

Cricketer Affordable Homes

Frequently Asked Questions

How many houses are there and when will they be available?

The 16 houses are made up as follows:

- 6 x 2-bedroom Flats,
- 6 x 2-bedroom houses,
- 3 x 3-bedroom houses and
- 1 x 3-bedroom house suitable for wheelchair users

It is expected that the first four affordable homes will be ready for occupation in July this year, with six more coming in October, and the remaining six in October 2024. Information on which homes will be available at each stage is to be confirmed soon.

Who are the houses for?

The houses will be available to anyone with a strong connection to Nether Stowey who has been assessed by Homefinder Somerset, in bands Emergency, Gold or Silver. You do not have to be living in Nether Stowey but you must be able to show that you have a close connection to the village.

How do I get one of these homes?

To be able to bid you must first be registered with Homefinder Somerset. If you are not already registered you can register online at www.homefindersomerset.co.uk. Help is available for those who cannot register online – we are waiting for details of how to do this. **Register as soon as possible**, as it can take two months to complete the assessment process. Once registered:

You must make sure your information is up to date and crucially, make sure your application confirms what local connection you have with Nether Stowey. This is very important to ensure you get the right priority to bid.

You must regularly login into the Homefinder Somerset system to check when you can bid for one of these homes. The advert will make it clear that priority for the new homes goes to applicants with a connection with the parish of Nether Stowey. Arrangements will be available for those who cannot bid online. We expect that bidding will be in May for the first houses (to be confirmed) and the Parish Office will make sure there is local advertising when they are offered – check our notice boards at The Cross

You must bid for one of these properties (when advertised) to be considered.

What is a “close connection to Nether Stowey”?

Details are still being finalised, but we expect that it will include current residence in the village, close family ties such as parents or children, previous periods of residence, or full-time employment in the parish. You must also be assessed to be in housing need.

Any homes that are not allocated will then be offered to people with a similar connection, but to nearby villages, starting with the closest to Nether Stowey.

Where can I get more information?

Parish Council website – www.netherstowey-pc.gov.uk - or call in at the office

Homefinder Somerset – www.homefindersomerset.co.uk

Housing Advice, Somerset Council, telephone **0300 123 2224**.