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BARTLEY TRADITION CONTINUES WITH OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW FLATS

East Boro Housing Trust officially opened its new flats at West Borough in Wimborne on Tuesday 23rd June 2009.

Built on the site of the Trust's former office, the new flats are an extension to the Trust's existing scheme Bartley Court, named after the Trust's founder Peggy Bartley. The addition of these six one-bedroom flats to the Trust's housing stock represents the continued tradition of Peggy Bartley in providing affordable homes to local people in Wimborne town centre, nearly fifty years on since she decided a Trust like East Boro was needed in the area and East Boro was formed.

Fittingly, the new flats were opened by David Bartley, the grandson of the Trust's founder. Also in attendance were Councillor Reynolds, Chairman of East Dorset District Council, Councillor John and Anne Burden, Mayor and Mayoress of Wimborne, along with other District Councillors from East Dorset's Housing Sub Committee and Members of the Town Council.

The six flats achieved over £400,000 funding from the Housing Corporation, which, without support from East Dorset District Council, would not have been obtained.

Completed in March 2009 all six flats are now occupied, some of those by tenants from the Anchor scheme Shamrock Court that recently closed down. Mrs Godsell, one of the tenants now living in the new flats says: "I absolutely love this place; I feel secure and have the daily Warden visit too, it's lovely. It is everything I ever dreamt. As soon as I saw the flats I fell in love, we are so lucky and we are all delighted with our new home."

East Boro's Chief Executive comments: "We are pleased to complete this successful scheme and would like to thank all of the partner organisations for their support. It is extremely rewarding to see how thrilled and happy our new tenants are with their new flats. The Trust is pleased to again be able to provide more accommodation in East Dorset."

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