

BVT run a gardening competition every year for tenants. There are many categories to enter. Look out for entry form in the BVT Outlook magazine.

### Gardening tips

Try not to water your plants in full sun as this can burn the leaves.

Save coffee grounds from coffee makers, dry them and sprinkle around plants to deter slugs.

Composting uncooked vegetable waste, tea bags, grass cuttings and paper is good for your garden and the environment.

Plant colourful flowers to attract bees and butterflies.

Collect seeds from plants and put them in paper bags or envelopes in an airtight container to save money next year.

Leave a small part of your garden to grow wild to attract other insects. Children will be fascinated by these small creatures.



### Tenant Participation

As the person responsible for participation in Shropshire I would like to see many more of you participate in whatever way suits your lifestyle. This could mean being part of an e-mail forum through our new and exciting website. Or it could mean filling in survey forms for us or attending an occasional focus group on an issue that concerns you.

We want to give you as many opportunities as possible to participate in the management of your homes by the Trust. The Shropshire Tenants organisation meets regularly and would welcome you to their meetings. We are planning events such as tenant surgeries to move around the district. In October this year we will be helping stage the County tenants show which is a partnership between all social landlords in Shropshire.

If you want details of this event and other ways to become involved please ring Kath on 01952 504390



We will soon be managing a web site for tenants only and would like to have ideas for inclusion. The newsletter will bring you up to date on future developments.

Watch this space—[www.bisto-bvt.org.uk](http://www.bisto-bvt.org.uk)

Have you a favourite recipe or funny story that we can include.

We would love to hear from you.