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EAST BORO CELEBRATES OPENING OF MORE NEW TOWN CENTRE FLATS

East Boro Housing Trust officially opened its new flats, Meadow Point, Wimborne, on Thursday 23rd July 2009.

The new flats were opened by Councillor Pauline Reynolds, Chairman of East Dorset District Council. Also in attendance were Councillor Terry and Pauline Wheeler, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Wimborne, along with District Councillors from East Dorset's Housing Sub Committee, Members of the Town Council and other housing professionals.

Originally built for the private market, East Boro acquired the development in February 2009. Following the exchange of contracts, a rapid four week build project ensued seeing the completion of the thirteen flats, finished in time to re-house remaining Shamrock Court tenants forced to move from the nearby Anchor Housing Trust scheme.

Meadow Point achieved £1.3 million funding from the Homes and Communities Agency, which, without support from East Dorset District Council, would not have been obtained. East Boro's funding for such developments is achieved through the Source Development Partnership; a Dorset based consortia in which local housing associations work together to ensure housing need is met. The partnership bids for grant funding to the Homes and Communities Agency, HCA, the Government body that delivers social housing. In addition to the HCA funding, East Boro also contributed its own funds to the development, with support from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

East Boro's Chief Executive comments: "The Trust is pleased to be able to offer more sheltered housing accommodation in Wimborne. We were specifically pleased with Meadow Point, to enable a number of the tenants from the closing Shamrock Court to have the chance of a new home and to stay within Wimborne Town."

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