

Residents' Groups

What is a residents' group?

Residents' groups are set up to provide support and assistance to their neighbourhood. They have a common purpose and set out to achieve a common goal. It may be set up to provide recreation activities, eg playgroups, or in response to a perceived threat to the stability or character of a neighbourhood, eg saving an historic building.

Maps detailing the areas covered by existing residents' groups, together with contact names, are shown on pages 29-35.

Residents' groups formation and recognition

1. The Christchurch City Council encourages the formation of local residents' groups.
2. Local residents' groups are able to apply to the Community Board for recognition as an 'official' residents' group for the area.
3. That residents' group boundaries within each community be determined by the relevant Community Board.
4. Such groups, upon recognition, receive the right to be consulted by the Council on all work planned within their boundaries.
5. That the Council provide free typing and photocopying for official residents' groups, within limits approved by the Community Manager.

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Service Centre Support

The Beckenham Service Centre, in conjunction with the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board is able to offer the following forms of support to recognised residents' groups:

- A photocopying allowance of \$500/year.
- Typing for group newsletters and notices. Please allow 3 days for typing.
- Funding for Spreydon-Heathcote residents' group profiles to be published in the Observer community newspaper once a month. This is operating on a 12 month trial period.
- Organising meetings of residents' groups, Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board and Beckenham Service Centre staff to discuss relevant issues.

The Beckenham Service Centre support of Spreydon-Heathcote residents' groups is aimed at improving residents' groups profiles and keeping members of our community informed about their community groups and initiatives.