

BITMO NEWS FOR BELLE ISLE TENANTS

BITS AND PIECES

SUMMER 2026



BITMO Action in the Brooms

You said, we did!

*Action on Anti-Social Behaviour

Belle Isle residents said they wanted action to tidy up the area and deal with anti-social behaviour. BITMO staffed knocked on doors in the Brooms in July, giving information about how to report anti-social behaviour. We were joined by a police officer, and a staff member from the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

*Clean Up Day

This is the fifth area of the estate that BITMO staff have targeted after Winrose Crescent, Windmill Close, the Rosedales and West Grange Close. It follows a recent clean up day in the Brooms, where BITMO's caretakers and other staff helped clear gardens and take away rubbish.



BITMO staff in the Brooms

Affected by anti-social behaviour? Here are three things you can do:

1. Take a note of times, dates and who is involved.
2. Call BITMO on 0113 378 2183 or come to the housing office.
3. If it's a police matter, call 999 when it's happening or 101 afterwards.

BELLE ISLE POLICE UPDATE FROM SERGEANT DAN RYDER

Dan Ryder is the lead Neighbourhood Sergeant for the Belle Isle and Middleton area. He says the three priorities for his team are to target:

- *anti-social vehicle use and criminality
- *drug dealing and antisocial drug use
- *the increased Anti social behaviour around the retail park and District Centre

Sergeant Ryder urges you to report urgent crime on 999 and non-urgent crime on 111. He writes a full report which you can see on our website by scanning the QR code on the back page.



**BITMO is here to support tenants to live well,
invest in people's homes & build tenant control**

Investing in People's Homes

Investing in tenants' homes is one of BITMO's core priorities. Every landlord invests in maintaining and improving homes, but because **BITMO is tenant-led**, we always look for ways to make that investment work better for you.

For example, when we install **new kitchens**, we offer a wider range of choices so you can have a kitchen that suits your taste. We know you don't want your kitchen to look exactly the same as everyone else's, and having more choice helps you make it your own.

We've also listened to tenants who told us that planned improvement works can be disruptive and messy. In response, we now offer protective dust sheets and Roll & Stroll floor coverings to help **keep your furniture and flooring clean** during the works.

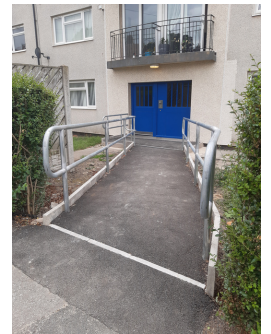


If your home is in this year's planned works programme, please get in touch. We'll explain what work is planned, when it will take place and how you can prepare. A little planning before work starts can make the whole process much smoother, and we'll do everything we can to make the experience as straightforward as possible.



BITMO made a new entrance path to some of the Winrose Approach 3-storey blocks. **Left** - the entrance was between the bins, with steps. **Right** - the new way in avoids the bins and has level access.

Want to see improvements near where you live? Want to know what happens when your home is getting improvements? Get in touch by scanning the QR code on the back page, or visiting our housing office.



You said, we did - improving the planters



The planters at the bottom end of the estate—around Windmill Road, the Winroses and East Granges have been neglected for a few years—overgrown, with litter not picked regularly and some bricks missing. BITMO is working with two contractors to bring about improvements—cutting back the bushes, bringing in new plants and repairing where necessary. The job is by no means finished, but there have been big improvements.

In some cases, residents are asking if they can take over the planters. This could be possible. Please contact our Community Development Team. If you and your neighbours have the time and the skills, we would be happy to talk to you about it. Scan the QR code on the back page for more details or come into BITMO's GATE.

Supporting People to Live Well

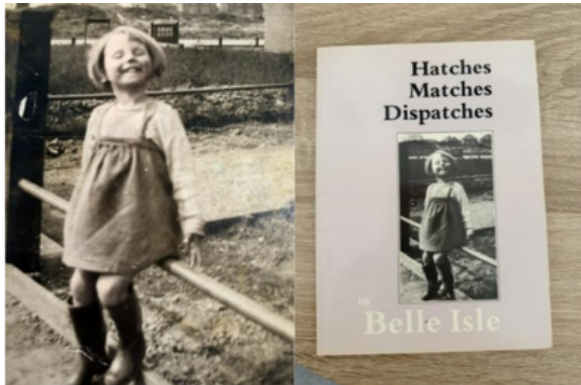
The Belle Isle Gala was the biggest and best yet! About 1200 people attended, with old favourites like the climbing wall and the mobile farm being joined by a mini funfair and a dog show—all free. There was a quiet hour from 11-12, and then a steel pan group and a brass band. There was a bigger choice of food than ever, with nothing costing more than £4.50. Big thanks to our sponsors—Leeds Outer South Community Committee, Sayes, Mears, Places for People and Leeds Federated, and thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible.

Big Crowds at the 2026 Belle Isle Gala



Dates for your diary: next Belle Isle Gala Saturday July 3rd 2027.
Gala planning meeting Saturday 19 September at 3pm at BITMO's GATE.

Mary Cassidy - A South Leeds Life



Mary Cassidy lives on Belle Isle Circus and has lived in South Leeds all her life, going to school and working here as well, including 21 years in the Brooms Post Office. She performed as part of a dance group for the future Queen Elizabeth in Roundhay Park. Mary was even on the front page of a book about Belle Isle, pictured outside her family home in Broom Place when she was a girl. You can read the whole story by scanning the QR code on the back page. Have you got a life story we could tell? Get in touch, we would love to work on it with you and publish it on the BITMO website.

Free Family Food & Activities this Summer

There are free family food and activities at BITMO's GATE across the whole of the Summer holidays:

Tuesdays: 3pm help yourself crafts. Free cooked meal at 4pm.

Thursdays: picnic lunch at 1pm. Big afternoon activities.

Fridays crafts with our playworker 10-12. Breakfast served 9.15-11.15am.

You can read the details about the Thursday sessions by scanning this QR code on the back page.

Help from the BITMO Community Fund

The BITMO Community Fund has won an award from the National Federation of Tenant Management Organisations. The Community Fund provides support for Belle Isle tenants with the cost of living as well as funding environmental improvements. Deborah Kelly and Tracey McGarry received the award on behalf of BITMO.



If you or any BITMO tenant you know needs support, please ask in BITMO's GATE if we can help, call or text Shannon on 07922 602268 or scan the QR code on the back page.

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

BITMO's Annual General Meeting

BITMO is a tenant-led organisation managing Belle Isle council homes. We are proudly run by tenants, for tenants. We are committed to building a safer, stronger, greener Belle Isle, where people want to live.

Every year we elect tenants onto the BITMO Board. We are doing this at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 24 September at 6pm at BITMO's GATE on Belle Isle Road near Kasa.

There will be music and food from 5pm. Please come if you can.



Could you or someone you know be on BITMO's **Board**? We provide training, and it's a chance to improve the way Belle Isle is run, making sure tenant voices are at the centre of what BITMO does. To find out more call Peter Olver on 0113 378 2189. To find out more about the **tutoring**, ask in BITMO's GATE, or call or text Peter Sutton on 07891 274237.
OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

Free Tutoring for Kids in Year 3 and 4

Is your child going into Year 3 or 4 in September? Would they benefit from extra Maths and English lessons once a week in term time? BITMO puts this on for free every Tuesday. You can come straight from school and there's a free cooked meal for the whole family. Lessons start at 4.15pm and finish at 6pm. You and your family can stay at BITMO during the lesson, or you are free to go (as long as you are back by 6). The courses will be run by qualified staff from the Tutor Trust, and children will be taught in small groups.

We have run these courses for four years now, and parents and schools have been pleased to see the children learning more and in many cases being happier at school.



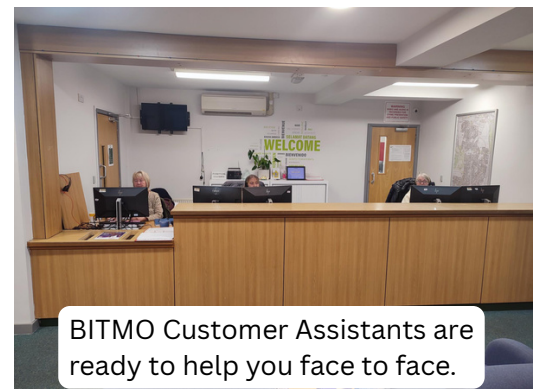
BITMO's housing counter is open five days a week. You can walk in without an appointment and our Customer Assistants will try to resolve any issues you have, or ask another BITMO member of staff to come out and see you - or make an appointment.

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.

