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## Putting down roots

Since 2006 Connect housing has been working across West Yorkshire to create and strengthen communities, and their most recent development, The Shearings, will be opened by the Mayor of Kirklees on Friday, 16 April. The Mayor will plant a tree to commemorate the occasion, and will present all of the new residents with a hanging basket of flowers – a bit of spring colour!

Located in Hightown, Liversedge, the Shearings is a new development of 22 family homes, built with an emphasis on energy efficiency. There will be a chance for guests to tour one of the new homes and learn about their efficiency features, including photovoltaic roof tiles.

Connect is committed to building not just homes but communities, and with this in mind links have already been made with the local Scout group, as well as the nearby St Barnabas Church, where lunch and refreshments will be served following the official ceremony.

And with an eye to the new families who are coming together to live in the Shearings, there will be a lots of fun for kids, including an Easter egg hunt, a circus skills workshop and face painting.

If you would like to be present as Connect marks the beginning of this new community, the event will start at 11am on 16 April 2010 at St Barnabas Church, Church Street, Hightown, Liversedge WF15 8HR.

For further information please contact Helen Lennon at Connect Housing Association, 205 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS8 4HS, tel 0113 235 0202.

### Notes for the Editor

- Connect Housing is a not-for-profit housing association with approximately 3,000 homes across Leeds, Kirklees and Calderdale. It was formed in 2006 by the merger of two housing associations, The Ridings and West Yorkshire.