

## Investment into improving homes continues

Work to improve homes across Birmingham and Telford is continuing this year with new windows, doors and boilers being installed.

**Over the next five years, Bournville Village Trust (BVT) is set to invest £30m into improving homes to make sure they are well maintained, warmer and more energy efficient.**

So far this year, we have fitted new UPVC and timber windows to 141 homes, installed UPVC and timber doors to over 190 homes, fitted 84 new kitchens and upgraded or swapped 82 boilers.

Nearly 30 fire doors have been installed to boost fire protection in flats and brand new heating systems (including the boiler and radiators) have been fitted in 29 homes.

Further improvement work is planned for the rest of the year and will include replacing even more windows, doors and boilers, fitting new kitchens and installing more fire doors.

Chris Hanson, Head of Assets at BVT, said: "We're committed to making sure all our homes are well maintained, warm and energy efficient, and hundreds of homes have already benefitted from improvement work so far this year.



Chris Hanson, Head of Assets at BVT, (pictured right) with BVT contractors in front of newly fitted front door

"We know from listening to you that the top priority for most customers is making sure their homes are warmer, more secure and more energy efficient, which is why we are focusing our work on heating

systems, windows and doors, and fire safety this year."

BVT's window and door replacement programme is focusing on replacing single glazed windows to homes with

no double glazing. However, new front doors will also be fitted to homes where double-glazed windows have been replaced in the past.

To ensure doors and windows remain in as good a condition as possible until they are replaced, we are carrying out an external home maintenance programme (which includes painting), continuing to undertake repairs where necessary (including draught proofing) and offering specialist energy advice and support.

By 2028, we plan to have fitted new windows to over 900 homes in Birmingham and Telford.

If you are due to have any planned maintenance work done to your home within the next year, we will write to you shortly. However, if you have any questions about planned maintenance work, you can email us at [enquiries@bvt.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bvt.org.uk) or call us on 0300 333 6540.

Turn to page 3 for more information on work to improve fire safety.



### Christmas events for your diary

**With the countdown to Christmas on there are lots of fantastic community celebrations planned to get you in the festive mood.**

From festivals and light switch-on events to a carol service, there is something to enjoy and get involved in where ever you live. To find out more, turn to page 2.

### BVT launches new corporate plan

**We have launched a new corporate plan detailing the direction of BVT for the next 10 years.**

The plan, which is available to read at [www.bvt.org.uk/publications/reports-and-plans](http://www.bvt.org.uk/publications/reports-and-plans), sets out the exciting journey we will take with the fantastic range of organisations, groups and individuals we work with.

Pete Richmond, Chief Executive at BVT, said: "We have and continue to build a strong BVT that delivers great services. However, we know we must continue to improve the condition of homes and provide

a quality customer service. This is why there is an overarching commitment in our plan to investing in existing homes and delivering a great customer experience."

There are some things that we will be doing differently over the next 10 years, including developing our market rent offer and a more robust commercial offer. Both will generate money that can ploughed back into improving the quality of existing homes and neighbourhoods to make sure they remain great places to live.

Look out for more information about the plan on our website and social media in the coming months.

### Win shopping vouchers

**Turn to page 8 to take part in a quiz and wordsearch for your chance to win shopping vouchers. We apologise for the error in the wordsearch in the last issue.**



# Bitesize news

## Garden event raises over £5k for charity

**A group of Bournville residents have raised over £5,000 for charity by opening their gardens for the public to enjoy.**

Seven residents and local charity Masefield Community Garden took part in the National Garden Scheme in July, giving visitors unique access to their gardens. The event raised £4,906.42 for National Garden Scheme nursing charities and £788 for other good causes.



Residents who opened their gardens this year

## Changes to Telford office for visitors

**Our Telford office has officially closed to visitors following a review of the best way to provide services to customers in the area.**

Cherry Tree House in Lightmoor will no longer be open to visitors and BVT staff will not be based there. Instead BVT colleagues will work from the Oak Tree Community Centre and Bournville House, both in the Village, when they are not working in the community.

To speak to our Estates and Stewardship team in Lightmoor, please visit the Oak Tree Centre Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, call 01952 898524 or email [lightmoorstewardship@bvt.org.uk](mailto:lightmoorstewardship@bvt.org.uk) and to arrange an appointment with our Housing team, visit reception at Bournville House (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm), call 0300 333 6540 or email [enquiries@bvt.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bvt.org.uk)



Bournville Christmas Festival coming soon

## Save the date! Festive events coming soon

**With the countdown to Christmas on there are lots of fantastic community celebrations planned to get you in the festive mood.**

The Bournville Christmas Festival and Lights Switch On, organised by festival partners, takes place on Saturday 25th November, 1pm-6pm, on Bournville Green. It will feature a Grotto, live music, craft markets, shopping, stalls and food.

A Christmas Carol Service and Lights Switch On is coming to Lawley Village square on Friday 1st December, 5.45pm-7.15pm. The

Telford Concert Band and local school choirs will perform, mince pies will be handed out and they'll be a visit from Santa. On 16th December, 12pm-5pm, a Christmas Fayre will also be held by Lawley's war memorial. In Lightmoor Village, residents can enjoy a special Christmas celebration on Friday 1st December from 5pm-8pm in Lightmoor Village centre.

All events are free and ticketless, so please be cautious of anyone offering to sell 'tickets'. For more event updates, please follow our Facebook pages.

## Fireworks display is set to be 'Weoley' good

**A date for the annual Weoley Hill bonfire and fireworks display has been announced. The popular event, organised by Weoley Hill Village Council, Scouts and Cricket Club, will take place on Saturday 4th November from 6pm in Weoley Parkway.**

Advance tickets cost £8 for adults, £3 for children (under two's are free) and can be bought at Shenley Court Hall from 9th October on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 4pm or from Weoley Hill Village Hall from 10th October on Tuesdays between 6.30pm and 7.30pm or Saturdays 10am-12pm. Tickets can also be purchased on the day and cost £10 for adults and £5 for children.



Fireworks will light up the sky in Weoley this November

## Eid celebration praised for bringing people together

**Organisers of an Eid event held in the grounds of our Birmingham office have expressed their joy at having the opportunity to celebrate together.**

The family event was held in June and organised by residents who also run sports activities for young people at Shenley Court Hall.

It celebrated Eid-al-Adha, the second and largest of two main holidays celebrated in Islam, and welcomed families for prayer and social activities.

Salah, lead organiser of the event, said: "It was an amazing day, it brought smiles to so many people's faces and the community finally could celebrate Eid locally in such

a lovely location. There are so many local families who are lonely, struggling and wanting simply to celebrate, meet and know others."

Are you part of a group or faith who would like to work with us to host an event in our grounds? Please email [communityadmin@bvt.org.uk](mailto:communityadmin@bvt.org.uk) or call 0300 333 6540 and ask for our community team.



Families celebrate Eid

## Youngster's love of flags inspires Bournville design

**A Bournville teenager with a passion for vexillology has created a flag inspired by where she lives. Sara-Marie loves the study of flags so much she has created a design for one to show off Bournville's rich heritage and history.**

The 13-year-old said: "The purple represents the Cadbury family and their values and contributions to Bournville. Green represents the greenery in Bournville and its intersection shows its coexistence with industry. The Quaker star is there to honour Bournville's Quaker heritage."



# Home & living

## Four ways to get your heating winter ready

Autumn is the perfect time to make sure your heating is working as it should before the colder weather sets in. Here are four things you can do now to make sure your heating is winter ready.

**1** Keep your gas service appointment. We check gas appliances in your home every year to make sure they're working as they should. When you're offered an appointment, please keep it or if it's not convenient, call us to rearrange it.

**2** Check your boiler pressure. We'll do this as part of your gas service but you can also check the pressure. Make sure your pressure gauge is between 1 – 1.5 bar. If the pressure is too low or high, please tell us.

**3** Bleed your radiators. Over time air can get inside your heating system which can result in radiators having cold areas. If this happens, try bleeding your radiators. All you need is a radiator key (available online or from a local DIY store for less than £1) and an old towel or rag. You can watch a 'how to' video at

[www.homeserve.com/uk/living/heating-and-cooling/how-to-bleed-a-radiator/](http://www.homeserve.com/uk/living/heating-and-cooling/how-to-bleed-a-radiator/)

**4** Test heating now. While it's still mild outside, test your central heating. Make sure the radiators warm thoroughly and there are no cold spots. Check for tell-tale signs that something might be wrong like clanking or gurgling sounds coming from your boiler. Please report any issues to us.



BVT resident Joan Preston with her recently fitted boiler

## Boosting fire safety in flats

We are boosting fire safety in flats in Birmingham and Telford as part of work to invest in and improve the quality of homes we manage.

Over 200 existing fire doors have been improved and nearly 30 new fire doors fitted this year to boost fire protection in flats. There are also plans to replace hundreds more fire doors over the next two years.

All the flats we manage have had compartmentation surveys carried out to see where works are needed. Sufficient compartmentation helps delay the spread of fire and smoke from one part of a building to another. Improvement work has already started at our extra care scheme Bournville House in Lightmoor and sheltered housing scheme Rowheath House in Birmingham.

Michael Bleackley, Fire Safety Advisor & Compliance Officer at BVT, said: "We're committed to making sure our flats are as safe as possible when it comes to fire risk."

"Every fire door has been inspected and any that need improving or replacing are now scheduled into a plan of works."

You can also play an important role in making your flat fire safe.

- Fire doors should be kept shut when not in use including the main entry door to the building.
- Don't tamper with self-closing door devices.
- Report any faults or damages to doors immediately by calling 0300 333 6540.



Fire doors transformed at flats in Mulberry Road. Before and after doors have been changed

## Don't be part of shocking stat this autumn

Did you know dodgy electrics are the leading cause of domestic fires in the UK? To avoid being part of this shocking statistic, here are some practical tips to reduce the risk of causing a fire or getting an electric shock.

- Don't overload sockets and if you need an adaptor, use a good quality multi-socket extension lead.
- Keep electrical leads and appliances away from water.
- Never use visibly damaged plugs, cables or sockets.
- Only buy electronic appliances and items from trustworthy sources and follow the manufacturer's guidance.
- Switch off electrical appliances when not in use.

- Don't leave mobile phones or devices charging overnight and only use the chargers supplied with them.
- Don't cover heaters or dry clothes on them and position them away from flammable bedding, curtains and furniture.
- Don't leave heaters unattended or fall asleep with them on.
- Don't switch electric blankets on while folded or crumpled up or use them with a hot water bottle.

And don't forget... Test your smoke alarms every month and keep your electrical safety appointment if you are invited to have one. If you have any concerns about electrics in your home, please call 0300 333 6540.



Javid Hassan, BVT Building Compliance Officer, is urging you to keep electric safety testing appointments

# Money & savings



Worried about the cost of living?  
Speak to us today

## Your cost-of-living questions answered

**With the cost-of-living crisis continuing to bite, our Money Matters team answers some of your questions.**

### 1 I'm struggling to afford to pay my bills, what do I do?

Start by splitting your outgoings into two, priority (rent / utilities) and other outgoings that you may be able to reduce or stop. Citizens Advice has a free online budget tool <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting/budgeting/work-out-your-budget/> that can help you do this. You might be able to increase your income too by claiming benefits. Check at <https://www.entitledto.co.uk>

### 2 I can't afford to pay my energy bills, is there any help?

Our Home Energy and Welfare Advisor can give you advice that could reduce your energy bills and she can check you're claiming any benefits / grants you're entitled to. To book an appointment, email [enquiries@bvt.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bvt.org.uk) or call 0300 333 6540. Check out <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy> for great energy saving tips too.

### 3 I'm in debt and don't know how to get on top of things, help!

Debt can be difficult to talk about but it's important not to bury your head in the sand. If you're in debt, with rent or any other outgoing, keep in contact with the people you owe money to and don't ignore letters or calls, don't be pressured into making payments you can't afford and don't borrow more money without thinking about it. For free debt advice, contact StepChange [www.stepchange.org](http://www.stepchange.org) or Citizens Advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/>

### 4 I'm worried about the cost of Christmas, is there anything I can do now?

Yes! Put aside a bit each week, even if it's just a few pounds, and ask family and friends if they would like to do a secret Santa so you don't have to buy presents for everyone. Try discussing Christmas with family and friends and explain it might be different this year.

If you need help managing money, are struggling to pay everyone you owe money to or need help managing your energy bills, call 0300 333 6540 or email [enquiries@bvt.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bvt.org.uk)

## Expecting a new arrival? Healthy Start can help

**If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four, you may be entitled to help to buy healthy food and milk.**

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it to use in some UK shops to buy cow's milk, fresh, frozen and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried and tinned pulses and infant formula milk based on cow's milk.

To be eligible you must be receiving a qualifying benefit and be pregnant or have parental responsibility for at least one child under four. To find out more and apply, go to <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>



If you're pregnant you may be entitled to help with food and milk

## Watch out for dodgy debt advice

**Charity StepChange is warning people to watch out for dodgy debt advice.**

With some people in debt for the first time due to the cost-of-living crisis, some companies are looking to take advantage by offering 'debt help' online or on social media.

This advice makes claims that are too good to be true like 'Government

backed quick and easy debt write-off', tries to sell you only one way to deal with debts (when you should have choices) and may even pretend to be charities like StepChange or the National Debtline.

To ensure you're getting legitimate advice, visit [www.stepchange.org/](http://www.stepchange.org/) checkit or call us on 0300 333 6540 to receive a referral.

## Don't be in the minority – set up a direct debit today!

**Did you know over half of BVT residents pay their rent by direct debit?**

Paying your rent this way isn't just convenient but residents who don't pay by direct debit are twice as likely to be behind on their rent compared to those that do.

Gareth Sennett, Income Services Manager at BVT, said: "Setting up a direct debit is a hassle free, convenient and a safe way of making payments. It's flexible too and we can set up any day payments to cover your weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual charges."

To set up a direct debit, call 0300 333 6540. You'll need your bank

details including account number and sort code. Please be aware if a direct debit fails, you may receive an automated text message asking you to contact us.



You'll need your bank details to set up a direct debit with us

# Skills & involvement

## BVT supports groups and clubs to thrive

**This year, we've been working closely with groups and clubs that operate from allotments, halls, sports grounds and more in Birmingham and Telford.**

We're working closely with these groups to ensure they have the support and skills to keep providing a service to you and your community despite any challenges they face.

Arthur Tsang, Director of Communities at BVT, said: "The groups and clubs that use our spaces provide a range of fantastic activities that benefit their local people and communities. However, it can be tough running a group or club, especially with pressures such as applying for funding, marketing services and activities or meeting specific regulations. We want to support groups, many of which are run by volunteers, and have put on workshops to give groups the skills they need to thrive and potentially develop new services."

As a result of the work:

- New groups have launched at Shenley Court Hall in Selly Oak including a group which connects people (whose first language

isn't English) together. 'Shenley Welcomes' is a free conversation cafe where people can learn to speak English and meet others and runs Friday's 1.30pm-3pm. A group has also launched at the Hall that supports families with children with additional needs. Set up and run by local families, it provides learning, social activities and support.

- In Lightmoor Village, a new youth service has been developed with Shropshire Youth Association (SYA). It provides outreach activities, sports and recreational sessions and youth forums.
- In Lawley, throughout the summer holidays, the team worked with partners at Telford and Wrekin Council and Lawley and Overdale Parish Council to put on a range of free, fun activities for children. These included cooking classes, a 'Wizard School' and 'Escape Rooms'.

Want to learn more and get involved? If you live or operate a group in Birmingham, email [communityadmin@bvt.org.uk](mailto:communityadmin@bvt.org.uk). If you live in Lawley or Lightmoor please email [lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk](mailto:lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk) or [lightmoorstewardship@bvt.org.uk](mailto:lightmoorstewardship@bvt.org.uk)



The Shenley Welcomes group

## Branch out by becoming a volunteer tree keeper

**Volunteers are being sought to help support Bournville's first tiny forest to flourish.**

Hundreds of trees were planted in Weoley Hill parkway, off Bristol Road South, last year to create a tiny forest that will be a haven for wildlife once established.

Severn Trent, the Official Nature and Carbon Neutral Supporter of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, provided the 600 trees made up of a variety of different species.

Now, Earth Watch are looking for volunteers to maintain the forest and track its environmental impact.

Juliet Davies, Estates and Stewardship Manager at BVT, said: "If you have time to spare and are interested in the environment, this is a really exciting opportunity.

"The role includes taking photos

of the forest's development, reporting exciting wildlife sightings and keeping a watchful eye on things that could threaten it such as extreme weather or pests and reporting these to Earth Watch.

"I would encourage anyone with a passion for the environment and nature to get involved and contact Earth Watch."

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer tree keeper, please email [tinyforest@earthwatch.org.uk](mailto:tinyforest@earthwatch.org.uk)



Pupils from Northfield Manor Primary helping to plant the tiny forest in 2022

## Get involved in neighbourhood profiles

**In June we launched new neighbourhood profiles for our Birmingham neighbourhoods.**

Using CENSUS data and other information, we created profiles that help us understand more about who lives in the neighbourhoods we work in.

This includes people's experience of healthcare, employment and education and the strengths, opportunities and challenges in each neighbourhood.

Since we launched the profiles, we've worked with community groups and partners like the Council to see what support, groups and activities are already happening in your neighbourhood. This will help us spot opportunities to fill any gaps in services.

Arthur Tsang, Director of Communities at BVT, said: "Since we launched the profiles, we've worked with partners to develop a youth activities forum in Bournville Village

to identify activities and services for young people. A new Shenley Forum, where groups, businesses and residents can come together to identify the things that they feel would improve the neighbourhood, has also been launched."

If you're a member of a local group, charity or organisation and would like to get involved in neighbourhood profiles and plans, or are a BVT resident and want to know more, email [communityadmin@bvt.org.uk](mailto:communityadmin@bvt.org.uk) or call 0300 333 6540.



New neighbourhood profiles will help us develop services where needed

# Health & wellbeing

## Young people benefit from new youth programme

**Young people in Lightmoor Village are benefitting from a new youth programme funded by Telford and Wrekin Council and BVT.**

The programme involves outreach work, a youth forum, young healthy champions initiative and junior and senior youth clubs as well as the opportunity for those aged 18 and over, to work towards a youth work qualification.

Councillors Raj Mehta and Jayne Greenaway also contributed to the scheme.

Tracey Rowe, Head of Estates and Stewardship, said: "We know one of the top priorities for families in the village is that there are activities for young people. We are therefore

pleased to be working as part of the Lightmoor Village Delivery Group with Shropshire Youth Association to provide a range of opportunities for young people to safely spend time together and be part of the wider community they live in."



Lightmoor youngsters having fun at youth club

## Bournville celebrates 100 years of gardening at its largest allotment

**A thriving allotment created by the Cadbury family 100 years ago is celebrating securing its future for years to come.**

Hay Green Allotments is a welcoming green space for local people, attracting a broad range of ages and nationalities. To mark their 100th anniversary, Hay Green Allotments has signed a 20-year lease with BVT.

Richard Trengrouse, Chair of Hay Green Allotment Association, said: "A hundred years ago the Cadbury family gave some seven acres of land at Hay Green to local people to grow vegetables and relax after work at their nearby factory.

"Today Hay Green Allotments is a thriving and diverse gardening

community with well over 150 members tending 120 plots in a beautiful setting accompanied by badgers, foxes and the occasional deer.

"We are incredibly pleased to sign this lease and partnership agreement with BVT to secure the allotments for future generations of gardeners."

According to the Royal Horticulture Society, gardens and green spaces are associated with better physical, social and mental health.

For more information about Hay Green Allotments, follow their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HayGreenAllotments](http://www.facebook.com/HayGreenAllotments)



Richard Trengrouse (centre) with other members of Hay Green Allotments

## Recipe: Mini apple and banana muffins (makes 12)

### Ingredients

- 150g plain flour
- 1.5 teaspoons baking powder
- 50g caster sugar
- 100ml semi-skimmed milk
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)
- 40g lower-fat spread, melted
- 1 medium apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 medium banana, mashed

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C (fan 180C, gas mark 6). Put 12 paper cases into a bun tray.
2. Sift the flour and baking powder into a mixing bowl, then stir in the sugar.
3. Put the milk, egg, vanilla extract and melted spread in a jug and beat together with a whisk. Add the wet mix to the dry ingredients, then add the apple and mashed banana. Stir until just combined. Do not overmix.

4. Spoon the mixture into the paper cases and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the muffins have risen and turned golden. Carefully remove the muffins in their paper cases from the bun tray and leave to cool on a wire rack.

Recipe courtesy of NHS Better Health, Healthier Families [www.nhs.uk/healthier-families](http://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families)



Yummy apple and banana muffins

## Family fun day is a knockout

**A fun day in Shenley where visitors could try their hand at boxing was a knockout with lots of families enjoying the event.**

The Shenley Family Fun Day was held in August at the multi-use games area near Hawkestone Road.

Birmingham Community Boxing Project offered boxing taster sessions, there were giant games to play, face-painting, keep fit sessions and Shenley Court Hall also held a craft fayre.



The BVT bee floats like a butterfly and well, stings like a bee at fun day

# Community & people

## New community hub for Lawley Village

**A new hub has opened in Lawley following requests from local residents for BVT to have a more visible presence in the village.**

The office space is situated within a building previously occupied by Fodens estate agents in Lawley Square.

Not only is it a base for BVT but it will also become the Lawley Village Community Hub and residents are being asked for their ideas on how it can be used by the community.

Some initial ideas include hosting regular community group get togethers or as a space for residents to meet professionals, such as local

police and NHS staff.

Nick Freeman, Estates and Stewardship Manager at BVT, said: "Over the next 12 months or so, we'll be taking the lead from residents as to how they want to utilise the building. BVT staff are already using the building and residents can arrange to see us there."



New community hub has come to Lawley

## Schoolboy brings Cadbury brothers' story to life

**With the help of his fellow pupils, a local schoolboy brought the story of the Cadbury brothers to life when he played Bournville's founder George Cadbury in his school's assembly.**

Eight-year-old Uzayr took on the role of George in the play which explored the story of the Cadbury brothers, Richard and George.

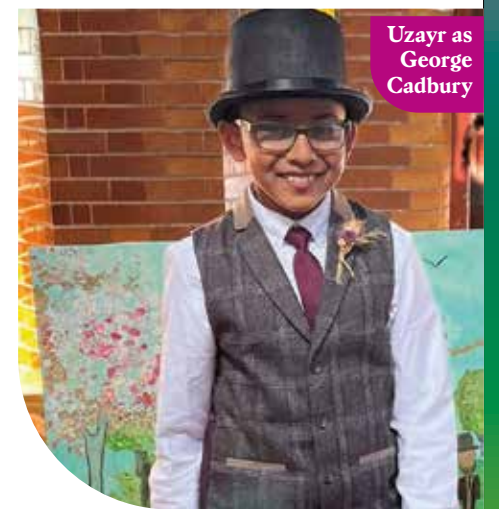
Uzayr's mum, Shabana, said: "Uzayr was very keen to play the part and enthusiastically put himself forward. He was very happy to have got the part and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"He was excited and nervous; he practiced his lines 'no man ought to be condemned to live where a rose will not grow' and 'we made cocoa of which we were very proud.'

"The script was beautifully written showcasing the heritage of

Bournville. The snippets of humour were so clever and the songs were inspiring. All the children delivered an amazing performance."

Well done Uzayr and all the other children who starred in the assembly play, a memory we're sure they'll always cherish.



Uzayr as George Cadbury

## New lease of life for former conference centre

**A former conference centre in Bournville is set to be given a new lease of life after standing empty for three years. The Beeches in Selly Oak Road ceased operating as a conference centre in March 2020. We took management of the site in September 2022.**

Now to meet the needs of people in urgent need of housing in Birmingham, we are working in partnership with charity Spring Housing to repurpose the Beeches into 24 quality two, three and four bedroom apartments. These will become homes for families in need of safe and suitable accommodation.

Arthur Tsang, Director of Communities at BVT, said: "BVT is

proud to be working with Spring Housing to convert the Beeches into safe and suitable homes for families, including those trapped in temporary accommodation. Although the scheme will be general needs housing, similar to many social housing tenancies in Bournville, Spring Housing also provide a range of advice and information services to help people thrive and achieve their life goals.

"We have been successfully working with Spring Housing in Bournville since 2019 when the charity took management of a former BVT care home. This home now successfully provides accommodation and support to those at risk of homelessness, helping to transform people's lives for the better."

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to BVT Garden Award winners Shabana and Nazim Zahir and Tina Nichols. All three were presented with garden awards for going above and beyond to look after their gardens.**

Would you like to nominate yourself or someone else for an award? Email [communityadmin@bvt.org.uk](mailto:communityadmin@bvt.org.uk)



Shabana & Nazim



Tina Nichols

## Exciting events for your diary!

**Whether you live in Birmingham or Telford, there is always something to look forward to in and around your neighbourhood. Hot on the heels of Lawley Summerfest and the Bournville Heritage Open Day, there are several exciting events taking place where everyone is welcome.**

### Birmingham

- Pumpkin Carving Workshop at Selly Manor Museum, 27th October 4pm-6pm. <https://sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2023-10-27/pumpkin-carving-workshop>
- Hauntingly Fun Halloween Half-term at Selly Manor Museum, 30th October-3rd November. <https://sellymanormuseum.org.uk/events/2023-10-30/ghostly-goings-on>
- Bournville Christmas Festival, Bournville Green, Saturday 25th November 1pm-6pm.

### Telford

- Community and Food Festival, Lawley Village, Saturday 14th October.

- Spooky Children's Halloween Ghost Walk, starting at Lawley Community Centre, 30th October 5pm
- Remembrance Day Service, Lawley War Memorial, 12th November 11am.

We are also excited to be developing new activities and events for 2024 including events that will celebrate Chinese New Year, Eid, Pride Month, Black History Month, Easter and many more. If you would like to host, promote or share ideas for an event you would like to see take place in your neighbourhood, please get in touch with us at [communityadmin@bvt.org.uk](mailto:communityadmin@bvt.org.uk) (if you live in Birmingham), [lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk](mailto:lawleystewardship@bvt.org.uk) (if you live in Lawley) or [lightmoorstewardship@bvt.org.uk](mailto:lightmoorstewardship@bvt.org.uk) (if you live in Lightmoor).



A community and Food Festival is coming to Lawley

# 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](mailto:InView@bvt.org.uk) – with subject header 'Quiz' by Friday 3rd November 2023 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: In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
- 2: In what US State is the city Nashville?
- 3: What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
- 4: Which country did the England women's national football team play in this year's World Cup Final?
- 5: Freddie Mercury was the frontman of which iconic rock band?
- 6: Which actor plays the leading role of Ken in the film Barbie?
- 7: Hindu festival Diwali is also known as the 'festival of' what?
- 8: Black History Month is typically celebrated during which month of the year?
- 9: Cashew, macadamias and pecans are all types of what?
- 10: Who created the character Peter Pan?

## Wordsearch

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| 1. Robin     | 6. Goldfinch |
| 2. Wren      | 7. Starling  |
| 3. Blackbird | 8. Magpie    |
| 4. Sparrow   | 9. Bullfinch |
| 5. Dove      | 10. Buzzard  |

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