

Tenants take a close look at Telford



More than 20 tenants ventured out from Bournville on a second annual 'residents tour' in September, to see for themselves the work BVT is doing in other parts of the Midlands.

Ben Jordan, from the steering group who helped organise the trip, told Outlook: "First off we went on to tour the new Lightmoor Village and some of the first houses to be completed there, before sitting down to an excellent lunch at the Hadley Park Hotel.

"In the afternoon we visited a vacant property at Woodside which was being given a total refurbishment and had a walk around Doseley. We also visited Beech Spinney, a residential care

home which aims to help adults with learning and multiple disabilities live as near a normal life as possible.

"BVT Director of Estates, Alan Shrimpton, was our guide for much of the tour. Area Housing Officer Ann Ryan also came along.

"More Trust tenants joined the tour in Telford, along with BVT Shropshire Area Manager, Kevin Whitby, who had much to tell us about Telford, said Ben, who has lived in Bournville Village for almost 50 years.

Other comments from tenants who took the tour included: "It was very worthwhile to see the different types of properties BVT has in Telford,



"I enjoyed meeting and talking to other tenants, and "It was interesting to see the developments for real, rather than on a map!"

Ben added; "On behalf of the group I'd like to thank Zoey Stanton for making the day. Although we, as a group, had decided what we wanted to see, Zoey organised both the tour and the lunch beautifully."

Got a passion for a new pastime?



Talented, experienced or just a novice, if you are interested in playing hockey, cricket or chess this winter, some of Bournville's finest clubs have a place for you.

Keen to achieve promotion to National League Division One in the forthcoming season, **Bournville Men's Hockey Club** is looking for players.

"With six men's teams, of all age levels and abilities, our coaching team boasts a number of excellent coaches with national and international league experience," the club's Lee de Souza told Outlook.

"This year's First Team Captain is Ex-England International Chris Graham. Chris will be coaching in conjunction with Mark Gibbon, who has over 20 years coaching experience at the highest level."

Head of Youth Cricket at **Bournville Cricket Club**, Nigel Clegg, is also on the lookout for new young players.

Nigel told Outlook: "Our youth scheme offers regular coaching throughout the year with winter practice held at Edgbaston Indoor

Cricket School. We run teams at Under 11, 13 and 15 and the latter age groups feature heavily in our adult teams. These popular sessions have included coaching by one of the great names in cricket, Mushtaq Mohammed, who has played over 100 games for Pakistan.

Northfield Checkmates Chess Club has announced new venues and times for their sessions.

✦ Tuesday evening sessions are held from 7pm to 9pm in the Rosefields Sheltered Housing Scheme at 55 Maryland Drive - the venue for all League matches

✦ The senior members daytime session is from 1pm to 3pm on Wednesdays at the Old Mill public house (by Northfield railway station)

✦ Junior members daytime session is held at the Old Mill also, on Saturday afternoons from noon to 3pm

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