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**KINGFISHER
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NEWS RELEASE

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KINGFISHER HVHS RESIDENTS' GROUPS UNITE

On 1 July 2009 Kingfisher Housing Association, Basingstoke and HVHS Housing Group, Winchester amalgamated to form the new Kingfisher HVHS Housing Association. Prior to amalgamation the Residents' Federation and the Residents' Panel of Kingfisher and HVHS had been working together to create the newly formed Kingfisher HVHS Residents' Committee, now that the two landlords have become one.

The inaugural meeting of the Kingfisher HVHS Residents' Committee was held on 14 July and former Resident Federation and Panel members came from as far as New Milton in the New Forest to Reading in Berkshire. They discussed topics such as the Service Charge Best Value Review, Market Rent Policies, and the way forward for the new Kingfisher HVHS Residents' Committee.

A key action was to appoint officers for the new Committee. Tony Easton, former Residents' Panel member for HVHS was appointed as Chairman. Tony said, "This is a new beginning for Kingfisher HVHS and the Residents' Committee. It is encouraging to see residents working with management for the benefit of all Kingfisher HVHS residents. I would recommend residents to get involved at whatever level they are able to, to help influence their housing association on the services it provides for them. This could be by attending resident group meetings or by the completion of postal surveys."

Chairman: Chris Holland

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A residents Editorial Panel was also formed to consider news items for the first issue of 'Viewpoint', the Residents' magazine, due out in the autumn.

The next meeting of Kingfisher HVHS Residents' Committee will be held on Tuesday 8 September, at 6.00pm at Kingfisher HVHS's head office, Saxon Court, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke. Kingfisher HVHS residents are welcome to attend these meetings as an observer whether or not they wish to become actively involved in Kingfisher HVHS.

If you would like to attend the September meeting or would like to know more about how you can get involved, please contact Natalie Thyer, Resident Involvement Assistant on 01256 302372.

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