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East Boro Housing Trust Moves Home

East Boro Housing Trust has moved to new office premises within central Wimborne.

The Trust's new home is Faulkner House, 31 West Street, Wimborne (the former Steele Raymond solicitor's building). The move took place over the Christmas period and The Trust opened at its new location on Wednesday 2nd January 2008.

There are two motivations for the move from the Trust's office at West Borough. Primarily, the Trust is about providing housing, and as town centre Sheltered Housing is in great demand, the Trust is intending, subject to planning permission, to develop the West Borough office site and extend Bartley Court Sheltered Housing Scheme. This would allow much needed quality Sheltered Housing in the town centre near both shops and community facilities.

In addition, the continued gradual growth of East Boro is required to ensure that it stays financially viable for the future. This move will enable the Trust to remain independent and able to focus on providing homes and services to its tenants. The new, larger office premises are needed to allow the Trust to increase the services it offers to present tenants, partner organisations and Local Authorities.

The new premises will be named Faulkner House in recognition of one of the Trust's Board Members, Mr Ray Faulkner. Mr Faulkner has been with the Trust since its inception in 1960.

Chief Executive Mr Kevin Hodder says, "Mr Faulkner's work, commitment and dedication to the Trust has been second to none. We are both honoured and privileged that he still works with us as we enter our 48th year."

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He continued, "The move to West Street demonstrates the Trust's continued commitment to Wimborne and the East Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth area. West Street will provide the Trust with ideal office facilities as it approaches its half century anniversary and will also meet the Trust's needs as it plans for its next half a century."

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Note for Editors:

The Trust now provides accommodation for the Sheltered Elderly, adults with learning disabilities, single parent families, housing for single young people and general needs housing for young couples/small families. The Trust's other services include its Sheltered Housing Warden Services, the Learning Disability Support Team and a Direct Labour Response Repair and Care-taking Service.

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