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**KINGFISHER
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NEWS RELEASE

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LORD-LIEUTENANT OF HAMPSHIRE OPENS KINGFISHER'S NEW OFFICES

The Queen's representative in Hampshire, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Mrs Mary Fagan JP will be officially opening Kingfisher Housing Association's and Wessex Housing Partnership's new headquarter offices in Basingstoke on Tuesday 7 October 2008 at 12 noon.

It is very appropriate that the Lord-Lieutenant is opening our new larger offices, at Saxon Court, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, as she opened Kingfisher's original office at Chailey Court, Winchester Road, Basingstoke back in October 1995, 13 years previously.

As well as following the progress and growth of Kingfisher Housing Association throughout Hampshire, Mrs Fagan is also the President of long established Winchester based housing association HVHS Housing Group, which joined with Kingfisher in 2006 to form Wessex Housing Partnership.

The Lord-Lieutenant will be asked to place items into a lead time capsule which will be on display outside the Board Room and is to be opened in 2018 – 10 years time.

Chairman: Chris Holland

Group Chief Executive : Brian Hutchison FCIH MRSH

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Items to be included in the time capsule will be photos of Kingfisher properties and community events held for residents in Basingstoke, a list of staff and Board Members and editions of the Basingstoke newspapers and a national daily paper, to name but a few.

7,267 homes are owned by Kingfisher and HVHS which are rented out to people or sold on a shared ownership basis with a 50% mortgage and 50% rent. We house all types of people from the single, families and the elderly and build over 150 new homes a year throughout Hampshire, Wiltshire and Berkshire.

Brian Hutchison, the Wessex Group Chief Executive, said

“Since forming in 1995, we have grown from strength to strength and expanded our businesses so needed to move to larger premises here in Basingstoke. Saxon Court is only 150m from our old offices and is in an ideal location for our residents to visit us.”

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Information to the Editor

A reporter and photographer are invited to attend the official opening ceremony of Saxon Court, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke on Tuesday 7 October at 12 noon.

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