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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IN HULL

On Friday 31st October 2008 families joined in the fun on the Preston Road estate in Hull where a Halloween event was organised by Chevin Housing Association in partnership with the Freedom Community Centre.

The purpose of the event was to get residents, their families and staff to take part in various activities throughout the day helping to bring the community together on this newly built estate.

Children and their parents were encouraged to get involved by taking part in a fancy dress competition, a face painter, bouncy castle, magician and balloon maker kept everyone entertained throughout. Everyone enjoyed a hearty bowl of home-made soup and sandwiches at the Freedom Community Centre and special prizes were given to the children for taking part.

Gill Green, Service Improvement Co-ordinator at Chevin said

“I was very impressed with the effort put in by the people living on the Preston Road estate and the Chevin staff who worked hard to ensure the day went well. Involvement of residents is key to the long term success of events like these and for the sustainability of new neighbourhoods. Our aim for Preston Road in Hull is to give the area a fresh start and hope that residents appreciate how good the neighbourhood can be if they work with us and other agencies to rebuild communities”.

Photographed: Gill Green (Service Improvement Co-ordinator - Chevin), Paula Monaghan (Housing Officer - Chevin) and the children that took part in the Halloween fancy dress competition.

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Notes for editors

The Chevin Housing Group was formed in 2001 and consists of Chevin Housing Association and Harewood Housing Society. Chevin, the parent company owns, manages and maintains the Group's rented homes and Harewood manages and maintains the Group's leasehold properties and also provides a management service to private sector leaseholders.

The vision for the Chevin Group is to create better futures 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 which include working in partnership with local people to enable them to play a part in the future of their neighbourhoods.

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

As with all registered Housing Associations we are regulated by the Housing Corporation, a Government quango. A Board of Management is at the head of the Group's governance structure. The Board is made up of 10 members with a wide range of experience and skills.

The Group's reinvestment programme is around £6m per annum and the Development Programme is currently running at around £20m per annum. In 2004 the Group formed Synergy Housing Solutions Ltd which is a regional based development partnership of associations with Chevin Housing Group as the lead partner for delivery.

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