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Wellingborough's top politicians get sneak preview of housing charity's Major Refurbishment

Wellingborough's MP Peter Bone and Mayor Tim Allebone will visit Mayday Trust's Wellingborough supported housing scheme, Bassetts Court, on Friday 23 February 2007.

During the visit the pair will see the results of the Scheme's £2.5 million Major Refurbishment. The former Old People's Home, owned by Leicester Housing Association, has been altered **and extended** to provide 32 purpose built flats for disadvantaged adults (previously the building comprised 32 bedsits with communal bathrooms and toilets).

Mr. Bone and Mr. Allebone will also see first-hand the new communal facilities, chat to residents about their experiences and be challenged to a game on the Scheme's new pool and table tennis tables.

Mayday Trust is a registered charity, which provides temporary supported accommodation and life-skills training for vulnerable, homeless people. Project staff work with vulnerable people from all walks of life; helping them get back on track and move on with their lives. Mayday was established as a Charity in 1979 and now runs nine Projects across Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Bedfordshire. Last year Mayday supported over 500 people to achieve greater independence.

The Wellingborough Project, based at Bassetts Court, West Street celebrates its 21st Birthday in 2007. The year will bring double celebrations for the Scheme, as its £2.5million Major Refurbishment is due for completion during the spring. The building work has only been possible thanks to funding from Leicester Housing Association and the Housing Corporation. In addition, Mayday Trust fundraisers have been raised over £54,000 towards white goods and furnishings at the redeveloped project.

A formal opening and 21st Birthday Celebration are scheduled to take place later this year.

Mayday Trust's Chief Executive, Caroline Ward said: **"We are thrilled with the recent redevelopment work at Bassetts Court and are confident that these refurbishments will stand us in good stead for the next 21 years."** Miss Ward added: **"2007 is shaping up to be a great year for Mayday Trust in Wellingborough and we are only too pleased to show Mr. Bone and Mr. Allebone around our new facilities."**

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