
The community

In one school, the learning support unit provided access to the National Curriculum for some students who experienced difficulty engaging with mainstream, classroom-based lessons. The unit made use of the local community as a resource for learning for these students. National Curriculum subjects were taught, using a carefully differentiated approach, through learning that was situated in meaningful 'real life' contexts, emphasising the practical application of skills, knowledge and understanding and the relevance of what was learnt to everyday adult life.