

New housing

Principles for approaching new housing developments

- The importance of getting in early
- Always lead with people not buildings
- Seek a pioneering leader preferably an ordained minister
- The need for a clear support structure for the project rather than a lone minister
- Partnership working is preferred. Not assumed ecumenical but need for strong lively supporting church(es)
- Access to a community building is vital
- Bid for a new school in a new development
- Form a diocesan multi-disciplinary team to assist project manage such developments
 - Funding/buildings/council and developers
- An entrepreneurial approach is required from the off not one wholly dependent upon central funding
 - Training in entrepreneurship is necessary
 - We have good business contacts but these are under utilised
- Smaller developments will have to be resourced by local Christian communities. Training at all levels is necessary. The Mission Shaped Ministry course to be highlighted and promoted.
- Ecumenism is messy and local. Hard to predict partnerships.
- Each locality will have its own particular strengths and challenges