

Supporting Bentilee Volunteers

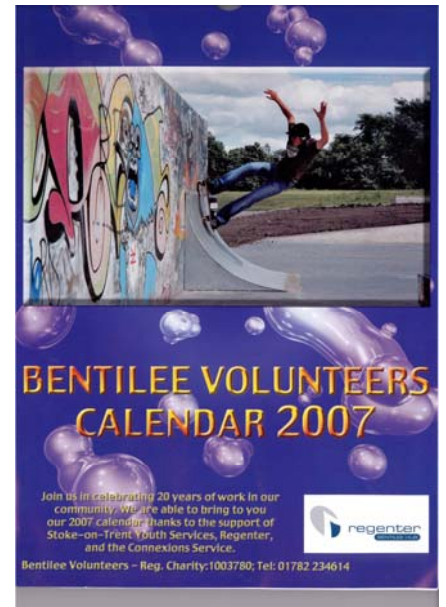
Regenter, John Laing's joint-venture for housing and community regeneration, is supporting the Bentilee Volunteers, where a joint-service centre (Bentilee Hub) is currently being developed. They have been working in the area of Bentilee for the last 20 years, and for the last ten have produced a calendar that goes out to 5,000 homes within the local community.

The calendar is designed, art work photographed, and produced by local youth. The scheme this year was supported by Regenter Bentilee Hub and the John Laing Charitable Trust.

From the start of the conception of the calendar in April 2006 and through to the production of the final version in December 2006, over 150 young people have worked in some way to assist in its production. Regenter hosted the youth on its site in the summer and they took the pictures that appear in the calendar. The Regenter team also introduced them to the architects of the scheme who talked to them about how the design was taken from conception and through each step the actual building of the scheme.

With our help this year the calendar took steps toward increasing its output and was delivered to over 7,000 homes within Stoke-on-Trent.

We hope that by being introduced to the building in its infancy and understanding how the building was designed that youth within the community feel a sense of ownership for the centre.



The Bentilee volunteers calendar 2007

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