



## Summer Preparation Work

Choosing Geography at Wilberforce will give you an appreciation of our environment and how we impact it. You will have the opportunity to complete field work and develop your skills and knowledge preparing you for University or the workplace. Geography approaches difficult questions in a multi-disciplinary manner and this approach is invaluable in the workplace.

**Please be aware that prep work** is an important aspect of your induction onto all courses at Wilberforce Sixth Form College. Please have this ready to hand in during enrolment or to your course teacher in the first week of lessons.

Kind regards

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On Welcome Day you were introduced to the £1 houses scheme which was put forward in Liverpool a couple of years ago. We discussed the scheme and what it aimed to achieve by allowing local residents the opportunity to purchase a home in need of major investment and regeneration for only £1. The project is a fairly unique way to regenerate an area, without any big quantities of public or private money being spent.

The aims of the scheme were:

- To encourage young people to move into the area
- To improve the deprived areas of the city
- Regenerate derelict houses
- Help the local economy
- Build a new sense of community

The conditions for who could buy one of the homes were:

- First time buyers
- Live or work in the Liverpool area
- Live in the house for 5 years on completion
- Have at least £10,000 available now and access to over £35,000
- Complete to a standard which is approved by the council
- Complete the renovations within 1 year

The scheme has now finished and some of the houses which were sold for £1 have now been completed, but how successful has the scheme been and what does the future hold for councils selling off houses for £1?

You are going to be thinking about this scheme in more detail and come to your own conclusion about the successes/failures of the scheme. In order to do this, you need to conduct some research. Learning how to complete this sort of research is vital to your ability to succeed on the A-level Geography Course as you need to be able to form arguments based on factual information which you can gather from a range of different sources including video evidence and written articles.

### Task 1 - Research

- Watch episode 3 of the Channel 4 series 'The £1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street' where the completed houses are shown. (You can watch the other 2 episodes if you want to get a better understanding of the scheme, although this is optional.) The video can be accessed here: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-1-houses-britains-cheapest-street/on-demand/63371-003> or can be found directly through 'All4'.
- Read the **Liverpool Echo** newspaper article on the scheme which you were given at Welcome day, or can be found here: <https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/student-buys-one-pound-liverpool-14249688>

### Task 2 - Create

You have 2 items to complete using the information you have gathered:

- 1) Answer the following question, giving a balanced argument and stressing your own opinion:

***To what extent was the Liverpool £1 houses scheme a success when taking into consideration the aims of the scheme?***

- 2) Produce a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate the scheme and to try and encourage your local council to adopt this scheme also. Think about the messages you would want to put across with this and the extra research you could complete in producing this.

### Task 3 - Question

A few questions to finish with:

- 1) How many houses were made available as part of this scheme?
- 2) What was the name of the area in Liverpool where the houses were?
- 3) Why was this area problematic?
- 4) What demographic of people were able to buy the houses?
- 5) Were people able to purchase the houses quickly with no strings attached? Why?
- 6) How much money did people spend on renovating the houses?