



## January 2007 newsletter

### Energy grows on trees?



Lee Moor is at a fascinating time in its history as it can now be heat self-sufficient, should that be necessary. For the winter period Toasty Heating Ltd has located some 40 tonnes of waste wood that otherwise would be rotting in the woods or be travelling the 100-mile round trip to Hexham to make chipboard. Far more sensible to bring it to Lee Moor and chip it straight into the bunker area for the boiler - this holds 30 tonnes plus and will keep the 150KW

wood-powered boiler going for 2-3 months depending on how cold February and March are. If any tenants or visitors would like to be shown round the new system do ask Ian Brown (contact details below) or Keith Hudson from Toasty Heating Ltd.

### Environment - starter homes for the barn owls

Rural affordable housing is not just a serious problem for the human residents of North Northumberland but also for the birds of prey operating in the area. Lee Moor has had barn owls, short-eared owls and little owls recently, and a number of owl boxes have been put in trees and on raptor poles over the years. Some of these lacked access doors, and once the jackdaws had filled them with "sticks and stones" then your average owl would consider the residence no longer fit for purpose. The answer from Philip Hanmer was an access door which also allows him - as a registered bird ringer - to watch for chicks and ring their legs when they get to a suitable age. Barn owls are at the top of the food chain and are therefore reassuring to see - as well as a very peaceful omen people drive down the long and winding road to Lee Moor Business Park.

## Tenants

New tenants are developing their websites and leemoor.net will be looking to link to the new sites and have an updated news page with their news. Podcasting may also be a way of interviewing new tenants to help them tell their story and work with their neighbours quicker.

**Lee Moor's first ever podcast** was online this month – featuring the story of Archer's Jersey Icecream at New Moor Farm, near Darlington. Expect more in future!

## Toasty Heating Ltd

More and more visitors are coming to Lee Moor to see the new KWB boiler. Toasty Heating Ltd is also out and about visiting clients and is developing its own website to tell the wood to energy story in more detail.

## Ian E Brown

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