



## **BELPER'S SENIOR CITIZENS NAME DERBYSHIRE'S NEW CARE HOME**

As part of its policy of involving local people in decision-making, Milford Care invited members of the Belper Cottage Project Luncheon Club and Belper's 50+ Forum to come up with a name for their new Belper facility.

The £5 million development on Spencer Road in Belper involves converting the former hosiery factory into a splendid 57-bedroom care home for the elderly, with a unique roof garden and panoramic views over the valley. It will also have on the site 30 close care retirement apartments. They are expected to be ready for occupation in the summer and the care home will be known as *Spencer Grove*.

Pierre Falleth of Milford Care explained: "The policy at our care homes is to fully involve residents in the decision making process. As we clearly do not have any residents at the new facility we involved instead the local Luncheon Club, Belper's 50+ Forum, the local history society and also the residents and relatives at Milford House. In total more than 100 people took part.

"The ladies and gentlemen of the Luncheon Club decided to name the new care home *Spencer Grove* and we are all delighted. It is interesting that two of the five ladies who came up with the name, Edna Binning and Margaret Wingfield, both worked at the site when it was Blounts Hosiery. It's a small world."

Edna Binning commented, "I have fond memories of my time at Blounts Hosiery and it is absolutely fantastic that Milford Care is converting the site in to what will be great homes for the elderly. I was delighted to be involved in the name selection process of the new building and I can't wait to see it when it is complete."

These key decision makers have a combined age in excess of 350 years. They are from left to right: Edna Binning, May Frost, Margaret Wingfield, Freda Collis and Eileen Taberer. Pierre and Kara Gratton from Milford Care are also in the photograph.

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