

A YEAR IN THE MAKING



Bournville Architects

Bournville Architects are used to working on long-term projects. Their involvement with Selly Park Technology College for Girls, for example, goes back seven years. During this time they have helped them to develop proposals for a new sports hall. Bournville Architects' persistence paid off when the school received funding from the New Opportunities Fund. The new hall is particularly welcome right now, as more and more people become concerned about childhood obesity.

The experience they gained from the process means they are now working with the City of Birmingham on other schools in the area. Shenley Court and Bordesley Green Girls Schools have already received funding.

Bournville Propertycare Services (BPS)

Another example of partnership in action comes from the work of Bournville Propertycare Services (BPS) in Telford.

BPS has continued to provide a Home Maintenance Advice Service in the Woodside area, in partnership with Telford and Wrekin Borough Council. The Council is providing financial support. BPS is providing its expertise and a base where plumbing training is carried out with a local college.

Bournville Village Landscapes (BVL)

During 2003 the amount of work BVL did for external clients - particularly tree maintenance and tree survey work - continued to grow.

BVL also won a contract with Crest Nicholson for landscaping work on a private housing scheme at Manor Farm Park, Bristol Road, Birmingham. More business is always welcome, as surpluses are ploughed back to support the overall work of the Trust. BVL's commitment to the Bournville Estate however, is still a top priority. So is the quality of BVL's work, which helps to make sure that the Estate is kept looking good.

Supported Housing

The demand for all kinds of our supported housing is as healthy as ever. All our schemes were fully occupied in 2003. Quality was high too. We achieved an excellent score in our Independent Quality Assurance Inspection. Another highlight was the Helpline Service, which attracted a wide range of new connections, including many for external customers.

Selly Manor

Selly Manor Museum is an increasingly attractive destination, with 2003 being a very successful year.

It attracted almost 14,000 visitors during the year. Many of them came to join in specific events organised as part of a busy programme. In addition, nearly 300 school groups from across the region came to learn about the Tudor way of life as part of the national curriculum.

We were also pleased to host a growing number of weddings for couples who used the historic surroundings at Minworth Greaves to set the seal on their civil wedding ceremony.

MORE THAN HOUSING

As well as running the Bournville Estate, the Trust provides a number of other services. The future of these services is looking brighter than ever.