

Bellamy pays flying visit to Lightmoor

Development continues at Oakham Manor, the second site within the Lightmoor village to be developed.

TV naturalist David Bellamy visited earlier this year, to be shown around the development and plant a tree. He came as a board member of Chamois Kitchens, a supplier company to Bournville Village Trust which is dedicated to the use of environmentally friendly materials and production methods.

For further information on the Lightmoor development please contact the Telford Area Office on 01952 293777.



• From left, John Price, of Tom Scott Construction, a sub-contractor to George Wimpey Midlands Ltd, developers of the Oakham Manor; Leah Hodson, whose family are residents at Stocking Park Road, Lightmoor; David Bellamy, Alan Shrimpton of BVT, Andrew Jones-Dutt, of Chamois Kitchens and Catherine Hawksworth of English Partnerships, BVTs joint venture partners at Lightmoor.



• Oakham Manor

A little respect on the agenda at conference

“Respect” was the theme of this year’s Shropshire Conference, held at The Telford Holiday Inn on Saturday November 3.

The event, organised by tenants and the Shropshire Tenant Participation Working Group was well attended and staged a host of activities during the day.

Amongst the workshops which tenants were able to attend were:

- **Community issues and projects**, which focused on how a “can do” attitude can help communities.
- **How green is my alley**, which proved a lively workshop looking at practical steps individuals and community leaders can take to address the serious issue of climate change and make communities more sustainable.
- The respect agenda - **Me and My Community**. This looked at the government’s strategy aimed at tackling bad behaviour in order to help create a modern culture of respect.
- **Disability Awareness** covered the definition of a disability and looked at political and attitudinal barriers and what can be done to remove them to help people with disabilities gain more independence.
- **Promoting positive images** looked at ways that resident groups and landlords can promote positive messages in support of the respect agenda.



• The conference was very well attended

Great turnout as Tour hits the spot

The 2007 Resident Tour proved an excellent event - well organised by the Tenant Participation Panel and attended by both Bournville and Telford tenants and members of staff.

The group travelled to the Holiday Inn in Telford first for networking with other tenants from various housing associations in Shropshire. This was an opportunity for tenants to share their experiences. They also got to find out more about what's happening in Telford before they visited the completed first phase of The Laurels at the new Lightmoor development.

After lunch, the tour continued and the Group visited Lawley, where the Trust is working in partnership with another Housing Association to build over 3,000 homes, before going on to Doseley, where Shropshire tenants Ian and Kath Waye invited the group into their home for refreshments.



• 2007 Resident Tour was all smiles!

Hall closure marked

As part of the Shenley redevelopment, Shenley Manor Hall closed in October.



• The Committee of the Association celebrating the success of the hall at their last party on September 29

Shenley Manor Hall was built in 1959 by local residents for all the residents of Lower Shenley. In the days before St David's Church was built, the hall was home to the Junior Sunday School and other services. By 1960 Shenley Manor Residents' Association was formed and they then took over the running of the hall under a management agreement from the Trust. The hall was managed by the Shenley Manor Residents' Association, which is a registered charity in its own right, until it closed. The Association has hosted many community activities from the hall including, bingo, sequence dancing, family parties and weekend dances. They also organise outings and day trips for senior citizens.

Whilst we say goodbye to the hall, we are pleased to let all residents know that the Committee will continue their hard work for the local community and will move to Shenley Green Centre for their meetings and activities. Sunday night bingo will continue as will monthly dances. The committee will let all residents know what is going on in a newsletter.

If you are interested in getting involved with Shenley Manor Residents' Association, please contact their secretary Bert Kilmister on 0121 605 8931.

Housing services busy, busy, busy!

Tenant representatives from Shropshire Housing Services Committee paid a visit to Birmingham earlier this year.

After an introduction to BVT in Birmingham and its history by Alan Shrimpton, the committee headed to Shenley, where they were met by Bob Stanton, Head of Housing Services, Steve Fellows, Maintenance Manager and Ann Ryan, the Area Housing Manager.

During the morning they visited new developments to understand more about what BVT had achieved and how this could be put to useful effect for future developments in Telford.

During the afternoon the Committee visited the Quadrangle, where they met with residents and saw how the almshouse bungalows are managed.



• The committee during their busy day