



## Bournville in Shropshire Tenants Organisation

AUGUST-ISSUE

We are a group of tenants who meet about six times a year to discuss ways in which BVT can improve our lives. These meetings are to discuss general tenants queries and not individual problems, but maybe we could direct you to the right department if you have an issue. We would love to have more ideas and would like more input from you about what you want from your landlord.

If you are interested in joining us, all travel expenses will be paid, then please use the contact details below.

Chairman	Ian Waye
Deputy Chair	Dot Humphries
Secretary	Martin Barrett
Treasurer	Karen Barrett



Some of us at a Tenant Conference at Wolverhampton Race course

### Treasurer

As treasurer I need to keep accounts to show how much money is in the bank account and what the money has been spent on. I keep manual and electronic copies of these. I organise payments for items that need to be bought and reimburse members expenses for attending meetings.

Martin (secretary) 01952 274868  
Please leave a message if no answer

BVT run a gardening competition every year for tenants. There are many categories to enter. Look out for entry form in the BVT Outlook magazine.

### Gardening tips

Try not to water your plants in full sun as this can burn the leaves.

Save coffee grounds from coffee makers, dry them and sprinkle around plants to deter slugs.

Composting uncooked vegetable waste, tea bags, grass cuttings and paper is good for your garden and the environment.

Plant colourful flowers to attract bees and butterflies.

Collect seeds from plants and put them in paper bags or envelopes in an airtight container to save money next year.

Leave a small part of your garden to grow wild to attract other insects. Children will be fascinated by these small creatures.



### Tenant Participation

As the person responsible for participation in Shropshire I would like to see many more of you participate in whatever way suits your life-style. This could mean being part of an e-mail forum through our new and exciting website. Or it could mean filling in survey forms for us or attending an occasional focus group on an issue that concerns you.

We want to give you as many opportunities as possible to participate in the management of your homes by the Trust. The Shropshire Tenants organisation meets regularly and would welcome you to their meetings. We are planning events such as tenant surgeries to move around the district. In October this year we will be helping stage the County tenants show which is a partnership between all social landlords in Shropshire.



If you want details of this event and other ways to become involved please ring Kath on 01952 504390

We will soon be managing a web site for tenants only and would like to have ideas for inclusion. The newsletter will bring you up to date on future developments.

Watch this space—[www.bisto-bvt.org.uk](http://www.bisto-bvt.org.uk)

Have you a favourite recipe or funny story that we can include.

We would love to hear from you.