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PRESS RELEASE

THANK YOU PARTY FOR CHEVIN RESIDENTS

Residents who live on Chevin Housing Association's scheme at Hallam Court in (Bolton-on-Dearne, Barnsley) were invited to attend a thank you party at the beginning of March organised by Bramall Construction and Chevin Housing Association.

The party was organised to say a big thank you to residents on the scheme who have recently had their homes completely refurbished by Bramall Construction. The work included fitting new kitchens, bathrooms, heating, windows, insulation and external works including resurfacing the car park over a period of 16 weeks.

Suzanne McLoughlin, Area Manager for Chevin Housing Association commented "It's really good to see the refurbishment complete and what an improvement it has made to the properties. Communication during the contract period has been excellent with residents, Chevin and Bramall working closely together. We look forward to working with Bramall on future projects".

James Hamilton, Contracts Manager for Bramall said: "All the residents at Hallam Court have been a pleasure to work with and have been very cooperative whilst we've refurbished their home. We've had really positive feedback about the work that has been done and have got to know everyone here which is why, along with partners Chevin Housing, we wanted to hold a party to say thank you and farewell".

Photographed on the day of the party having a chat and a cup of tea are Suzanne McLoughlin, Area Manager, Sam Sykes, Re-investment Manager of Chevin Housing and Jean Fletcher who is a resident at Hallam Court.

Notes to Editor

Chevin Housing Group

The Chevin Housing Group operates across Yorkshire and the Humber and North Nottinghamshire, with around 6,000 rented homes in management. We also manage a further 1650 leasehold homes which include 750 private sector flats.

The vision for the Chevin Group is, 'building a better future for people and communities'. In order to achieve this we are involved in a diverse range of activities. These include; managing and maintaining rented and leasehold homes, the development of new and refurbished homes (including rented, leasehold and sale options) and regeneration services, working in partnership with local people to enable them to play a part in the future of their neighbourhoods.

An inspection carried out by the Audit Commission in 2006 determined that Chevin provides a good 2 star service with promising prospects for improvement. The report commented that, 'Chevin is a customer focussed organisation, which develops services based on customer feedback'.

The Group employs around 200 staff headed by the Group Chief Executive, Steve Close.

Bramall Construction

Bramall Construction is part of the Keepmoat Group, a highly successful community regeneration organisation with a turnover of more than £560 million a year.

Bramall Construction specialises in delivering innovative solutions to the refurbishment and new build of the social housing market. The company works throughout Yorkshire, Humberside, East Midlands and the North West.

Since its beginning in 1931, the Bramall Construction has grown into a progressive and forward thinking construction organisation with a turnover of more than £200 million a year.

It is now involved in numerous long-term partnerships with local authorities, Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMO's), Large Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT's), Housing Associations and other Social Landlords to help them achieve the government's Decent Homes Standard by 2010.