



A year in pictures



1. Eco home

We were delighted to be able to officially open our eco home, in Selly Oak Road, for viewing in 2008. Amongst those to visit were Margaret Allen and Sir Duncan Michael, both from the Housing Corporation (now the Homes and Communities Agency).

2. Planned Maintenance Exhibition

Residents were invited to ask questions of our staff who were present at the Planned Maintenance Exhibition held by BVT's Maintenance Services Department. In addition, we have produced a DVD which explains to residents how they and their home will benefit from the programme.

3. The Green Team

Pictured are Mollie Champ and Dolly Green, residents of Bournville Almshouse Trust, who received a Green Team Award for their efforts to increase the amount of recycling in their community.

4. Tenant Involvement Conference

Well over 100 people attended the annual Tenant Conference, held at Wolverhampton Racecourse. Once again the event was hosted by tenants for tenants.

5. The Quadrangle railings and Bell Tower

New ornamental iron gates which give access to the Almshouses were proudly unveiled. In addition, new bells were installed so the century-old clock tower could ring out again.

6. Shenley MUGA opening

MP Richard Burden officially opened Shenley's Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), which provides much needed sports facilities for youngsters and the local community.



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7. Lightmoor

The decline in the housing market has had a major effect on Lightmoor. House sales slowed and the commencement of the school was put back twelve months. Despite this, much work on the infra-structure continued with the creation of the first major park in Telford for 35 years. Staff were also heavily involved in bringing new residents together to grow a successful community.

8. Ironstone, Lawley

The first BVT tenants moved into Ironstone, a 21st century community at Lawley, Telford which will provide 800 affordable homes and is a partnership between BVT and The Beth Johnson Housing Group.

9. Appointment of Ian Tipton

We welcomed Ian Tipton, who took over as Executive Director of Bournville Architects in June. Ian is a young yet experienced architect and talented designer, who has worked on a range of master planning, new build and refurbishment projects. He brings to the Trust a wealth of knowledge and passion for first-class design.

10. Lower Shenley

A £25 million housing development began on the Lower Shenley site in July. Design quality and concern for the environment are top of the agenda for the development, which will see 167 new homes.

11. Shenley Community Police base

The new Shenley Community Police base was opened, reflecting BVT's continued support for community policing. Residents successfully raised £1,500 towards two bicycles for the Community Support Officers.

12. DVD – The Bournville Story

A new DVD was launched which traces the history of the Trust whilst highlighting a number of future developments. "Bournville Village Trust – Into the 21st century" is a 15 minute "snapshot" of the Bournville journey.