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Official East Boro Office Commemoration

East Boro Housing Trust celebrates the official opening of its new offices, Faulkner House, 31 West Street, Wimborne.

The opening ceremony and naming of the building took place on Wednesday 25th June 2008, conducted by honoured guests Councillor Ray Dudman, Chairman of East Dorset District Council and Mr Ray Faulkner, East Boro Board Member.

Chief Executive Kevin Hodder says "The naming of Faulkner House, in honour of East Boro Board Member Mr Ray Faulkner, is small recognition for a lifetime of voluntary service, but it is a gesture of thanks from the organisation to a person who has given so much for the benefit of so many others."

Ray Faulkner has given 47 years service to the Trust and committed a lifetime of charitable dedication to the social housing movement within East Dorset, namely to East Boro Housing Trust. This has allowed many vulnerable people to benefit from a home and quality of life that may not have been there for them had Ray Faulkner not volunteered his services. **East Boro Housing Trust Chairman, Mr David Cawdery** said, "Ray Faulkner's commitment is an example that shines for all to see."

Representatives from Wimborne Town Council, East Dorset District Council, the Borough of Poole, Bournemouth Borough Council, Purbeck District Council and other local Housing Associations attended the opening. Partner contractors and developers, along with East Boro Board Members, staff and members of Ray Faulkner's family also joined together to celebrate the event. East Boro's move to the new offices marks a considerable milestone for the Trust as it expands but continues to remain in its hometown of Wimborne.

Notes to Editor:

Ray Faulkner responded to a Press Article in 1961, which asked for local professional people to help establish a voluntary Housing Trust in the Wimborne Area. A local Wimborne lady, Mrs Peggy Bartley and Friends, formed the Wimborne Area Housing Association. Today, East Boro owns and manages social housing throughout the East Dorset, Purbeck and Poole districts specialising in housing for the sheltered elderly and adults with learning disabilities. Its other services include a Sheltered Housing Warden Service, Learning Disability Support Team and a Direct Labour Response Repair and Care-taking Service. East Boro also have a Visiting Support Service in the Borough of Poole and a Handy Van Repair Service in the Bournemouth and Poole Borough districts. All East Boro staff are police checked and experienced in working with vulnerable adults.

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