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Where there's a Will there's a (Convent) Way!

Hounslow Homes have celebrated the completion of the Convent Way estate regeneration by holding a community event for local residents. The regeneration forms part of Hounslow Homes' mission to build sustainable communities.

Tim Keogh, Hounslow Homes' Director of Property Services said: 'the regeneration work included new interiors, paving areas, dog walking paths, grassed areas, an upgraded CCTV monitoring station and communal areas including seating. We are pleased the Convent Way work has been complete and we now look forward to completing other large-scale projects in the near future.'

The highlight of the fun event was a Will Smith look-a-like who dazzled local children with his skills on the estate's basketball court. The day also included other activities such as dance mats and beat the goalie, with three children picking up prizes. The residents were treated to a buffet and were able to visit a variety of stalls, which included Hounslow Homes, Lovell , Dunlop Hayward, the Police, Hounslow Homes caretakers and the London Borough of Hounslow Recycling team.

Laura Wood, Chair of the Convent Way Residents Association said: 'we are delighted that the regeneration of the estate had been completed. The residents are extremely happy with the results of the work and all the new

facilities. A fun day was had by all as the event brought everyone together to celebrate.'

One resident commented: "It is great to see the results of the all the work, the estate looks fantastic and I'm sure the everyone will benefit from the new facilities and a safer, fresher looking estate.'

Notes To Editor

- Hounslow Homes was formed in 2002 as one of the first arms length management organisations (ALMOs) in the country. Hounslow Homes is tasked with managing the council's 16,500 homes and has delivered £120 million of refurbishment and improvement works to bring its housing stock up to the government's 'decent homes' standard by 2006.
- The ALMO was awarded the highest three-star rating by the Audit Commission for excellent housing services in 2005.
- 13,500 properties have been improved with new kitchens, bathrooms, roofing modernizations and new windows. Hounslow Homes completed all decency work by 2006, four years ahead of the government's deadline. An ongoing programme continues to maintain properties to this standard.
- Services to residents include a freephone number and service, caretaking and ground maintenance.
- Hounslow Homes also provides a dedicated anti-social behaviour team to provide advice and support to residents.