

## **BROMLEY CHURCHES' HOUSING ACTION**

(Registered charity no. 1039394)

Honorary President: The Mayor of Bromley



### **THE LATCH PROJECT HELPING THE HOMELESS**

Living Amicably Together in Caring Homes

The LATCH Project finds accommodation for homeless young persons, aged 16 to 25, by using spare rooms in ordinary households in Bromley Borough. The Project advertises regularly for potential hosts, who can offer up a room in return for rent. However, this notice is not for hosts.

There is another urgent need.

The LATCH office is run by two part-time paid staff, Yvonne and Carol, led by the Project Officer, Andy Braund, who meet the clients and hosts in a friendly and informal atmosphere. This team is guided by the LATCH Chair and the LATCH Management Sub-Committee, whose members come from the Executive Committee of the parent charity, Bromley Churches' Housing Action (BCHA). This committee has the responsibility for the charity's finances, fund-raising, publicity and general administration.

The Executive Committee currently has eight members. As the Constitution lays down there should be a minimum of seven, BCHA has a serious shortage of members.

#### **BCHA NEEDS NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

Coming together as a committee, means that we can bounce ideas around and "brainstorm" for solutions. We need more of you to join us. If you have an interest in the problems experienced by young people, especially by those who are homeless, we would like you to contact us. You do not need to have a professional interest, just a concern for what young people, often through no fault of their own, have to face, when thrown out of their own homes.

Being a Committee member can sound daunting or even dull, but we are a friendly group, who care deeply about the future of our youngsters. If you feel that you might like to come to one or two of our meetings to see if it suits you and you suit us, we would be delighted to hear from you. Maybe you might like to help with fund-raising or be involved with publicity. We would be interested in your views and would welcome your help on both counts. We meet as a committee six times a year plus the Annual General Meeting. We also enjoy a summer barbeque and a Christmas Party each year.

Think and pray about it and give Rosie Finch (the LATCH Chair) or the BCHA Secretary, Ron Finch, a ring on 020 8309 5820. Alternatively leave your name and telephone number with the LATCH office on 020 8460 0042, and we will contact you.

*Rose Finch*