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**Extra Care Scheme officially opened in Marple**

Birch Court, Marple is Stockport Homes' first extra care scheme, and has recently undergone investment works of £180,000.

On Friday 7 July, residents and guests celebrated the completion of the works, and Birch Court was officially opened by The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Walter Brett and Mrs Maureen Brett and William Wragg MP.

The refurbishment scheme, completed by local contractors; Jackson and Jackson, included works to the building fabric, individual flats and communal areas including improvements to the large communal lounge for residents to facilitate a more modern and welcoming look and the installation of bathing facilities. The scheme also benefits from two conservatories, a catering standard kitchen, passenger lifts and a welcoming reception area for visitors.

Robin Burman, Chair of Stockport Homes' Board said, "The extra care scheme has a wealth of facilities to enable people to have the support that they need in comfortable surroundings in the heart of the community. The investment works reflect our approach to ensuring we have suitable accommodation to allow people to continue living independently, while offering onsite care support if required.

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Picture: **Celebrating the new look scheme by planting a Birch Tree**

Left to Right: Libby Spencer – Extra Care Housing Co-ordinator at Stockport Council; William Wragg MP; Deputy Mayor, Councillor Walter Brett; Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Maureen Brett; Anne-Marie Heil, Head of Independent Living at Stockport Homes and Mike Coppock, Community Investment Manager at Stockport Homes.