

BITMO NEWS FOR BELLE ISLE TENANTS

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Gala will be “bigger and better than ever!”

Belle Isle Gala 2026
Saturday 4 July 12-3pm
Coopers Field & Windmill
School. Quiet hour 11-12

As well as the usual four giant inflatables and the climbing wall, we are bringing back Ian’s Mobile Farm, and introducing two children’s fairground rides—**all of this is free**. There will be more stalls than ever, and a good selection of **low cost food** available—all for no more than £4.50 a meal and £1.50 for a snack or cake. There will be pizza, burgers, hot dogs, curries and jacket potatoes.

There will be a quiet hour on Coopers Field only from 11-12, before the school playground is opened up too, and the Gala is officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds.

Other attractions include a **dog show**, performances from local dance and majorette groups, more stalls than ever, a Caribbean-style steel band and the Lofthouse Brass Band.

It will be a great, low cost day, with **something for everyone**. Want to know more, help plan or volunteer on the day? Ask in BITMO’s GATE or scan the QR code on the back page.



Want a stall at the Gala?



BITMO is here to support tenants, invest in people’s homes & build tenant control

Building Tenant Control

At Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO), everything we do is about tenant control.

We've got big plans to make **Belle Isle a safer, stronger, greener place** where people want to live. We are tenant led and community centred and we can't do it without you.

Join the BITMO Scrutiny Panel— £20 gift voucher for every panel you attend + entry into a quarterly £100 prize draw.

What is Tenant Scrutiny?

It's your chance to shape how services work. As part of the panel, you will:

- Take a closer look at how services are delivered
- Ask important questions
- Compare what should happen with what actually happens
- Suggest improvements that make a real impact



The goal is simple: services designed by tenants, for tenants. To find out more ask in the BITMO offices or scan the QR code on the back page.

Get Involved Across Leeds

Your voice doesn't stop at Belle Isle. As a tenant with Leeds City Council, you're part of a wider community shaping housing services across the city. Find out more by scanning the QR code on the back page.



East Grange Road: you said, we did

Residents in East Grange Road took over a planter, and asked about taking over a second one. BITMO staff asked what else they might want and helped them draw up a plan. Residents invited BITMO Board Members to their street to explain what they wanted and then came to a BITMO Board Meeting. They asked for a bench, a litter bin and play markings to be put onto the pavement. The Board agreed to it all, and residents have now taken over the second planter. Do you want something like this near you? Call Ben the Community Builder on 07891 273843.

If you are experiencing ASB or Hate Crime this can be reported to BITMO on 0113 378 2181, at the BITMO housing counter or online to the Council. Scan the back page QR code for more details.

If criminal activity is taking place on the estate, such as nuisance bikes, this can be reported on 999 if it is happening there and then and is safe to do so, or for non-emergencies 101.

Need to Report Anti-Social Behaviour?

Supporting People to Live Well

Help with money and debts

Shannon is BITMO's Cost of Living Support Officer. She's here to help you if you:

- are struggling to pay your rent, heating or food costs
- have debts
- need to know what help and support you can get

Shannon says "We know that for a lot of people benefits and wages are too low, so if this is you please get in touch!" Shannon works Monday to Wednesday, so please drop in to BITMO's GATE to meet her – you can go somewhere private to talk - or text or message her on 07922 602268.



Got garden, need tools?

It's great that so many Belle Isle homes come with gardens, but we know if you haven't got the tools, it's hard to keep them tidy. You can borrow garden tools from BITMO. We've got lawnmowers, shears, hedge clippers, forks and spades ... even stepladders.

You can borrow them for a week free of charge.

To find out more come in to BITMO's GATE or call us on 07851 103951 or 07891 270094.



Manage Your Tenancy Online – Anytime

Have you signed up for the tenant portal yet?

With 24/7 access, you can:

- Book repairs
- Check and pay your rent
- Download rent statements
- Request permissions (like keeping a pet or home improvements)

Find out more by scanning the QR code on the back page or ask in the BITMO office.

Help from the BITMO Community Fund

BITMO is run by Belle Isle tenants, who understand how difficult the cost of living is for many people. That's why they set up the BITMO Community Fund.

The fund has already helped tenants with essential items such as:

- Cookers, fridges and washing machines
- Rugs, curtains and beds
- Training course fees
- Improvements to green spaces to bring the community together

We can now also help families in need with **new school uniforms**.

- Up to £100 for each secondary school child (primary school £50 a child)
- Available for up to 50 BITMO families
- For households on Council Tax Support (this is for people on benefits and people on low incomes)

To apply for help from the BITMO Community Fund:

- Scan the QR code on the back page, or
- Visit the BITMO offices

BITMO is continuing its successful second-hand school uniform programme.

- Donate school uniform in good condition
- Take what you need, as many times as you want, until October

Can you help?

We're looking for volunteers to:

- Collect donations
- Sort donations
- Take uniforms to community centres and local events

📞 Call or text Tracey on 07891 270094

Belle Isle TMO works in partnership with Leeds City Council to serve the residents of Belle Isle estate.

Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation Limited

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Investing in People's Homes

As part of BITMOs' improvements to make Belle Isle homes safe and warm, we have put **new roofs** on six blocks on **Belle Isle Circus and Winrose Drive**.

We have taken down the chimneys, as these are the main cause of leaks into homes.

We have replaced the old, inefficient cement roof tiles with a more thermal efficient terracotta tile.

We've replaced the loft insulation, eaves and guttering where needed.

We've also upgraded lighting on the stairwells with more efficient LED lights that come on automatically when you enter the building.

We have added extra fire safety systems in the communal areas.



You said, we did!

****New roofs on Belle Isle Circus and Winrose Drive.**

****Safer paths on Winrose Approach.**



BITMO aim to make as many of our flats accessible to everyone and provide a more pleasant experience when entering the blocks. We have completed the following

*Installed level access paths to the front of 3 blocks on **Winrose Approach**. Using these paths means you don't have to walk through the bin area get to your home .

*In the rear communal grounds, we have removed the old, ugly and unsafe concrete bases, and replaced the steps and paths with level access paths

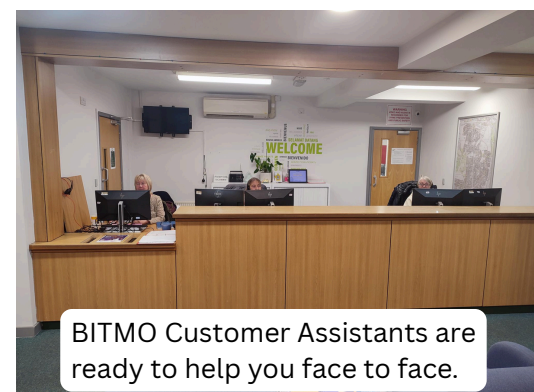
BITMO's housing counter is open five days a week. You can walk in without an appointment and our Customer Assistants will try to resolve any issues you have, or ask another BITMO member of staff to come out and see you - or make an appointment.

The housing counter is open Monday to Friday 9am-12pm, and 1-5pm (closed Wednesday afternoons).

You can also phone BITMO on 0113 378 2188 for repairs or general enquiries. To pay rent call 0113 378 2187. To report anti-social behaviour, call 0113 378 2181.

Scan the QR code below for more details on contacting BITMO, news, policies and what's happening in Belle Isle.

Contact BITMO



BITMO Customer Assistants are ready to help you face to face.

To read more about anything in this newsletter, please scan the QR code, phone BITMO on 0113 378 2188 or come into the BITMO offices. We can also provide a large print version.

