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***For your information Beckley Parish Council has today received the following information from ‘Sparse.gov.uk’.***

**Rural** **Cost of Living Survey - Your Help Needed to Encourage Participation**

Today we featured the following article in our weekly rural newsletter:

[https://rsnonline.org.uk/suffering-from-the-rural-cost-of-living-make-your-thoughts-known-in-household-survey](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frsnonline.org.uk%2Fsuffering-from-the-rural-cost-of-living-make-your-thoughts-known-in-household-survey&data=05%7C01%7Cglen.garrod%40lincolnshire.gov.uk%7C69e38cf9fe1d4a20bd2308daf865e209%7Cb4e05b92f8ce46b59b2499ba5c11e5e9%7C0%7C0%7C638095413718012525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=r8yP36PQPVEVuvQXhuaRtKAe%2FGo2DCMGLNjRVbUQ%2BRI%3D&reserved=0)

As a community contact, we would appreciate your help in getting as many people as possible to complete the survey.

The survey is being held in partnership with the Citizens Advice Rural Issues Group.

[Research](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frsnonline.org.uk%2Fimages%2Fpublications%2Frural-cost-of-living.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cglen.garrod%40lincolnshire.gov.uk%7C69e38cf9fe1d4a20bd2308daf865e209%7Cb4e05b92f8ce46b59b2499ba5c11e5e9%7C0%7C0%7C638095413718012525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=O1JnRe1Ypyo09d3Pfa0Bq3H0q84%2BGC2uTi7aGU8wsxI%3D&reserved=0) commissioned by the RSN last year shows rural areas are suffering more acutely from the rise in the cost of living compared to urban areas.

The purpose of the survey is to understand more about rural household budgets at, what is, a very difficult time for many.

Results from the survey will help us to engage more effectively with Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers.

* **The survey can be found at the following link:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural\_Households\_Cost-of-Living](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.surveymonkey.co.uk%2Fr%2FRural_Households_Cost-of-Living&data=05%7C01%7Cglen.garrod%40lincolnshire.gov.uk%7C69e38cf9fe1d4a20bd2308daf865e209%7Cb4e05b92f8ce46b59b2499ba5c11e5e9%7C0%7C0%7C638095413718012525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BAtKCJU1gPK%2FXpmVYkdefFXAb4Vy%2BcJ%2FnLgSCnUujCo%3D&reserved=0)

We have also featured the survey via the following social media channels:

**Facebook**

[Rural Services Network& Citizens... - Rural Services Network | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/rsnonline/posts/pfbid01GhhSjbSzvrWDnBmwgDgyGQteNgRtUMYdQ3PKpLHyM4tkKggLvEDubpeizLFDRcil)

**Twitter**

[RSN Online on Twitter: "@RSNonline &amp; @CitizensAdvice Rural Issues Group have launched a rural cost of living household survey. Research has shown that those living in rural areas face extra costs &amp; we now want to explore the impacts for households #ruralcostoflivingcrisis https://t.co/JmZNfIVnlb https://t.co/Zadlro6ORs" / Twitter](https://twitter.com/RSNonline/status/1615298396931211266)

**LinkedIn**

[Rural Services Network on LinkedIn: #ruralcostoflivingcrisis #ruralfairfunding](https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn%3Ali%3Aactivity%3A7021075587867795456)

**Please share the**[**survey**](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living)**with all your contacts, networks, family and friends living in rural areas – the greater the response the better.**

Note the survey closes on 31 March 2023.

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It comprises SPARSE Rural, the Rural Assembly, the wider Rural Services Partnership and the RSN Community Group. The organisation works with Rural England, a stand-alone CIC research group.