

A year of progress

2005 was another very busy year.

Over the next four pages we take a brief look at some of the highlights.

Shenley Development, Bournville

Residents have begun settling in to the award-winning Shenley redevelopment, the first phase of which was completed at the end of 2005.

A total of 42 houses, flats and bungalows were constructed by Bullock Construction and designed by Bournville Architects. The site is on the side of a steep hill, which made the scheme challenging. However, environmentally friendly methods of working meant that during the course of construction the damage to the environment was kept to a minimum.

The Future of Lightmoor, Telford

After nearly ten years of planning, the joint venture with English Partnerships to create a second Bournville at



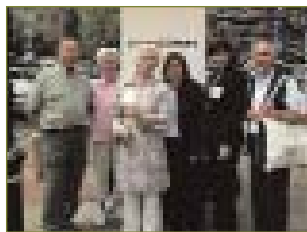
Lightmoor, in Telford, began in earnest with a start on site of the first 40 homes - ten of which will be owned by Bournville Village Trust. Selection also began to appoint a developer for the new village centre, which will have more than 200 homes.

The future village centre will include shops, an office for Bournville Village Trust, a public square and a licensed restaurant/public house. It is later expected to have a sheltered scheme for older people and a school with built-in community facilities for village residents.

Beech Spinney, Telford

In the Summer of 2005 HRH Princess Alexandra formally opened the Beech Spinney residential and respite centre for adults with severe and multiple learning difficulties in Telford.

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The scheme provides a permanent home for five young people with multiple disabilities, two respite beds and a therapy suite, as well as a hydrotherapy pool. The £1.3m development picked up a runners-up award in the “special needs” category presented by the National Home Improvement Council.

Tenant Participation

Tenant participation continues to be at the heart of BVT's culture.

In 2005 tenants took part in training sessions, tenant associations became more accountable, the organisation of a successful tenant conference took place as did the annual resident tour, and the development of the first Tenant Participation Charter.

More than ever, tenants are able to make a difference. There is a high rate of tenant satisfaction in terms of participation - Bournville Village Trust is in the top 25 per cent of housing associations nationally.

“It's a Knockout”

A number of housing associations across Birmingham joined forces to enable them to better engage with residents. Part of the initiative was an “It's a Knockout” competition between teams of staff and residents from member housing associations. BVT's “Bournville Bears” team joined in the fun on the day, the whole point of which was to achieve greater

participation, to help associations keep residents better informed and to build capacity amongst residents in order to facilitate more ways of participation.

Doseley Fun Day, Telford

The second annual Doseley Fun Day proved a roaring success in July.

Officially opened by Lord Grocott, amongst the attractions were a bouncy castle, and gladiator jousting - as well as the traditional stocks.

Tenant Conference

Last year's Shropshire Tenant Conference concentrated on the fear of crime.

Held in Telford, the event included workshops on anti-social behaviour, home and street safety and how the role of Community Support Officers has impacted on residents. The conference, held in October, specifically looked at tackling crime and disorder by bridging the gap between the older and younger generations.

“What House”

The restoration of the shops on the corner of Linden Road and Mary Vale Road was also featured in an awards scheme. This time “What House” magazine presented a bronze award in their restoration category.