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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **WE ARE PROUD TO OPEN LAVENDER COURT - KENDRAY BARNESLEY EXTRA CARE SCHEME**

Chevin Housing Association in partnership with Bramall Construction, Berneslai Homes, Barnsley MBC and the Housing Corporation are proud to have completed the first extra care scheme to be built in Kendray, Barnsley.

Extracare housing schemes link accommodation with care and are seen as the way forward to provide older people with their own high quality accommodation, with access to housing related support and a personal care package that is close at hand. The main aim is to give older people the support they need in an environment that promotes independence, whilst providing a real alternative to residential care.

This wonderfully designed scheme has 19 two bed and 25 one bed apartments in the main building plus 8 semi detached 2 bedroom bungalows in the surrounding grounds offering the same benefits as the apartments.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006 Lavender Court was handed over along with the two apprenticeship bungalows from Bramall's to Chevin to signify building works were complete on site.

David McKeown, Group Development & Regeneration Director said "We are delighted to be able to provide such a wonderful extra care scheme in Barnsley. There is nothing like this in the area and it is a much needed service for older people who wish to regain some of their independence.

Residents started moving in on 8th January 2007 and the scheme was fully occupied by 26th February 2007. There is an opening event planned for the Spring time.

If you would like to find out about Lavender Court or future developments in Extra Care please contact our Supported Housing Team on: 01924 831707.