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New challenge for local priest

THE RECTOR of Monks Eleigh with Chelsworth and Brent Eleigh with Milden, the Rev. Norman Last, is resigning at the end of October to work in a new field in the diocese of Exeter.

With his wife Carolyn, Mr Last is hoping over a period to build up a safe house where young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who may be in special schools can come for holidays away from any pressures.

"We feel we have done all we can here and we have a great interest in work with young people who have difficulty in coming to terms with modern life, perhaps because they have had bad parents and no home life."

Mr Last, who has been Rector for just over three years, said he had been trained in drug counselling and psychological skills and his wife specialised in teenage problems.

"We have made many lovely friends and many good contacts here but feel we must go forward into this new work," he said.