

**Summary of Rick & Liz Thomas' FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF WANTAGE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Autumn 2009**

1. Be encouraged that although progress is slow, it is happening.
2. Overall, there has been a general lack of clarity and communication which has led to some confusion and frustration in a number of areas.
3. There is confusion over the Connect Team – which needs resolving and hopefully is in the process of being addressed.
4. The connect team is still overly intellectual, some work needs to be done about making sure they do actually “connect” and relate to the whole church.
5. We need to clarify what sort of building we are looking for / have faith for.
6. Some considerable progress has been made with opening up worship although obviously it is a work in progress.
7. Communication within the church still needs a lot of work. There is a measure of frustration with the lack of communication to the church as a whole. Andy White's role needs to be clarified further.
8. Clarification is needed over the role of the Community Outreach team.
9. Strategic thinking is required to join up our local outreach initiatives and provide a bridge between these and the church.
10. In general, the Connect Team, and therefore the church, are task-orientated and functional, therefore we need to work on the social/relational life of the church.
11. The D groups appear to be mostly fellowship groups, but are probably not delivering what their name implies, i.e. provocation, accountability – in short, discipleship. Few people appear to be in any personal pastoring relationships. - a working group has been set up to review how we can help each group best meet the needs of its members.
12. With Mark Bruce leaving there is a gap in our youth work. We need to take some bold decisions and appoint someone to take overall responsibility for the youth.
13. Finally Be encouraged! We are moving forwards and in the right direction.

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