



Working with communities

Environmental Improvements

Over 450 homes have been provided with new front and rear boundary walls with the aim of securing a long term future of the houses and the area whilst also improving safety and security.

Substance Misuse Officer

Working with Hemsworth District Partnership and the Health Authority we have part funded the appointment of a Substance Misuse Officer. The Officer works with local residents to help provide support and guidance and also works with local schools to raise awareness of drugs and alcohol.



Support For Schools in the Varadero Area of Dominican Republic

We are now collecting more resources to support another school in the rural interior of the country. Through our links with Hull City Council, Chevin for the second year running are supporting primary schools on the island. The schools are selected by tourist authorities on the island on a rota basis so any help is shared around. Chevin have supplied pencils, pens and small stationary items to help with schooling.

Future Jobs Fund

We are creating strong links with other agencies to support this Government initiative to alleviate the effects of the current recession. Chevin will provide short term jobs for young people to help with their employability as part of a country wide partnership with the National Housing Federation.

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Brayton Parish Church

There are many Chevin properties both in the village and locally. Chevin got involved with the new village hall project helping the committee complete and submit funding applications to be able to build a new village hall. They were successful in securing funding and a grand opening for the new hall is scheduled for late 2009 with the Archbishop of York conducting the official opening.

Chevin Skillsbuild Construction Training Centre

Chevin Skillsbuild based at Featherstone in Wakefield provides City and Guilds Level 1 'Introduction to Construction' to young students aged between 14 – 16 years. The training centre also provides construction "taster" sessions as part of the Wakefield Homebuilder Gateway programme and is working with schools to provide construction training to disengaged young people, as an alternative to school classroom teaching. Plans for 2009/10 include working with Wakefield College to provide Entry to Employment (E2E)

construction training to 16-18 year olds who are not participating in any form of post-16 learning or employment. The E2E construction training aims to develop motivation and confidence, basic and key skills and offer a range of opportunities to gain vocational knowledge, skills and understanding. The aim is that students will progress into an apprenticeship, a job or further learning. New to 2009/10 will also be NVQ Level 1 and 2 courses in carpentry and joinery. The centre aims to provide free construction training places for local people from disadvantaged communities.

Community Driving Schools (CDS)

The CDS concept has so far helped 165 young people aged 17-25 years into work or training and diverted many of them from risk of offending. Across the Yorkshire & Humber region, communities like the Chapeltown area of inner city Leeds, former mining villages in the Wakefield area, rural communities and estates in Hull have all benefited. All of the schemes are led by local people and supported by the Chevin Housing Group.



Leeds Somali Community Forum

This is a community of people newly arrived in the area with a strong desire to organise self-help activities. The group, led by Chevin tenant Mr Hussein Nur are running volunteer after school classes to enhance young peoples education and plan to extend this for adults in the months to come.

Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Community Safety Forum

Now in their 9th year, the forum continues to grow and is the sole body remaining at the end of the areas SRB regeneration programme. Their most recent success is the reopening of a children's playground on a local housing estate.

Fitzwilliam Oral History Project

The local community decided to record its rich history and was supported by Chevin Housing and the Heritage Lottery Fund. We commissioned professional media company one2one productions to produce a website and deliver training. Take a look at the webpage and follow the links

<http://www.onetooneproductions.com/fitzwilliamarchive/about.aspx>



Lavendar Court, Kendray

Chevin have helped the residents association at Lavender Court successfully bid for funding. The funds will be used to support shopping trips, provide a stock of DVD's for free loan and extend outdoor facilities which will allow better access for wheelchair users to a larger area of the garden.

South Kirkby Residents Association Community House

SKRA are a well established community group chaired by a Chevin tenant board member. Their various activities are well known locally and support work with local young people, the elderly and also offer advice sessions for benefits, housing, and the Police and Fire

Service. The group have popular weekly activities including bingo and even a knitting club. Their latest project is to work with local partners to establish a multi use games area and youth shelter using a contribution from Chevin, South Yorkshire HA and South Kirkby Town Council. The community house is a Chevin property leased to the community.

North & East Yorkshire Worklessness Project

Chevin has for several years supported initiatives that help residents enter into the job market.

Chevin understands the difficult economic climate that everyone is having to face up to at the moment and the most recent initiative they have launched to try and assist their residents through these turbulent times is the "Initial Steps" programme.

Working across NE Yorkshire & the Humber and in partnership with Intraining (ESD) Ltd the aim is to help residents who have difficulty finding work, have been made redundant or otherwise lost their jobs to get back in to employment.

Intraining (ESD) Ltd has a team of advisors that offer help and support with writing CV's, giving interview tips and are able to help with any barriers to work. They have been successful in securing a ESF/Jobcentre Plus contract called "Initial Steps" which offers a range of training and support such as: face to face advice and guidance, literacy and numeracy support, self-confidence building, job focus training and job searches, work experience placements, self-employment advice, employer information and marketing, enrolment on a training course to help get back into work and meeting new people.

East Hull

Community Planning Project

The East Hull Community Planning project is funded jointly by Gateway Pathfinder, the Tenant Services Authority and Chevin HA. The project provides a range of complimentary community based initiatives and projects aimed at providing "added value" to the regeneration work being undertaken at Ings and Preston Road in Hull. Here are some of the project that have been developed:



Past, Present and Future of Ings Book

The book looks at the past, present and future of the Ings Estate. Local residents, residents groups, voluntary groups, youth groups and the local school have been involved in the production of the book. It charts the history of the Ings Estate focussing mainly on the Ings Caspon estate that is now a regeneration priority area that forms part of Gateway Pathfinder housing market renewal proposals. To view the book visit www.chevinha.co.uk.

Ings Youthbuild

Chevin aims to maximise the provision of employment and training opportunities on all of its development sites across the region. At Ings we are working with Southdale Homes and Gateway Pathfinder and have been able to provide apprenticeships for local people. Further apprenticeships are to be provided on the next phase and we are working jointly with other agencies to develop a construction based social enterprise that will develop further the employment and training opportunities that will be made available across the city.

Hull Do It Yourself Project

A session of 6 DIY workshops have already taken place for people who live on Preston Road. The project provided training in various aspects of DIY such as tiling, wallpapering, basic joinery skills etc. The DIY Workshops aim to provide people with the knowledge and basic skills to enable them to undertake DIY jobs throughout their home, to develop their self-confidence and improve their quality of life.

The DIY project has proved so successful it is now set to be rolled out across the whole of the City working in partnership with Hull City

Council to provide DIY training to new and existing council tenants.

Moorthorpe Area Regeneration

Working with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council the Association has been successful in securing over £4m to carry out environmental improvements that include the building of new boundary walls to around 450 homes. Funding was also secured to purchase properties to undertake major improvements to then sell on to owner occupiers with the aim of increasing the level of owner occupation in the area. Crucial to the success of the regeneration of the area has been the opening of a local community house and also initiatives to tackle problems of crime, drugs, anti-social behaviour and flytipping.

Neighbourhood Management

Crucial to the future regeneration of the area is Chevin's "Community House" out of which the Association runs and co-ordinates intensive neighbourhood management of the area. The neighbourhood management work underpins all the capital funding projects and works with the local community, the Police, Wakefield MDC, the Health Authority and other agencies to tackle problems such as drugs, crime, anti-social behaviour and property condition etc.

Improvement For Sale

Green Corridor funding has enabled the purchase and improvement of 22 homes for sale to first time buyers and owner occupiers. The project aims to increase the level of owner occupation in the area and a reduction in the high level of private landlord ownership to help future sustainability of the area and the community.