

# Focus Telford

## Ground breaking start at Lightmoor

### Conference helps break down barriers

**The Shropshire Tenants Conference - this year entitled "Fear of Crime; Breaking Down the Barriers" was organised by the Shropshire Tenant Participation Working Group and held at Telford's Whitehouse Hotel in October.**

"This year the conference looked at ways of bridging the gap between older and younger generations, to help tackle estate crime and disorder" BVT Tenant Participation Officer, Zoey Stanton, told Outlook.

The conference included workshops on anti-social behaviour, home and street safety and how the role of community support officers has impacted on residents, as well as a key speech by Rosemary Bishop from the Community Housing Group, Wyre Forest.

Invitations were sent to all Shropshire BVT tenants and, with childcare available, families were particularly welcomed.

Tenant Bert Howell, who attended, told Outlook; "It seemed to me that we are throwing good money at rewarding bad behaviour, when we should be rewarding the good kids. That said, on a positive note, I have decided to join Neighbourhood Watch!"



Several years in the planning, negotiating and dealing with the local objections that beset modern development projects, Lightmoor Urban Village in Telford is finally underway.

The chosen developer, Persimmon Homes, began the construction of a 40-home development, on Monday 18th July.

Lightmoor is a joint venture between the national regeneration agency English Partnerships and BVT.

"The start of work on Lightmoor marked a memorable moment in the history of the Trust," BVT Director of Estates, Alan Shrimpton, told Outlook.

"BVT has undertaken many developments outside Bournville over the years but Lightmoor will be a complete, sustainable village of around 800 homes - effectively a 'second Bournville'.

"It is being created just over a century after George Cadbury founded the original village as a model of how to improve the lives of ordinary working people."

It was also an historic moment for Telford which, with Milton Keynes, is one of Britain's two most successful new towns.

Our picture shows BVT Trustees, staff members, representatives of English Partnerships and Persimmon Homes at the historic start on site. (The spade was originally used by Dame Elizabeth Cadbury to plant a tree commemorating the coronation of King George VI in 1937).

"Lightmoor is viewed by many in Telford as the icing on a very rich cake ... something that will add to Telford's distinction and make a further reason for visitors from around the world to come and see what has been achieved here," Alan added.

BVT will manage the new village in perpetuity and there will be a mixture of tenures. On the first development site, 30 houses will be sold to private buyers and ten to BVT for letting to tenants.

Development will take place over the next decade or so and there is little doubt that, just like Bournville, the BVT ethos will make Lightmoor a popular destination and add to the sum of happiness of the people who make up its community.

BVT hopes to achieve something at Lightmoor of which George Cadbury would have been proud.



## Let's get growing in Telford

**Over 100 Bournville residents entered their flourishing gardens in BVT's 2005 garden competition and the overall winner was retired teacher Molly Archer.**

The competition's ten classes included categories for everything from bloomin' kids to hanging baskets and our photo shows Molly's prize-winning garden.

The view wasn't quite so rosy over in Telford, however, where only gardeners Mr & Mrs. Walton entered the competition.

Come on Telford, start flexing those green fingers for next year and show Birmingham the way to grow!



**BVT tenants are encouraged to apply for funding which is available to support projects that benefit tenants and the wider community.**

The Trust will sponsor projects that meet one or more of the following aims:

- ✦ Improve the environment where tenants live
- ✦ Improve quality of life
- ✦ Reduce crime, neighbourhood nuisance and other forms of antisocial behaviour

This year the Trust has sponsored the following projects:

- ✦ A communal garden at Hole Lane
- ✦ DJ equipment for Woodlands Youth Club
- ✦ A Funday for Woodlands Tenants Association
- ✦ An inter-generational/D-Day event in Selly Oak
- ✦ Doseley Fun Day 2005
- ✦ Improvements to a communal area in Mulberry Road
- ✦ A gate fitted to bin stores of 30 homes in Selly Oak

A panel of tenants is responsible for assessing applications and awarding funding. Tenants can either apply directly to BVT or applications can be submitted via local tenants associations.

If you've got an idea or require help completing an application form, please contact Zoey Stanton on

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or email [zoeystanton@bvt.org.uk](mailto:zoeystanton@bvt.org.uk)

## Keen to fund tenants' projects?



## From BTEC to BA for Anthony

BVT sends many congratulations to Anthony, who has recently achieved his BTEC Foundation Studies in Art and Design. Now in the second year of his BA, Anthony is a former tenant of The Holdings project. The Trust wishes him every success for a great career and a prosperous future ... as a reward for all that hard work!