



Baby Bags for Families

Supporting families affected
by imprisonment (West Yorkshire &
The Dales & others)

Mothers' Union members in the diocese of West Yorkshire & The Dales (Ripon & Leeds) volunteer in some of the local prisons, eg three days a week at the crèche at Wealstun Prison, to provide support in the visits area and to be a friendly face to visitors.



In addition members supply '*Baby Bags*' containing items for a new baby such as toiletries and knitted items in neutral colours, with a special knitted teddy or pram blanket. These are given to new mums at the end of the Pregnancy Project sessions at the Jigsaw Visitor Centre.



Volunteers also prepare craft days and make cushions (such as these in the photo) for the quiet area in the prison.

"Please pray for prisoners and their families; for repentance and hope for new beginnings, for good and effective support in starting again, for prison officers and staff as they interact with prisoners, for opportunities for work for those who have served their sentence and need to be reintegrated into the community."

For general guidelines about setting up and developing outreach initiatives, go to the members' section of the Mothers' Union website www.mothersunion.org