

Abstracts

An Editorial Note

Social Gerontology is a relatively new enterprise – particularly in Britain – and it draws on a number of academic and professional disciplines. We hope that *Ageing and Society* will help to forge it in a truly interdisciplinary fashion and the abstracts section represents an important step in this direction. Our aim is to provide readers with summary and comment on articles and research reports relevant to social gerontology but published in journals devoted to other disciplines. Since it would be impossible to scrutinize all relevant journals the review editor identified three subject areas likely to be of particular relevance – Sociology and Social Policy, Social Services, and Psychology and Psychiatry – and invited John Bond (Newcastle), John Tibbitt (Edinburgh) and Mary Gilhooly (Aberdeen) to make their own selections.

This is an experiment rather than a permanent feature and the review editor would welcome comment, suggestions of additional areas and offers from those willing to provide abstracts.

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Social Services

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Challis, D. and Davies, B., 'A New Approach to Community Care for the Elderly', *British Journal of Social Work*, 10.1, pp. 1–18.

The search for more effective ways of meeting the needs of the elderly has become all the more urgent in the face of rapidly increasing numbers of the 'very elderly' and with the increasing recognition that resources in the forms available hitherto cannot be expanded fast enough nor are particularly appropriate to meet current needs. This paper is concerned with one attempt, the Kent Community Care Project, to provide an alternative approach to meeting the social service needs of those elderly people at or above the margin for residential care.

The paper has two main aims. First, it provides an analysis of the policy context in which the project was conceived, and then goes on to describe the principles of the project to demonstrate how it was envisaged it would