

## Home sweet home - first families move into new homes



**Shalikur Rahman (left) outside his new home at Urban 180**

**The first families of a new housing development in the heart of West Bromwich town centre have moved into their new homes.**

Managed by **Caldmoreaccord**, the homes are made up of high-quality three and four-bedroom houses and apartments for affordable rent and sale.

The first lot of homes was completed in July, with Mr Shalikur Rahman and his family amongst one of the first to move in.

The whole development, which is situated off Overend Street, is set to be completed by July next year.

Alan Yates, Executive Director of Regeneration at the Accord Group, said: "It's great to welcome the first families to Urban 180 and hear first-hand how happy they are in their new homes."

For more information about Urban 180, or to register interest in purchasing a home there, visit [accordgroup.org.uk/homes](http://accordgroup.org.uk/homes)

## NEWS

### People with dementia to help develop pioneering technology



**People with dementia in the Black Country are being invited to take part in a pioneering project to develop technology which will help them around the home.**

The Accord Group is one of just a handful of organisations chosen to carry out the research as part of the PIA (Personal IADL Assistant) project.

Dementia specialists will interview people in Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley with early onset dementia in a bid to

understand the struggles they face around the home.

The findings will then be used to develop and trial a smart touch-screen system that will help people with dementia to carry out day-to-day tasks, like washing clothes or cooking, using video clips.

If you have early onset dementia, or other memory problems, and would like to take part in the research, call Angela Causton on **078760 34592** or email [angelac@accordha.org.uk](mailto:angelac@accordha.org.uk)

### Holiday Kitchen cooks up help for 3,000



**Nearly 3,000 pack-lunches were provided to children in Birmingham over the school holidays as part of a project run by Ashram Housing Association.**

Ashram gave out the lunches to children taking part in holiday activities across East Birmingham, including the Bordesley Green Pod, as part of its successful Holiday Kitchen project, which you may have read about in a previous edition of *Our House*.

As well as providing packed lunches, children who took part in the project based at the Wildlife Trust Eco Park in Bordesley Green, also got to do fun outdoor activities like pond dipping, going on 'mini beast' hunts and building campfires. The Holiday Kitchen project was funded by Children in Need.