

Office Opening and Team-Building Day!

As you may all be aware we have now moved in to our modern 'state of the art' office in Pilsworth, which is just 2 miles away from our public sector partners.

To celebrate the office move we are planning an opening on the 4th September kicking off around noon with drinks and nibbles. There will also be some entertainment laid on for those wishing to participate.

The office has been designed and fitted out with a contemporary feel and incorporates modern communication equipment so that travel can be reduced and we keep our carbon foot print to a minimum.

Although we have only been in the office for just over two months it already feels like an established environment and is a pleasure to work in.



Pilsworth office

Message from the Chair ...



Alan Maden
Chair
Bury, Tameside
& Glossop
Community
Solutions

BTG Community Solutions is one year old and these are exciting times for Bury, Tameside and Glossop, the company and its partners as Ashton and Radcliffe are well advanced, on time and on budget and we eagerly anticipate the completion of the buildings later this year and the commencement of services for the better health and well being of the local residents.

Over 65% of the workforce involved with the construction of the facilities are from local and Greater Manchester boroughs, with 10 apprenticeships being created across the two schemes.

We are now planning further developments in Glossop and Whitefield for commencement in 2009 with others to follow in the two boroughs.

We look back on a year of achievement and forward with great anticipation. Our thanks go to the two Primary Care Trusts, the local Authorities and our many other partners for their unstinting support and co-operation. We look forward to working with them and the people of Bury, Tameside and Glossop to provide state of the art developments and services in the future.

Message from Simon ...



Simon Barnes
General Manager
Bury, Tameside
& Glossop
Community
Solutions

It has been a busy first year for BTGCS with the construction of two 5000 square metre buildings already under our belt and a further two in development at Whitefield and Glossop.

We know that these developments will be of great benefit to the local communities that we work with and we are dedicated to continuing to move forward a number of projects with our partners.

As a team we feel a real sense of achievement and combined with the addition of two new team members and our move to new offices, I think we are looking ahead to an exciting and productive year.

If you have any thoughts, comments or would simply like to get in touch, please visit our new website where you will find our contact details:

www.btgcommunitysolutions.co.uk

Welcome to new BTG staff!

We would like to take this opportunity to give a big welcome to Alison Squires and Mathew Wall who recently joined the BTGCS team.

Both Alison and Matthew have settled in well and are busy cracking on with the job at hand.

Alison is our Office Manager and has taken control, systemising and organising us from day one! Matthew is supporting us on a number of schemes in

development and in parallel he is carrying out the preliminary work for some interesting developments he will be leading on in the near future.

We are sure that the skills Alison and Matthew bring with them to the team will be of great benefit to the overall development of BTGCS. The team is now nearly up to full strength, with a further appointment to be made in the near future, but more on that in the next newsletter.



Alison
Squires
Office
Manager



Matthew
Wall
Project
Development
Manager

BTG Wins Award for Community Improvement

It has been a great first year for BTGCS and winning the award for Community Improvement at the first annual LIFT Awards ceremony, held in London on Wednesday 19th March, was the icing on the cake.



The BTG Team collect the award for Community Improvement.

This prestigious award recognises the impact of a scheme on the social environment and welfare of a community within a locality and we were acknowledged for our Ashton and Radcliffe primary care centres currently in development.

Stephen Mills, Chief Executive of Bury PCT, said: "It is a great achievement to have won this prestigious national LIFT Award for Community Improvement. Bury PCT is pleased to be a partner in such a high quality project that will enable the delivery of new and improved health care services resulting in significant benefits for the residents of Bury."

Due for completion in October and November 2008, both projects show a high level of commitment to ongoing community engagement and involvement through public consultation, user group meetings, representation on the bid evaluation panel,

and by providing Advanced Resource Centres (ARC) so that the community have a chance to follow progress of the construction first-hand, meet the team and ask questions.

We also hope that through the use of local workers, who make up 65 per cent of the project staff, work experience arrangements organised with the nearby construction college and through material purchase, £8m will be put back into the local economies.

The completed centres will cater for the growing needs of patients in their respective areas by offering a range of health services in state-of-the-art modern surroundings, which will incorporate a series of features that aim to reduce the environmental impact of the builds.

Brainstorming

On the 15th July, BTG will be hosting a brainstorming session for the Local Authority Shared Accommodation for the next tranche of schemes, which will be developed by Matthew Wall.

The purpose of this session is to establish, if there is, an opportunity to develop a joint scheme or schemes through participatory intervention from the PCT, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and the LIFT Company, BTGCS.

A number of sites in the area are being discussed at a strategic level and as the individual schemes are progressed; their feasibility, viability and functional content will be developed.

Quality Control

A key part of Peter Doyle's role as Technical Manager is to manage the quality control procedures throughout the development process.

To manage this process successfully, Peter has established good lines of communication with all parties, setting key goals and objectives, via an excellent highly motivated supply chain.

Peter highlighted how important the design process has been in planning the quality control procedures, focusing on promoting good building practises and eliminating any potential long term defects.

Peter implements his on-site quality control procedures from a comprehensive Quality Plan, with a series of detailed Inspection and Test Plans developed for every element of the construction process, with the aim of producing buildings of a very high standard.

Work Begins on Tranche 1b

BTG is now working on the next tranche of schemes with two proposed health centres; one in Whitefield, Bury and the other in Glossop, Derbyshire.

At Whitefield we are planning a new building on the site of an existing health centre that was originally built as a merchant's house before being converted into a children's hospital in 1922. When we conducted a public consultation at the end of May a member of the public told us that she remembered receiving her

small pox injections there in 1938! Our plan is to build the new health centre without disturbing operation of the existing health centre.

In Glossop we are again planning a new health centre on an existing site, but including the neighbouring site previously used by social services. In this case the PCT will need to decant their clinic activities since we shall need to demolish the existing building before we start work.

Please Note!

Croft Lane is being fully reconstructed between Hollins Lane and Croft Lane Bridge, between 21st July and 30th November 2008.

In particular this work will affect office access via the A56 Manchester Road link between 21st July and 17th August. During this time you will need to use junction 3 of the M66.



As both sites are in conservation areas we are very carefully considering the design and appearance of the new buildings, enlisting the help of the same team we successfully used on our first LIFT buildings.