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Launch of Groundwork Luton and South Bedfordshire

Friday 9th February 2007, Luton and South Bedfordshire

The national environmental regeneration charity, Groundwork, has established a new office to cover the area of Luton and South Bedfordshire.

Groundwork Luton and South Bedfordshire will be officially launched at an event on Friday 9th February at the Putteridge Bury conference centre, Luton, which will be attended by Lord McKenzie of Luton, Kelvin Hopkins MP, Margaret Moran MP and Andrew Selous MP as well as Tony Hawkhead, Chief Executive of Groundwork UK and many local councillors.

Groundwork is a charity working with local communities on practical projects to improve the local environment. The projects aim to create vibrant, sustainable communities. Groundwork's projects range from small community gardens and school ground improvements to major cycle ways and park refurbishments as well as helping businesses to develop better community relations and improve their social responsibility performance.

The new Groundwork office has now been set up to work with community groups, local authorities, businesses, schools, residents' organisations and housing associations in Luton and South

Bedfordshire. Groundwork will be working in partnership in the area with Luton Borough Council, South Bedfordshire District Council and Bedfordshire County Council.

Steve Harvey, Executive Director of Groundwork Luton and South Bedfordshire, said:

“This is a very exciting time for Groundwork Luton and South Bedfordshire. We are committed to making a positive, sustainable difference to the local environment in Luton and South Bedfordshire and would be delighted to hear from local communities and other groups about potential projects in their area. We can help with practical tasks and accessing funding. We have a highly talented, experienced and innovative team who can help local people transform their local environment.”

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Press Enquiries

Photo Opportunity

Date & Time: Friday 9th February 2007 12pm – 2pm

Location: Putteridge Bury Conference Centre, Hitchin Road, Luton

Event: Launch of Groundwork Luton and South Bedfordshire

Present: Lord McKenzie of Luton; Kelvin Hopkins MP; Margaret Moran MP; Andrew Selous MP; Tony Hawkhead, Chief Executive of Groundwork UK

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Groundwork Luton and South Bedfordshire

Groundwork Luton and South Bedfordshire is a member of a federation of over 50 Groundwork trusts across the UK. Groundwork works with all sectors of the community to improve the environment and create sustainable communities that are vibrant, healthy and safe.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.groundwork.org.uk/lutonandsouthbedfordshire