**New Company Clergy Meeting**

When talking about a new company with clergy we need to understand the needs of the parish. A benefit of the brigade is only a benefit when there is a need. No need no benefit.

Some of the questions that follow could be research questions you find out before the meeting.

People love to talk about themselves, in this type of meeting you need to ask questions to build up a picture & then talk about how we can fill the needs required.

**Tell me about your parish?**

**How many churches do you look after?**

**Do they have family services & how often?**

**Is there a church hall or meeting place?**

**Would there be a charge for the meeting place?**

**Where are the local schools? (Research)**

**Does the vicar have contact with the school?**

**Is he/she a governor or on any committees?**

**What other organisation are in the church, scouts, Sunday school, BB etc? (Research)**

**Size of congregation?**

**Do young people attend their church, numbers, ages?**

**Does the church hold fates etc?**

**Are there any potential leaders available?**

**What’s important to you in a youth organisation?**

The simplest of questions is the first one if you have the nerve to ask it.

The questions are not in order, you will not need them all.

You will need to ask questions that are not listed, these will come to you as the meeting goes on.

You need to listen more than talk.

While a question is being answer be thinking about the next one.

Now you have a picture of the needs now start to tell the vicar how the brigade will fit into the parish.

If there is an objection answer it & don’t be afraid to go back to questions you may have missed something or misunderstood something.

You will need to thinks on your feet.

Remember the brigade based on the answers may not have a place in the parish!

If you show the video point out the bits that fill the needs of the parish.

**What can we offer (needs)**

Leaders/Leadership (we have any leaders)

Training

Presentations

Publicity

Being part of the community

Being part of the life of the church

Badges for all age groups

D of E

Camping

Sport

Music

Fun

Fellowship

Faith

Bring young people into the church

A sense of purpose for young people

**Closing the meeting (Leaving the door open)**

Does the vicar have any questions (this could be asked at any point like after the video)

What is the next step?

Is the brigade an organisation that you would like to be involved with?

Can or do you need to present to the PC?

When do both you need to do be the next meeting?

What does the vicar need to do before you go any further?

Actions, time lines?

Do you need to bring in some else to move forward i.e. training officer.

Leave with a date to go back.