



Structurally complete - but the grounds remain to be finished

The selection of people to be residents is not a simple process. In most cases we have known the aspiring residents for some years and the decision to offer them a space is straightforward. However, many people in their situations have deep-rooted problems, some of which may render them unsuitable for living in this type of community, whilst others may simply need some time to adjust. In these cases the decision is more difficult. AN continues to sponsor accommodation elsewhere in the town for those who have not been accepted into the house.

So how can you help? Obviously there are expenses incurred in providing a home for these people but more importantly they benefit from the knowledge that someone is taking an interest in them, and having someone who asks about them or who prays for them is very encouraging. If you feel able to help or want to know some more about these people and others in similar circumstances then please get in touch via our addresses below.

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Casa Neemia Update, January 2019

Casa Neemia is an initiative to provide long-term accommodation for 10 young people who have come from an orphanage or similarly deprived background. The idea of the house is that they can have somewhere which offers them security and privacy whilst at the same time encouraging them to reintegrate into the wider community.

Each of the residents is allocated a small bedroom with an en-suite bathroom as their personal space whilst sharing facilities such as the kitchen, common room and laundry. This arrangement gives them the privacy and security that they require whilst also encouraging them to integrate with other residents. A rota system for cleaning the communal areas should encourage co-operation but one of the first challenges will be learning kitchen etiquette!

Although it is intended that the residents will be largely self-sufficient a mature local volunteer visits the house twice a day, to help the residents make the necessary adjustments to their lifestyle. In the longer term, there will be a need for someone to take responsibility for ensuring the proper care and maintenance of the property, and to ensure that the residents abide by such rules as are necessary. Such a person will need skills in managing inter-personal relationships and be able to encourage the residents in the development of their social skills. The selection of a suitable manager will be a major factor in the success of the project - the most likely candidate is someone with pastoral experience and a motherly wife!



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Work on the construction of the building has been completed although there are smaller tasks linked with snagging, making good and cleaning still taking place. The house supplements the mains connections with its own well and septic tank. It has solar water heating for domestic uses and under-floor heating throughout the building. Insulation above each ceiling helps to reduce winter heating costs.



The kitchen and the bathrooms have been fitted out using tiles and sanitary ware donated by organisations in the UK. Other furniture, such as that in the living room, also came from donors in the UK. The land around the house is used for growing vegetables. The residents of the house are encouraged to be actively involved and learn new skills as gardeners.

