



Everything's coming up roses...

Flower power ruled when Priority Sites celebrated the transformation of the former Victoria Colliery in Biddulph, Staffordshire.

Local youngsters were asked to design a flowerbed at the entrance to the new business park - and 12-year-old Catherine Dale, a pupil at Meadows Special School in Biddulph, emerged as the winner.

The park is made up of a mixture of terraced, semi-detached and detached units featuring high quality

composite external cladding and feature glazing. It is aimed at local companies looking for 'move-on' accommodation which allows them to expand without leaving the area.

John Boanas, Development Director for Priority Sites, said: "This investment demonstrates our confidence in the future of this former Coalfield area."

Right: Graphic of how the scheme will look
Above: L-R: Biddulph Mayor Jim Harrison, council Chief Executive Simon Barker and Paul watch council Chairman Christina Jebb plant the flowers



Sell out for BIGGEST EVER SITE

Priority Sites proved big really is beautiful when all 11 high-quality units at its largest ever development were reserved by completion.

Businesses quickly snapped up the units, totalling 81,000 sq ft, at Southmoor Business Park in Havant - a scheme that is expected to create 200 jobs.

New tenants include vending machine suppliers Snack-in-the-Box, Inner City Link, The Nite Spot and J and N Burrows.

Priority Sites' Chief Executive Paul Barber said: "We are delighted that this scheme has been so well received in Havant. The speed with which all the units have been snapped up demonstrates that we are satisfying a gap in the marketplace by meeting the need for quality commercial accommodation in the area.

"The resulting new jobs and new business opportunities will also positively contribute to the local economy."

The development of the Southmoor Park scheme is a joint venture agreement with the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA). SEEDA invested more than £1 million in preparing the six-acre (two-and-a-half ha) site and is bringing forward a further 12 acres (five ha) of the project to attract more businesses.