





# **Stock Condition Surveys 2024**

### What is a Stock Condition Survey (SCS)?

A Stock Condition Survey is visual inspection of the inside and outside of the property. It will take up to 3 hours and during the inspection the surveyor will look at the age and condition of the major elements of the property such as the roof, kitchen, bathroom, windows and doors. This survey does not collect any information relating to any existing repairs to the property. If you need to report a repair, please do this in the normal way via Fixflo.

## Who is doing the Stock Condition Surveys (SCS) and when do they start?

The Diocese has appointed Hardies Property & Construction Consultants to undertake the surveys in conjunction with the Property Team across all of our portfolio. The surveys will start shortly and will aim to be completed by 30 September 2024. Hardies will use a small team of surveyors who will work with our Property Team. The Hardies surveyors will be carrying ID to confirm their identification and present to you.

## **Arranging Surveys & Making Appointments**

Hardies will be responsible for making appointments and sending letters to all colleagues before the surveyor visits the property. A text message will be sent the day before to remind colleagues of the visit. The surveys will be scheduled on an area basis and surveyors will have access to your contact details to confirm the appointment.

### Are Evening & Saturday Appointments Available?

No, unfortunately not. Surveys will be take place Mondays to Fridays between 8.30am and 5.30pm

## How long will the surveys take and which part of the property will be surveyed?

The survey might take up to 3 hours and will include a visual inspection of the inside and outside of the property. It is anticipated that time spent inside the property will be up to 2 hours. The surveyor will not need to move furniture or carpets, but may look in the loft, as long as it's reasonably safe to access.

## How will the surveyor collect the information?

Each surveyor will have a mobile tablet which will be used to collect the information using a software platform called Go Report. Photographs will also be taken as part of the process.

#### How can colleagues contact Hardies?

Colleagues can contact Hardies Project Co-Ordinator, Louise Wennergrund, by using the following details:

Email: louise.wennergrund@hardies.co.uk

Mobile: 07943 537 298 (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm)

## How can Hardies Surveyors be identified?

The surveyors from Hardies will always have official Hardies photo identification displayed on their persons. If the surveyors do not have their Hardies identification, do not let them into the property.

## Are Hardies aware of improvements already planned for properties in 2024?

Yes, where planned works have already been instructed Hardies have been made aware of these properties. The current arrangements regarding external decorations and tree surveys will continue to follow the five-year quinquennial inspection programme however this may change in future.

## Will I be provided with a copy of the Stock Condition Survey?

Yes, in accordance with the Repair and Benefice Measure 1972, a copy of the property report will be provided.

#### What will the information be used for?

The information collected will be used to develop a planned investment programme. Once the Diocese has analysed the data, we are hoping to have a five-year planned maintenance programme in place during 2025.

#### Who is leading the project?

The project and appointment of Hardies was approved by the Diocesan Property Committee in the December 2023 meeting. Archdeacons have been involved in the process. The project is being led by John Knox – Head of Property, Diocese of Leeds. Contact details: <a href="mailto:john.knox@leeds.anglican.org">john.knox@leeds.anglican.org</a>.

### Contact the Team & Website:

To ensure that any queries are dealt with as efficiently as possible, we ask that all communications to Property are directed through the following email address property@leeds.anglican.org.

Other relevant updates will be posted on the Diocesan website property pages.