

## HOUSING

Britain is facing a housing crisis: there's a lack of affordable housing, rising homelessness and home-ownership among under 35s has dropped massively over the last quarter of a century. However, churches across the country are working hard to support those suffering from housing issues or homelessness. Here are just a few of the projects and ministries that can offer your church their expertise if you would like to support those struggling with this issue.

### Hope into Action

Originally set up to fight homelessness in Peterborough, Hope into Action now helps churches to do this all across the country. It's an award-winning charity that offers not only homes, but also local mentors and professional support. It provides homes for people facing issues such as addictions, domestic violence, leaving prison and sleeping rough. Hope into Action can provide the technical expertise and professional support to equip the church to build relationships and offer practical, on-the-ground support. [www.hopeintoaction.org.uk](http://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk)

### Green Pastures

With a vision of 'releasing the Church to end homelessness', Green Pastures helps local churches or church partnerships buy purchasing properties that can house the homeless, while also helping the churches to support residents with life skills and employment opportunities. [www.greenpastures.net](http://www.greenpastures.net)

### Housing Justice

Housing Justice believes that human dignity is challenged by a lack of decent housing. As such, they encourage Christian organisations that own unused land and buildings to make these available for affordable housing. [www.housingjustice.org.uk](http://www.housingjustice.org.uk)

### De Paul Nightstop

This is a network of accredited Nightstop services throughout the county, providing a bed for the night for young people who need it in a moment of crisis. It prevents young people from sleeping rough or in accommodation where they might be at risk. [www.uk.depaulcharity.org/NightstopUK](http://www.uk.depaulcharity.org/NightstopUK)

### King's Arms Project, Bedford

A long-standing project that seeks to empower people on their journey out of homelessness, by providing outreach via a weekly meal and the night shelter, accommodation in the form of an hostel and a move-on house, and opportunities for employment and tenancy. [www.kingsarmsproject.org](http://www.kingsarmsproject.org)

### Friends First, Brighton & Hove

Supporting disadvantaged, long-term unemployed and homeless adults into work experience, employment, mentor support and safe, supported housing, this is another long-standing project with a proven record of helping dozens of people over the years. [www.friendsfirst.org.uk](http://www.friendsfirst.org.uk)

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