



2006 meant a fond farewell from the Board of Trustees to Veronica Wootten, whilst a new face was welcomed in Paul Sabapathy.

Veronica Wootten had achieved 38 years of service as a Trustee when she retired in July.

Her first meeting almost 40 years earlier had seen her welcomed to the board by her father, Laurence Cadbury, who was at that time chairman of Trustees.

Veronica was one of only two female Trustees when she joined. During her tenure she worked on a range of committees, and was herself for 14 years chairman of Trustees.

She was proud to have overseen the publishing of the first formal BVT annual report and accounts, as well as playing a key role in developments such as Rowheath Solar Village, Laurence Court, Meadow Rise and Harvey Mews.

Veronica also presided over many important changes to the structure and management of the Trust, including resident involvement, the setting up of service companies and helping establish BVT's thriving presence in Telford.



• *Veronica Wootten*

Paul Sabapathy was appointed to succeed Veronica. With a background in finance and human resources, Paul brings a wealth of experience to the board.

A family man, Paul has a wide and varied experience in voluntary work across the health, education and business sectors.

He is already well known in the area as a board member of the Heartlands and Black Country Development Corporations.

Whilst at Heartlands, he worked with the Trust on the Bordesley and Nechells inner city regeneration schemes. He is also a past president of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Currently Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Central England, as well as chairman of the Birmingham East & North Primary Care Trust, Paul joined the 11 other Trustees on the board in 2006, determined to play an active part in helping BVT flourish.



• *Paul Sabapathy*

Executive Team

Peter Roach, B.A., IPFA.

Chief Executive
Appointed July 2002
Accountable to Trustees for the management of the Trust. Delivery of all Trust policies and Business Plan Objectives. Strong leadership for the organisation and acts as the Trust's principal ambassador.



John McNulty, M.A., M.C.I.O.B., M.C.I.H.

Director of Development & Shropshire Services
Appointed July 1987
Overall responsibility for Development across the Trust, & Management and Maintenance Services in Shropshire.



Diane Thornton, Aff IQPS.

Chief Executive's Office Manager
Appointed April 1995
Front of Office Services, Assisting with Public Relations, Trust Minute Secretary.



Alastair Flint, B.A. (Hons) F.C.I.H.

Director of Corporate Services
Appointed May 1982
Human Resources, Training, Office Services, Public Relations, Supported Housing, Selly Manor, Equality and Diversity, Investors in People, Health and Safety, Trust Secretary, Business Improvement Unit.



Alan Shrimpton, M.C.I.E.H., A.C.I.H.

Director of Estates and External Affairs
Appointed March 1985
Estate Management, Agricultural Estates, Bournville Schools, Community Services, Insurance & External Affairs.



Paul Haywood, B.A. (Hons) A.C.A.

Director of Financial Services
Appointed September 1987
IT Services, Management Accounts, Budgetary Monitoring, Treasury Management, Financial Planning.



Bob Stanton

Head of Housing
Appointed November 1990
Housing Management & Maintenance in Birmingham, Bournville Propertycare Services Birmingham, Managing Agencies & Tenant Participation.

