3 Who would move nearer if local property was cheaper ?	4
Q4. Who lives further away (eg. 30 minutes) out of choice ?	57
Q5. Does the business have trouble attracting new staff because they can't afford to rent or buy anywhere suitable to live ?	No, with no exceptions
Q6. Does the business experience problems because staff living remotely have difficulty getting to work ? A. Poor weather/ peak tourism can cause staff to struggle to get to work on time, due to the length of their commute.	No, with 2 exceptions
Q.7 Do you have any particular concerns regarding	

housing in the Bridport Area-whether to buy or rent- which you would like us to consider when compiling our study ?

A. In the main, the comments reflected the unobtainable housing issue, due to the excessive purchase and rental pricing.

More specifically.....

1) "Many younger staff members are renting as housing is particularly expensive, and a large number of properties are second homes with people travelling down for holidays and school breaks. **The rental market is largely managed by a single company which has caused an unchallenged rise in prices !** There is a strong appetite for affordable homes."

2) "I run a local cafe / restaurant and i am vvery concerned that there is not enough affordable housing in Bridport. I feel there are not enough properties to be rented at a reasonable price that people can afford."