

Update on making payments

If you use an allpay.net plastic swipecard to make payments to BVT, please be aware that from early 2007 you will no longer be able to use the card at a PayPoint outlet.

This is because allpay.net has decided not to renew its contract with the PayPoint network, but this does not mean BVT residents have fewer choices. Instead, you can now make payments with e-pay - one of the leading companies in the electronic payments industry. e-pay outlets are situated mainly in small independent retailers such as convenience stores, petrol forecourts and newsagents. A full list of those in your local area is available at www.allpay.net by using the outlet search facility, and keying in your postcode.

Do remember that you can also pay you rent via the BVT website - see the article on page 5.



• Paypoint outlets will no longer be used from early 2007



Turn the thermostat down to between 18-21°C and save £15-30 a year.

Useful tips on environment

Bournville Village Trust already has an enviable track record in environmental matters but an important Business Plan target for 2006 was to review and strengthen our existing policy.

A new policy has now been agreed and we are looking at ways to implement practices - not just for ourselves but also within the communities where we work.

'Outlook' is one way we can do this together, and we hope to have more

information in future editions. In the meantime, take a look at these simple energy saving tips that will save you money and reduce the damage to the planet.



Keep the fridge or freezer in a cool place (not near a cooker, fire or radiator).



Take a shower instead of a bath; it uses less than half the hot water and can save £5-10 a year, as well as water.



Draw the curtains in the evening when it's cold and the heating is on.



Choose the right size pan for cooking and use a lid. Choose the right size ring to fit the pan or turn down the fuel.



Switch off the TV at the set. If left on stand-by with the red light on, it uses up to 25% of full power.



Install low energy bulbs in lights that are left on more than three hours a day.



Put aluminum foil behind any radiators fitted on outside walls and save £10 a year.



Use your washing machine sensibly. Wait till you have a full load and choose a cool wash cycle of 40°C for most washing.



Don't over fill your kettle. Just boil what you need to use immediately.

Special branches seen in Bournville

Bournville is renowned for its trees - most of which are native or a common exotic species.

However, there are a number of much more unusual trees in and around the Bournville area.

The tree pictured here is found in Griffins Brook Lane, close to the junction with Hay Green Lane and is an Indian Bean tree or Catalpa.

Experts tell us there are not many Catalpas this far north, but it is a more frequent ornamental tree in southern England.

It is native to Georgia, Florida and Mississippi and the name Catalpa was said to be a mis-pronunciation of the North American Indian tribe the Catawba, in whose territory the tree was found by western settlers. This particular tree has done especially well this year because



• A closer look at the Indian Bean tree

of the long hot dry spell which means the bean-like seeds will stay on the tree well into the winter. The leaves of this tree are just about the last to emerge, at the end of June, and have an early fall in the autumn.

We are always keen to feature other trees from the Bournville area - please contact the Editor Alastair Flint on 0121 415 6406 with your ideas or email alastairflint@bvt.org.uk.



• The rare Indian Bean tree (Catalpa) on Griffins Brook Lane

Event Alert!

The Community Team has been waxing lyrical about some candle making equipment which has been donated to them!

The team would like to know if there is anyone out there who can help them in running some workshops in candle making.

You can help us to help the community by joining us to run workshops for both young and old.

If you feel you can help please contact Marie Docker on 0121 270 0980.

On target to greet 100th resident

It was only earlier this year that we welcomed our first resident to the new Lightmoor Village, in Telford.

We are happy to report that the progress on site has been so good that in 2007, we can confidently plan to greet the 100th resident.

The Joint Venture scheme between Bournville Village Trust and English Partnerships, together with Telford and Wrekin Council and a series of private developers, has advanced greatly.

Once completed, a quarter of all homes built at Lightmoor will be passed onto Bournville Village Trust for affordable homes to rent.

The first site of 40 homes, built by Persimmon Homes, will be

completed by the end of this year and the next phase of 103 homes, being built by Wimpey Homes, is now underway. Lightmoor's infra-structure continues to improve with additional roads, an innovative surface water drainage system, a TV and radio receiving system and lots more trees and shrubs. We can also announce that the third developer will be Crest Nicholson, who will undertake work on the village centre. This has over 200 homes and also includes many of the public buildings as well as the new village square - which is actually shaped like a triangle! Work on this phase is expected to begin in the summer of 2007. **For up-to-date information there is a Lightmoor dedicated website on www.lightmoor.info**