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Springtime celebrations at new extra care scheme in Rotherham

The Mayor of Rotherham, Councillor Shaukat Ali officially opened the new extra care scheme (Bakers Field Court) on Longfellow Drive, Rotherham on Wednesday 20th May 2009.

After the official opening by the Mayor there was a tour of the facilities followed by a buffet lunch. Residents and guests were then visited by local school children from Herringthorpe Junior School who sang a range of songs with everybody having a good old sing along. The Gillian Banks Theatre School then performed several dance and song routines including Spanish dancing, the Groovy 70's and a gospel set from the film, Sister Act. Residents commented that the day had been lovely and seeing the children and the theatre group was really special.

Steve Close, Group Chief Executive of Chevin Housing states "We were delighted that the Mayor agreed to open the Bakers Field Court scheme. He was delighted that the needs of older people in the area were being looked after in such excellent surroundings. The event was a great success and residents in and around the scheme, along with their family and friends, really enjoyed the entertainment provided and the opportunity for everyone to get together and celebrate the opening. It is clear there is already a really good community spirit within the scheme and the wider community".

Chevin Housing Association Ltd in partnership with Strata Construction and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council completed this extra care scheme for mixed tenure in Rotherham. The well equipped accommodation consists of 44 two bedroom apartments and 15 two bedroom bungalows, including 6 for shared ownership. The development is built to a high specification for people over 55 years of age who need varying levels of care whilst maintaining their independent living and finances. Facilities on site are tailored to the needs of the residents and include: a restaurant, hairdressing salon both of which are open to the wider community, an activity room, an emergency call system and much more. Landscaped gardens surround the scheme with parking available for residents and visitors.

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The Mayor and Mayoress of Rotherham along with Steve Close, Group Chief Executive of Chevin Housing meeting one of the Bakers Field Court residents, Mrs Woolley who kindly showed them around her bungalow.

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