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Hounslow Homes celebrates Sutton Lane Community Centre opening

The Sutton Lane resident association committee in conjunction with Hounslow Homes opened the Sutton Lane Community centre last Wednesday.

The Mayor, Councillor Felicity Barwood, officially opened the event by unveiling a plaque dedicated to Don Taylor. He was the original founder of the Sutton Lane community centre before it was closed and renovated. His wife Molly Taylor attended the event as a special guest.

Imelda O'Shaughnessy, chair of the Sutton Lane residents committee, spearheaded the community centre project and Darren Close from Hounslow Homes approved funding.

The event was a success with a great turn out from local residents and many invited guests. These included, Councillor Hibbs who represented the electorate area, Uttam Gujral from the Hounslow council and Jill Gale from the senior management team at Hounslow Homes.

The children were entertained with a range of activities, which included a jumping castle, beat the goalie, hopscotch and an eater egg hunt. There were also performances from the local Wellington School children, who sang and performed a hip-hop routine.

The mayor had the honour of handing out the prizes to the winners of the drawing and writing competitions.

The community centre has the full support of Hounslow Homes and will be used for a variety of Sutton Lane community activities. A big thank you to the Sutton Lane residents committee for all their hard work. An additional thank you to the local police who attended and participated in the activities at the event. The centre is located at 14-16 Moulton Avenue, Hounslow, TW3 4LR.

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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.