

# *Residents' Groups*

## **What is a residents' group?**

Residents' groups exist to provide support and assistance to their neighbourhood. They have a common purpose and set out to achieve a common goal. They 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. Their primary purpose is to provide a focus for the needs and aspirations of the residents of an area.

Maps detailing the areas covered by existing residents' groups, together with contact names, are shown on pages **21 to 28**.

## **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 their Community Board for recognition as an 'official' residents' group for their area.
3. Residents' group boundaries within each community are determined by the appropriate Community Board.
4. Such groups, upon recognition, receive the right to be consulted by the Council on all work planned within their boundaries.
5. The Council provides free typing and photocopying for official residents' groups, within limits approved by the Advocacy Team.