

# *St. Martin's Emmaus at Archcliffe Fort* <sup>147</sup>

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Although legal arrangements have not been completely finalised St. Martin's Emmaus has taken over parts of Archcliffe Fort to turn it into a home and workplace for unemployed roofless men.

Anxious to press on to the stage when the first Companions will arrive, the Trustees have appointed a co-ordinator/administrator, Miss Kendal Beasley, who is already working at the fort.

Miss Beasley, who was brought up in the Deal area, was a senior staff nurse at a London hospital before accepting the Dover post.

Our Dover-based St. Martin's Emmaus will be another in a world wide series of communities in which the single homeless are enabled and encouraged to work for their own rehabilitation. Across the world there are 350 Emmaus communities offering a home, work and hope to the homeless.

An Emmaus community offers the homeless a place to live and work, the opportunity to regain self-respect, independence from unemployment benefits and companionship.

The communities are open to anyone, drink, drugs or violence are not tolerated, members (we call them companions) work to the best of their abilities in return for a home, food, clothing and a modest cash allowance. There is no time limit on the length of stay, each community aims to support itself by its own efforts, communities help others in need.

The Dover project was initiated by Christians Together in Dover, but not all now helping are Church members.

The Dover Society is giving its backing to the Emmaus centre at the fort. Emmaus chairman Francis Watts has welcomed this support and says his group is in a position to accept small items for the men at Archcliffe. He would like to hear of any larger items, such as furniture, that can be accepted at a later date.

St. Emmaus address is PO Box 217,  
Dover CT16 1GG.

AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS

## *Dover Society Collections for the Emmaus Centre*

You can help the Emmaus Project by donating small items, such as

KITCHEN UTENSILS — GARDEN TOOLS

BED LINEN AND TOWELS

and SMALL HAND TOOLS (for the Workshop)

Boxes and bags in which you can place your contributions will be put out at our meetings on:

JANUARY 15 1996

MARCH 25

APRIL 22