

## Painting a brighter Barnsley

(Photo: see JPEG attached)

*From left to right: Berneslai Homes' Neil Atkinson, John Thornton, Gary Birch, Phil Mcgrath, Steven Quigley (tenant), Josh Smith, Vivian Shirt (tenant), Mick Eeles, David Harrison (tenant), Phil Baughn, Ryan Davidson, PPG's Ashley Wilson and Jim Berry.*

Barnsley Council tenants on Laceby Court and Bainton Drive in Broadway are delighted that their homes have been given a make over.

The 20 distinctive council properties have recently been cleaned and painted outside giving them a fresh new look.

Works have been carried out by Berneslai Homes who have closely worked with locally based PPG Architectural Coatings UK Limited, who produced a detailed technical specification beforehand to ensure all materials and painting practices were correct.

Tenants have been over the moon with the works and have added: "The painting works have made a huge difference and really brightened up our homes and our street, making it a much nicer place to live. We would like to thank all those involved they have done a great job."

Ashley Wilson, Specification Development Manager from PPG said "It's great to be involved in a project like this that has had such an impact on the local community. It's especially gratifying when it's so close to our factory in Yorkshire."

Stephen Davis, Director of Assets, Regeneration and Construction from Berneslai Homes concludes: "Following the success of this scheme we will be working on a further 63 properties on Moorland Avenue, Woodland Drive, Linton Close and Arncliffe Drive over the next few months."

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### **Editors notes:**

**Berneslai Homes** is the Council's managing agent for the management and maintenance of council housing in Barnsley. They have a track record for excellent performance at value for money cost and in 2015 the Council extended the service agreement for a further five years from April 2016 to March 2021 with the ability for rolling five year extensions. They have been listed in the Sunday Times Top 100

Best Companies to Work For In The Not For Profit Sector for the last four years and achieved the Investors In People Gold Standard. They work closely with many partner agencies within the Sheffield city region and are part of the One Barnsley board.

The organisation is run by a board comprising of a Chair, three councillors, three independents and three tenant members. Berneslai Homes manages approximately 18,655 properties and employs just under 500 employees.

**PPG** is the world's largest coatings company. It's UK and Ireland head office for Architectural Coatings is based in Birstall, West Yorkshire, and is a major employer in the area. The organisation carries a bronze level Investors in People accreditation, and regularly carried out community based projects in the area, including last year's refurbishment of Batley Railway Station.