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East Boro Housing Trust Elects New Chairman

Dorset Social Housing provider East Boro Housing Trust appoints a new Chairman, Mr David Cawdery A.C.I.B. He was elected at the Board Meeting held following the Trust's Annual General Meeting at East Dorset District Council Chambers on Wednesday 18th July 2007.

Mr Cawdery joined the Board in March 2003 and became the Trust's Vice Chair in June 2006. He was formerly Head of ICT for Barclays Bank in the Caribbean and is now an IT Consultant. He has specific skills in technical management, information technology, organisational management and personnel. Mr Cawdery succeeds the former Chairman Father Graham Smith, Assistant Parish Priest at Christchurch Priory.

Mr Cawdery said "I am extremely proud to be elected as the Trust Chairman and will do my utmost to ensure the Trust continues to provide a first class service to its tenants. It is an honour to follow on from Father Graham Smith, who has been a first class Chairman over the past five years."

Father Graham Smith announced his retirement as Chairman of the Trust after serving over 16 years as a member of the Board of Management. Father Graham joined the Board in 1991 and was Chairman of the Building Committee and Vice Chair of the Trust before becoming Chairman in June 2002.

During his five years as Chairman, Father Graham has overseen considerable growth of the Trust. Between June 2002 and June 2007, units under management have increased from 174 units to 263 units and the Trust's stock value has risen from £18 million in 2002 to £27 million in 2007.

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Father Graham said “I am extremely proud of the Trust’s achievements and development over the past five years during my Chairmanship. I would like to thank all of my colleague Board Members and the Trust staff for supporting me in helping the Trust to grow and develop successfully. I feel confident that the Trust will continue to build on this success in the future.”

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Note for Editors:

East Boro Housing Trust is a ‘Traditional’ Housing Association, founded in Wimborne, Dorset, in 1960 by Peggie Bartley, who was married to local GP Dr Christopher Bartley. The Trust’s registered office is still in Wimborne today and the Trust manages stock in Dorset, focusing on housing for the sheltered elderly and adults with learning disabilities.

Trust Mission Statement: *‘The Trust seeks to provide an effective, efficient and caring service to its Tenants.’*

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