

Community at Heart New Deal for Communities 2000 - 2010



HOUSING

180 new homes

In partnership with Sovereign Housing Association, Community at Heart has paved the way for around 180 new homes on brown field sites in the Barton Hill area. This provided much needed new housing in the area, including larger family homes and mixed tenure developments to help get people affordable homes.



New shops (£1.1 million)

Community at Heart funded the development of four new shops and Sovereign covered the cost of 12 flats on the site of the old Corbett House Surgery. This created new competitive shops and also enabled the demolition of the old rank of shops on Avonvale Road to make way for new larger family homes. Community at Heart owns the shops and the rent generates income for the charity.

Housing Solutions

Community at Heart funded a worker to assist residents in setting up a group to look at improving services to Council owned properties in the area. The group then went on to set up as an official Tenant Management Organisation, which aims to deliver services on behalf of the landlord and provide a better, and more effective service to tenants.

Planning Solutions

Another aspect of the housing theme has been to enable residents to engage with agencies on planning issues. Community at Heart funded a worker who developed and supported this resident group, which meets and draws together comments on planning applications from local people to feedback to the council.



Lincoln Gardens Very Sheltered Housing (£500,000)

Community at Heart contributed funds to this high quality facility for older and more vulnerable people in the area. The scheme provides 55 high support flats as well as community facilities.

Dings Home Zone

As part of the work to improve the lives of residents in The Dings, Community at Heart worked with local people to come up with a solution to the issue of commuter traffic and speeding. The Home Zone reclaims the area for residents and provides parking and social space for people to come together and chat and for children to be able to play in the street.

Repairs and conversions project (£502,710)

Community at Heart set up a special fund to get homes in the area up to a decent standard.

Local Lettings Policy

Community at Heart supported residents in setting up a local lettings policy to ensure local people had priority for local homes.