

BVT Wins National award for Energy Efficiency



Peter Murray from English Partnerships receives the Energy Award from Dr. Mary Archer, President of the National Energy Foundation.

The silver award for sustainable house building over the last 103 years was presented by Dr. Mary Archer, President of the National Energy Foundation, at the 2004 National Home Energy Rating Conference.

The conference discussed changes on the horizon that will force higher standards of energy efficiency in buildings.

NHER awards recognise those organisations that have made the most difference to the energy efficiency of our homes, new or old.

Innovation in solar heated housing and the BVT's new sustainable village community at Lightmoor, Telford were recognised by the comprehensive NHER energy labelling scheme. Presenting the

award, Dr. Archer said: "BVT has an admirable track record and its determination to innovate and stay ahead of the game meant that the judges chose this organisation for our Silver award."

The Trust built its first solar houses during the great depression of 1930, but it was not until 1985 that they created the largest solar village of its kind in Western Europe, at Rowheath in Birmingham.

More recently the Trust has installed energy efficient lighting into its housing development in Birmingham's Bloomsbury and the £10 million redevelopment of Shenley Green and Shenley Gardens will also include properties built to high-energy efficient standards, using passive solar power.

Lightmoor in Telford is a joint venture with English Partnerships where the Trust is building an 800-home 'second Bournville'. There is a massive commitment to carbon dioxide reductions and energy saving measures, with an emphasis on both environmental and sustainable issues.

Trust Architects have nationwide designs



Regular Outlook readers will know BVT boasts its own architects facility - but not many will appreciate the diversity of its work.

"Local folk may be aware of a particular Trust project, or have approached us about plans for an extension, but few will have heard about our work UK-wide in the health, education, leisure, housing sectors and in urban

regeneration," says Bournville Architects' Deputy Director, Adrian Millicheap.

In the recent past the 12-strong Bournville Estate Office-based practice has designed Bordesley Green Girls Schools Business Enterprise Suite and Sports Hall, a classroom at West Heath Nursery, a Medium Secure Unit at Northampton's St. Andrew's Hospital and BVT's schemes for the regeneration of Bloomsbury, in the Nechells area of Birmingham.

"We are currently working with Selly Park Technology College for Girls on their sports hall project, and are also involved in proposals for a new sports hall on the Dame Elizabeth site and the Primary Care framework agreement, with other partners, for South Dudley"

The architects are also kept busy with the ongoing work on the latest phase of the BVT Shenley redevelopment, and other schemes on and adjacent to the Estate such as the work to external pitches and changing room facilities at Shenley Court School.

Our picture shows one of the team's recent developments at Bloomsbury, Birmingham.

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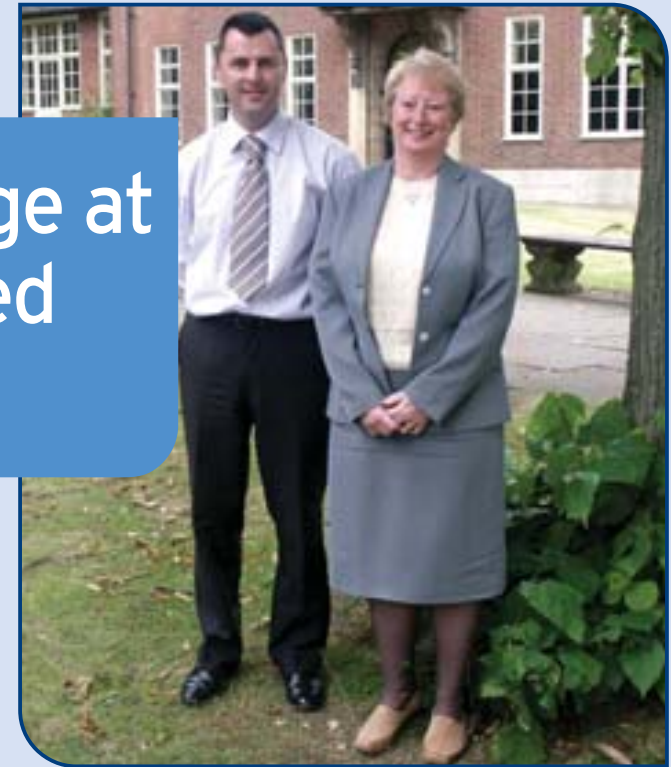
All change at supported housing

Robin Beeson, BVT Deputy Director of Supported Housing, has left the Trust for a new post with the Christadelphian Care Homes Organisation.

Known to many tenants and clients through his involvement with its care homes, sheltered schemes and Selly Wood House, Robin had worked for the Trust for seven years.

"His enthusiasm and hard work will be missed and we wish him every happiness in his new post," said BVT Director of Supported Housing, Barbara Edgehill.

As part of a restructured management team, newcomer John McHugh commenced work with the Trust at the end of May as Senior Manager - Support Services.



John joined BVT from the YMCA and has extensive experience in care management, youth and community services and the new Supporting People grant. He will be based at the Sycamore House office and his responsibilities will include Rowheath House, Rosefields, Christopher Taylor Court, the Central Control Helpline and The Holdings.

"We look forward to working with John to expand and improve services

and we are confident he will be very successful," Barbara added.

Working alongside John, as Senior Manager - Care Services, is Elaine Luck. Elaine has long experience at BVT, having worked in a variety of roles within Supported Housing. She will look after the Trust's care services, including Selly Wood House and its four care homes for people with learning difficulties.

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