

Boilers and windows replaced as maintenance programme progresses

Over 150 new boilers have been fitted to homes in Birmingham and Telford as part of work to make the properties that we manage warmer and more energy efficient.

We have also installed new UPVC windows to 70 homes, fitted 141 new front and back doors and completed 12 kitchen and 15 bathroom installations.

In the conservation areas of Bournville, we have secured planning permission from the Council to fit timber windows to the front of properties and UPVC windows and doors to the back (where they can't be seen from the public highway). Traditionally we have only been able to install timber windows and doors at both the front and back of homes.

We have also worked hard to find a contractor that can deliver the specialist service needed to make and fit timber windows at a price that delivers good value for money for the rent that residents pay.

Greg Lakin, Director of Assets at Bournville Village Trust (BVT), said: "Work to replace windows in and outside the conservation areas has been hampered by shortages of materials that are affecting the industry as a whole. The price of some materials has also increased significantly during Covid as demand for them has rocketed.

"Despite this, we are committed to continuing the window programme



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and replacing windows in the conservation areas. Work to fit new windows to a number of properties in these areas will begin before the end of the year. We have made good progress to fitting new windows and doors outside conservation areas in Birmingham and Telford and we have had positive feedback from residents on the work so far."

Over the next five years, the planned

maintenance programme will see new windows fitted to 600 properties in Birmingham and Telford, including installing bespoke new timber windows to 455 homes in conservation areas.

A total of 1,465 boilers will also be replaced, 375 heating-systems upgraded and 1,575 new front doors fitted as part of the programme which will see an investment of £23m into homes over five years.

For all those due to have work carried out to their home this year, we will be writing to you again with a further update. If you have a question about your property and planned maintenance, please email enquiries@bvt.org.uk or call 0300 333 6540.

Need to report a repair? You can do this on our website www.bvt.org.uk/your-bvt/report-a-repair/ or call 0300 333 6540.



Renting a home with us – your questions answered

Earlier this year, we launched BVT Homes – a new online portal where you can register and bid for a home with us in Birmingham or Telford.

To help you understand more about applying to rent a home with us or transferring, we have answered some of your most frequently asked questions. Turn to page 3 to find out more.

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Festive events for your diary

After a year of cancelled events due to Covid, we are pleased to announce that a number of Christmas celebrations are set to be held.

Bournville Christmas Festival will take place on Saturday 27th November from 4pm-6pm. We will also be holding a Christmas event on Shenley Green on 30th November at 5pm. In Lightmoor, Telford a Christmas fayre will take place on 9th December. For more details, please keep checking our website www.bvt.org.uk and Facebook page.

Is communication your thing? We need you!

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Turn to page 5 to find out more.

Bitesize news

Reporting issues made easier with app

It can be difficult to report an issue to us if you don't know the exact location, especially when it comes to our green spaces.

In Telford we have been encouraging residents to use 'What3words', an app that is also used by emergency services. It works by dividing the world into three metre squares and giving each square a unique combination of three words. You will need a smartphone to be able to use the app which you can use to report the three words to BVT and details of the issue. For further information, go to <https://what3words.com/pretty.needed.chill>

Thinking of making a home improvement?

Do you live on the Bournville estate or in Lawley village and are thinking of making a home or garden improvement?

We have new Design Guides for both the Bournville estate and Lawley Village in Telford. Both Guides provide information and advice on making changes to your home or garden and have taken on-board feedback from residents.

As a tenant if you want to make any changes to your property, including your garden, it is vital that you read the design guide for your area and gain permission from us before carrying out any work. There may also be further restrictions in addition to the Design Guide, so please check your tenancy conditions.

You can read both Guides on our website at www.bvt.org.uk/publications/design-guides. Prefer a paper copy? Call us on 0300 333 6540 to request one.



L-R Pete Richmond, Tracey Rowe and Alison McKittrick - all BVT



The wildflower meadow in Weoley Park

Wildflower meadow creates a buzz

A beautiful wildflower meadow is attracting bees galore as these fantastic photographs show. The meadow in Weoley Hill Park is bustling with nature, helping to promote and encourage greater biodiversity.

Plans to boost biodiversity in the areas of Birmingham that we work have been developed with help from The Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust. The Trust carried out an

ecological survey to document all existing plant species and habitats in Bournville, Selly Oak, Northfield, Weoley and Shenley and look at ways to improve them.

A comprehensive plan has now been produced for all the green spaces and parks that we manage in Birmingham and is currently being reviewed. Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey to share their views. More details will be available soon.

Can't wait on the line? Go online instead

Do you need to report a repair, make a payment or check your rent statement but don't have time to wait on the phone? Go to our website www.bvt.org.uk instead.

You can report routine repairs, make a rent payment and check your rent statement (by signing up to our portal SeeMyData) all on our website.

There is also lots of information that may save you a telephone call such as questions and answers about applying for a home or transferring homes. You can even see our latest job vacancies. To find out more go to www.bvt.org.uk. Don't have access to the internet? Why not ask a friend or family member to check for you.

Support for young people to get job search on track

Young people between 16 and 24 years old can now access free support to help them find new education, training or employment opportunities in Telford.

Telford & Wrekin Council and the Department of Work and Pensions have launched Telford Youth Hub which will support young people back into work or education.

The Hub, in Southwater, is a one stop shop for young people to find out about the jobs, apprenticeships and training options available locally. The scheme has been set up to help people who are finding it difficult to find new opportunities due to the pandemic.

Telford's Youth Hub team provide one to one support from job hunting, job applications, developing CVs right through to interviews. Advisors are on hand Monday to Friday 10am until 5pm. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, go to www.telfordjobbox.co.uk



Visitors enjoying the open day and Caroline Cadbury (L) taking a tour of the site.

Allotment welcomes visitors to open day

An allotment welcomed visitors to an open day where they could purchase plants and enjoy refreshments.

Hay Green Allotments held the event, which was attended by Caroline Cadbury (BVT's vice-chair

of Trustees), in September. Earlier this year, the Hay Green Allotment Association secured a £5,000 grant from the Selly Oak Neighbourhood Network Scheme to provide new opportunities for older gardeners, including raised beds and benches.

Home & living



Want to move home quickly? We have homes immediately available to rent.

Looking for a quick home move?

Details of homes that are immediately available to rent with us are now on our website.

By going to www.bvt.org.uk/homes-to-rent/immediately-available-homes, you can see what homes are available now (or will be very shortly) as well as information about rent and any associated charges.

If you are interested in a property, you can complete a short form expressing your interest.

Jane Griffiths, Head of Housing for BVT in Telford, said: "All the homes that we have available to rent are advertised on BVT Homes, the

online portal where you can register and bid for a home with us in Birmingham or Telford.

"However, we also have some homes that become available to rent immediately so we wanted to make it easy for you to see these properties and register your interest."

Please go to www.bvt.org.uk/homes-to-rent/immediately-available-homes to see our immediately available homes. Don't have access to the internet? Please ask a friend or family member to check for you or if you're not able to do this, you can call our customer services team on 0300 333 6540 for details.

Consultation sparks ideas for use of former office

Residents at one of our Birmingham housing schemes are helping to decide how a former office space is to be used to benefit their community.

People living at Alder Lane in Bournville met with BVT staff in June where they were invited to share their ideas for how a former office and garage space at the site could be used by residents in the future.

They were also asked for feedback on a new cleaning service (in place of a former

caretaking service) and landscaping at the grounds of the flats.

Ideas included using the garage space to store bikes and using the office as a place to hold meetings with agencies that can provide outreach services such as mental health or advice surgeries.

Colleagues in our Housing and Community teams will be using this feedback to inform services and make future improvements at Alder Lane.

Your questions answered – renting a home

Earlier this year we launched BVT Homes, an online portal where you can register and bid for a home with us in Birmingham or Telford.

To help you understand more about applying to rent a home with us or transferring to another BVT property, we have answered some of your most frequently asked questions.

How can I or someone I know apply for a new home with BVT?

Firstly, you will need to register on BVT Homes by going to www.bvt.housingjigsaw.co.uk and selecting 'join'. When you register, you will be asked for an email address and a password which you need to enter every time you log-in. You will then need to complete an application which takes around 20 to 30 minutes. Make sure you have your contact details, National Insurance number and the name and telephone number of anyone supporting your move such as a housing officer, support worker or homeless officer to hand.

What if I am already a BVT tenant?

Demand for our homes is very high and we only have a small number of properties available to rent each year. As a result, to make the way we let homes as fair as possible to existing BVT tenants and those looking to become a tenant, we have limited the number of properties that are available for BVT tenants who wish to transfer to another home with us.

I'm a BVT tenant, if you move me to another BVT home surely it will free up a property to rent to someone else?

It's not quite as straight-forward as that. Due to the limited number of properties that we have for rent and the high demand for transfers, we have found that the vast majority of our available homes are being let to existing BVT tenants. Even when a home was made available by a transfer, the home was being re-let to an existing BVT tenant. This meant that non-BVT tenants were at a disadvantage. We want our lettings process to be fair and that's why we have placed a cap on the number

of homes available for existing BVT tenants to bid on. This gives everyone the opportunity to rent a home with us.

I've been waiting to transfer for a long time and feel like I'll never get another home with you. What should I do?

If you want to transfer to another BVT home, we will do what we can to help but it's important to understand that because there is a shortage of homes it can sometimes take years to be offered a home. There is also no guarantee you will be offered the home you want.

To speed things up you will need to be flexible about what you are prepared to accept. If it is taking too long for you, you should also find out about all your housing options and we can help you do this. As well as a transfer, you could consider exchanging your home with someone else. You could also speak to the Council and other social housing landlords to see if they may be able to help.

There are also other options, such as private renting or buying a home either outright or through shared ownership. If you are looking for a new home, please speak to your Housing Officer. They can advise you about all of the different options available to you and help you plan what you need to do.

What priority will my application be given?

When you register your application will be placed in one of four bands, A to D. We will take into account your personal and housing circumstances when deciding the band you are placed in. Band A is the highest priority band. Your application will be placed in band A if your need to move is urgent. Band D is the lowest priority band. Your application will be placed in band D if your current home meets your needs but you would like to move. To see examples of why you would be eligible to be placed in each band, please go to www.bvt.org.uk/our-homes/faqs-about-applying-for-a-rented-home/

Money & savings

Partners join together to help households facing fuel crisis

Households in Birmingham who face being pushed into fuel crisis this winter are to get help from £380,000 project run by a partnership of five community organisations.

We will work with Saltley Community Association, Northfield Community Partnership, Anawim and Moseley Community Development Trust to help families in need after securing £380,000 from the Energy Redress scheme.

The project will use the funding to provide advice to stop struggling households in central and south Birmingham from getting to breaking point with their energy bills. It will also offer direct support with gas and electric bills to

families in fuel crisis or those at severe risk of falling into it.

The project comes as millions of people across Britain are set to be hit with higher fuel bills from this October, as the price cap for default domestic energy deals rises.

More information about the scheme will be available on the BVT website shortly. Not able to access the BVT website? Please call our Housing team on 0300 333 6540. Live in Telford and need urgent support with your energy bills? You can apply for help with gas or electric meter payments through Emergency Welfare Assistance. For details, go to <https://telford-gwa.egovhub.net/Gwa/GuidanceNotes> or call our Housing team for further details.



Our Financial Inclusion Officer, Louise Williams, can direct you to genuine support

Be vigilant against unregulated money advice

Residents are being warned to be vigilant of services offering unregulated money advice.

Money and debt advice is a largely unregulated area and some unscrupulous services are charging residents and then offering poor or no advice in return.

Some residents are also being approached on social media about making an indemnity claim against direct debits. Anyone can make an indemnity claim with their bank which must then refund all payments, no questions asked. The service provider then has to contest the decision (and should be able to

relatively easily) but the bank then chases the resident for the refunded payment which can leave them in huge debt.

Gareth Sinnett, Income Management Team Leader at BVT, said: "If you need money advice please get in touch with us first. We have dedicated Financial Inclusion Officers who can offer you welfare benefits advice and refer you to trusted agencies which offer free and specialist support."

To speak with one of our Financial Inclusion Officers in Birmingham or Telford, please call us on 0300 333 6540 or email enquiries@bvt.org.uk



Gas bills could increase for many households

Five things to do this autumn

Looking for things to do this autumn that won't break the bank? Here are five outdoor things that you could try.

1 Martineau Gardens, Priory Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Looking for a spot of tranquillity? Martineau Gardens is a great place to relax and entry is free, although donations are welcomed. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm.

2 Woodgate Valley Country Park, Clapgate Lane, Birmingham. This wonderful country park has 450 acres of meadows, wooded areas, hedgerows and wetland. It also has a café if all that walking makes you thirsty.

3 Wrekin Hills, Telford. You will marvel at the views from this ancient hilltop fortress and it is a 10 minute cycle ride from Wellington Train Station.

4 Adventure Golf in Telford Town Park. Get competitive with this Telford themed 12-hole adventure golf course. Set within the play areas at the Park, Adventure Golf costs £5.15 for adults (16+) and £3.60 for children (3 - 15). Book online at www.telfordtownpark.co.uk/info/29/adventure_golf

5 Autumn Antics at Manor Farm Park, 389 Bristol Rd South, Birmingham. Carve pumpkins, make broomsticks and take part in workshops and much more on 28th October 10.30am-12.30pm.



Enjoy the great outdoors this autumn

Skills & involvement

Aged 50 plus and want to get online? Read on

People aged over 50 in Northfield are getting help to get online thanks to a new project which includes a lending library of laptops.

A group of organisations committed to tackling health and other inequalities in Northfield and Edgbaston have come together to launch the new project.

It will ensure older people in the two areas have access to a digital lending library which will provide them with access to a digital device, training and ongoing support.

An estimated 2.7 million people in the West Midlands are still unable to access the internet and according to Ofcom, older people are less likely to have home internet access nationally.

Pauline Roche is the project's Digital Literacy Coordinator and the project involves two Neighbourhood Network Schemes, Northfield Community



Pauline Roche, the project's Digital Literacy Coordinator

Partnership, Age UK Birmingham and Gateway Family Services.

Rebecca Debenham, Chief Executive of Northfield Community Partnership, said: "We are delighted to have Pauline on board. This project will go a long way to address the digital divide in South Birmingham."

If you would like to know more, or get involved with the project, please contact our Community team so that we can put you in touch with Pauline. You can call the team on 0300 333 6540.

Is communication your thing? **We need you!**

Do you love sharing positive news, photos and videos about where you live? Or perhaps you have a keen eye for what makes great customer-focused communication?

We are looking for residents in Birmingham and Telford to help us provide better communication and customer service by;

- **Becoming a digital content creator.** We are looking for residents who would like to share and come up with positive and accurate news, photos and videos about where they live and share them on our BVT Communities group on Facebook. We will offer you regular online get-togethers with other creators to share ideas and you will be the first to hear about events, news and opportunities from our Community team. There will also be some free ticket opportunities too. Becoming a digital content

creator is also a great way of sharing your local news with a wider audience.

- **Joining our communications forum.** As a member of this soon-to-be relaunched group, you will review key customer documents and make suggestions for how they could be improved to provide better communication and customer service. The forum will meet four times a year (in person, online or a combo of both) to carry out reviews and meetings will be held after 5pm. You can also 'opt in' to reviews of your choice. It's a great chance to directly shape our communications and develop your own personal and professional skills, such as proof reading and team work.

To find out more about either opportunity, please contact Jess Allan in our Community team by emailing jessicaallan@bvt.org.uk or call 0300 333 6540.

Teens boost their skills through youth programme

Six teenagers have taken part in a project that aims to encourage young people to engage with local history and develop their knowledge and skills.

The Past-Future youth programme was a week-long heritage experience which hosted six 16-18 year olds at our museum, Selly Manor in Birmingham.

It helped the teenagers to engage with the heritage sector and local history through a variety of activities which included visiting other heritage sites, creating their own event for 'Takeover Day', trying out lots of different heritage job roles and reviewing Selly Manor Museum to help develop better provision for young people.

There was also plenty of time for fun, with scavenger hunts, quizzes and building competitions and the museum even had a visit from local MP Steve McCabe.

Tia Shah, Heritage Engagement Officer at the Museum who led Past-

Future, said: "All of the young people involved really benefited and enjoyed the programme and are going to continue working with us to put on events and to improve provisions in the museum for young people.

"Past-Future was just the beginning of Selly Manor Museum's engagement work with young people and we can't wait to continue this in the future."

After a successful pilot project Past-Future hopes to run again in 2022. If you know a young person who may be interested in taking part, please email tiashah@bvt.org.uk



The young people who took part in the project with Tia Shah (front)

Do you like sharing news online? You could become a content creator



Health & wellbeing

Surprise! Residents mark special birthdays

Two residents marked special birthdays in style recently with surprises from their family and friends.

During lockdowns many people missed out on celebrating special occasions with loved ones, including Joyce Larkins. Joyce moved into Bournville House in Lightmoor, Telford, just before a lockdown which meant that she couldn't have a 90th birthday party.

So instead, her daughter decided to celebrate Joyce's 91st with a surprise party. Many residents who hadn't met Joyce before came to say hello and enjoy a drink and some food.

In Birmingham, resident Hayden Gray turned 100 years old in

August, Hayden was a regular at Shenley Court Hall's lunch club (which you can read more about on this page) and whilst he isn't attending at the moment, staff still keep in touch with him.

When he was asked what the secret to reaching 100 years old is, Hayden said a 'tot of brandy every night but just a small tot.' He celebrated his special birthday with an afternoon tea with his friend/carer and a visit from Duncan Cadbury, BVT trustee.

Do you know someone who is celebrating a special occasion that you'd like to see recognised in this newsletter? Email clairepage@bvt.org.uk or call 0300 333 6540



Hayden Gray celebrating his 100th birthday with a letter from the Queen

Friends Reunited at lunch club

Pensioner pals in Birmingham have been reunited at a lunch club following the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Older people are now meeting again at Shenley Court Hall in Selly Oak on Mondays and Wednesdays for a two-course lunch.

We were forced to temporarily close the Hall and lunch club when Covid struck. To compensate, we launched a befriending service, making sure that anyone in the community who felt isolated or lonely received support and companionship.

However, many of the members of the club, which met twice weekly until it was halted, missed seeing

each other and the company the lunch club provides.

Barbara Karavelioglu, who helps to organise the lunch club, said: "We are so pleased to be able to reopen the lunch club again, we have missed seeing our members so much that it is brilliant to be able to welcome them back."

The lunch club runs every Monday and Wednesday from 11am-1pm and costs £4.50pp for a two-course freshly cooked lunch including tea and coffee. For an additional cost, transport to and from the club can also be arranged.

If you're over 50, live in the local area and would like to attend, call the Hall on 0121 475 7521.



Company and lunch is on the menu at the Shenley Court Hall lunch club

Recipe - Chicken Jalfrezi

Did you know that 7th-12th October is National Curry Week? So why not try this recipe courtesy of Change4Life (www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes)

Ingredients:

- 30ml rapeseed oil
- 700g boneless chicken, cut into cubes
- 3 medium onions, chopped
- 2 bell peppers (any colour), chopped
- 4 green chillies, sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 20g fresh ginger, peeled and sliced into thin pieces
- 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1 heaped teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon red chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon of garam masala
- 1.5 teaspoon coriander powder
- 250ml water
- Fresh coriander to serve, finely chopped (optional)

Method:

1: Heat the oil in a non-stick pan on a high heat. Add the chicken and cook for two minutes. Add the cumin, turmeric, chilli powder and half a teaspoon of salt (if using). Mix well and fry on a medium heat for 3 to

4 mins, stirring frequently to stop the mixture from catching, until the chicken is lightly cooked and starting to turn white.

2: Remove the chicken and set aside, leaving the oil and juices in the pan. Fry the sliced onions on a medium heat for seven minutes, until they're soft and beginning to turn golden. While the onions are cooking, blend the tinned tomatoes in a blender, or mash well.

3: Add the ginger, garlic and peppers to the pan and cook for two minutes, then add the tomatoes, mix well and cook for another two minutes. Stir in the coriander powder, chilli powder, garam masala, cumin seeds and half a teaspoon of salt (if using), and cook for a further minute.

4: Add the chicken pieces back to the pan, stir well to coat in the mixture and cook for a couple of minutes. Add the green chillies, mix and fry on medium heat for another two minutes. Pour the water into the pot and stir, then cover and simmer on low heat for 10 to 15 minutes.

5: Once the chicken is tender and the sauce has thickened, turn off the heat and scatter over the chopped coriander.

Community & people



Youngsters enjoyed a summer of fun at venues including Shenley Court Hall

Summer of fun for youngsters thanks to pioneering parents

Nearly 90 children have enjoyed a summer of sport, team building and fun thanks to a group of pioneering parents who formed their own sports club during Covid.

Children aged five to 14 met every day throughout August after a kick about in the park between kids sparked the creation of the Manor Farm Park Sports Club.

Not only has the club, which usually meets twice a week, given children the chance to meet up and play with each other during Covid but it's helped their parents too. Some parents were not only new to the Bournville area but new to the country just before Covid struck and were left feeling isolated and alone.

The group brought families together in a safe way and members have supported parents who needed help with translation skills and getting essential items and support during lockdowns, including accessing food banks. They have also been able to connect some families to voluntary support organisations like the Northfield Community Partnership.

The club secured funding from Street Games Fit and Fed campaign to run the holiday club which took place at Shenley Court Hall and Oddingley Hall. As a result, children were able to enjoy a healthy lunch, sport ranging from basketball and badminton to golf and cricket as well as fun educational activities like making their own model volcanos and

learning about water filtration.

To deliver the summer programme, the club partnered with Approachable Parenting Community Interest Company (CIC) and is now in the process of registering as a CIC in its own right.

Bournville resident Salaheddin has been instrumental in setting up the club, which his three children attend, but is quick to explain that it is a group effort.

He said: "We started with nine or ten children meeting in the park, then we got parents' details, started a WhatsApp group and it grew and grew. The kids have been hiking and canoeing and we even did stuff when it snowed.

"We have a committee of parents who run the club and the holiday club is staffed by young people who can relate to the younger kids. There is probably 17 or 18 different nationalities in the group, it's very diverse and everyone is welcome. We have got funding to take the children on a residential to the Peak District which for some, will be the first time they have left Birmingham since they came to the city."

The club is working with Bournville Village Trust to find a permanent space to run from and Salaheddin hopes other parents will be inspired to follow in their footsteps.

"Lots of parents want to do stuff for their children, you just have to be resilient and go for it."

Looking for funding for your community group?

Residents in Lawley Village in Telford who are part of a community group or organisation that benefits residents of the Village may be able to receive a grant from a Community Fund.

Grants of up to £2,000 can be awarded to groups from the Eileen Hewer Fund. The fund was set up

in 2017 in remembrance of Eileen, a devoted Lawley resident who passed away in 2016.

Previous successful applicants have included Lawley Running Club and Puddleducks Under Five Pre-School. To find out more about how to apply go to www.bvtlawleyvillage.org.uk/eileen-hewer-community-fund/

What are you 'Proud to Be' this October?

Did you know that October is Black History Month? In response, Black History Month UK has launched a campaign for 2021 called 'Proud To Be'.

It is encouraging black people to share what they are proud to be and is part of a month long celebration of the richness and diversity of black heritage in the UK.

Catherine Ross, Editor of Black History Month UK magazine, said: "Traditionally, Black History Month in October has quite rightly celebrated key figures and events in black history.

"This year, we want to go beyond that to recognise the achievements and contributions that black people make to the UK every day – from the black people working on the Covid-19 frontline in our hospitals, care homes, schools, supermarkets and warehouses, to the children and young people leading the fight

for equality in the classroom, to the household names using their platforms to push for change.

"That's why we're encouraging people of all ages, from all walks of life, to share their stories. We're all making black history, every day and we deserve to share and celebrate our stories."

Got a story to share for Black History Month 2021? You can share stories and experiences via letter, email or social media, including video and audio clips. To find out more and get involved email editor@blackhistorymonth.org.uk

Our museum, Selly Manor, will be holding an online exhibition to mark Black History Month. It will shine a spotlight on Nana Sir Ofori Atta, King of the Akyem people in 20th century, and explore his social, political and economic connections to Britain and Bournville. To find out more, go to <https://sellymanormuseum.org.uk>



What are you proud to be this Black History Month?

Puzzles & fun

Quiz

To be in with the chance of winning a £20 Love to Shop voucher, which can be redeemed at over 130 leading stores, complete the Quiz and email your answers to InView@bvt.org.uk – with subject header 'Quiz' by Friday 5th November 2021 or send your answers to inView competition, c/o Claire Page, 350 Bournville Lane, Birmingham, B30 1QY. All correct entries will be placed into a prize draw with one winner chosen at random.

- 1: What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
- 2: Which city were the 2020 Olympic Games held?
- 3: What is the capital city of Turkey?
- 4: In the film Yesterday which band does struggling musician Jack Malik suddenly find himself the only person to have heard of?
- 5: Which author wrote the 2019 novel Queenie?
- 6: Who was president of the USA in 1962?
- 7: Which actress played Holly Golightly in the film Breakfast at Tiffany's?
- 8: In which country would you find the Spanish Steps?
- 9: On average walking 10,000 steps equates to roughly how many miles?
- 10: Gameshow The Cube is presented by which TV personality?

Wordsearch

To be in with the chance of winning a £20 Love2Shop voucher, which can be redeemed at over 130 leading stores, complete the wordsearch and email the MISSING word to InView@bvt.org.uk – with subject header 'wordsearch' – by Friday 5th November 2021 or send your answer to inView competition, c/o Claire Page, 350 Bournville Lane, Birmingham, B30 1QY. All correct entries will be placed into a prize draw with one winner chosen at random.

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