

## Types of communities

### **A community of geography**

Where the definition would be all people living in a defined geographical area, a street, village or town.

This may seem straightforward but you need to be able to draw a line on a map to say why the issue or concern is only relevant to the people within that line. This can be tricky; for example if the issue is about a need for community facilities in a rural town does the issue only concern the people in the town or does it affect people living in outlying areas? Probably the latter – so the line might have to be drawn out a good distance from the town boundaries. There is no perfect answer to this question and the answer is a matter of judgement depending on the nature of the issue.

### **A community of interest**

Where people are concerned with issues which are particular to a specific section of the community: This would be issues affecting for example, People with learning difficulties, deaf people, carers, homeless or elderly people, or those sharing a common interest or passion, poverty, computer gaming

### **A community of identity**

This would cover for example family, clan, culture or sub-culture, local clique, ethnic, religious, multicultural group,

