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Local children get egg-stra special surprise

Children from two of Kingfisher HVHS' local supported housing schemes received an egg-stra special surprise this week with an unexpected delivery of Easter eggs.

Pupils from the Sherfield School in Sherfield-on-Loddon, Basingstoke had all donated an Easter egg to help bring smiles to the faces of children in the Borough less fortunate than themselves. Parents from the Friends of Sherfield Committee, Rachel Williams and Giselle Hamill made the egg-stra special delivery of eggs on Monday to some of the children at Kingfisher HVHS' Joshua Tree supported housing scheme in Basingstoke.

Throughout the year the Friends of Sherfield hold various events to raise money for the school and its four nominated charities, the NSPCC Childline, CLIC Sargent, Daisy's Dream and Naomi House. The Sherfield School also try to support other local organisations.

In total the Sherfield pupils donated around 200 Easter eggs for distribution to organisations with children in the Basingstoke area. This Easter over 30 children from Kingfisher HVHS' supported housing schemes, The Joshua Tree and Oakley Lodge have benefitted.

The children's faces were a picture of delight. However, they will have to wait until Easter weekend before the remainder of the eggs are handed out to their friends too.

The Joshua Tree consists of 29 studio, one and two bedroom flats, plus a two-bed disabled flat. The scheme offers a comprehensive support service. It is the direct

result of partnership working between Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, the former HVHS Housing Group and Hampshire Supporting People.

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Notes to Editor:

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On 1 April Kingfisher HVHS Housing is rebranding to Sovereign Kingfisher. The Sovereign Group encompasses more than 30,000 homes across the south and west of England, making it one of the country's largest housing groups.

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