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AB OPENS ITS THIRTEENTH BRANCH – LUCKY FOR SOME!

Ashton Burkinshaw recently opened the doors of its thirteenth branch in Gravesend to provide a specialist residential letting and property management service in the town and the surrounding areas. The open evening at the new branch at 201 Parrock Street attracted local landlords and tenants who joined Ashton Burkinshaw to celebrate the event with glasses of champagne. One of the guests was Brian Kilcullen, the former chairman and major shareholder of Gravesend and Northfleet Football Club, a Nationwide Conference League team.

“This is a very exciting time for us,” says Graham Harrison, Chief Executive of Ashton Burkinshaw Ltd, the southeast’s leading ARLA approved letting agency. “We are delighted to have our thirteenth Ashton Burkinshaw branch up and running in Gravesend and are confident this branch will be very successful. We soon realised that there was huge potential for a solely residential letting agent in the area and we were keen to fill this niche”.

Brian Kilcullen was the perfect guest to officially open the branch as he is an Ashton Burkinshaw tenant, and has been very happy with the service he has received from the company. The admiration is mutual – Ashton Burkinshaw is a frequent advertiser in the club’s match programme and is very enthusiastic about the club’s performance.

“We are very grateful to Brian for giving up his time to open our new branch in Gravesend. Our confidence that this new branch will be a success matches our confidence that Gravesend and Northfleet Football Club will soon be in the national football league”, continues Graham Harrison.

Gravesend is undergoing significant change as part of the Government’s Thames Gateway development. With the impending construction of thousands of new homes for London commuters, together with the creation of a new infrastructure to support the arrival of a major new train station at Ebbsfleet connecting Eurostar passengers to the rest of the transport system, Gravesend is area of outstanding opportunity. Commuting time to London will be cut from 1 ½ hours to 20 minutes. Many large companies are relocating to the area bringing with them a demand for local housing.

“To satisfy an urgent demand from tenants for rented accommodation in the area, we have transferred our Meopham branch manager, Sarah Cornwell and her staff to the new Gravesend branch” continues Graham Harrison. “With Sarah’s and her teams’ expertise and local knowledge, together with the vast experience and unrivalled service we at Ashton Burkinshaw endeavour to provide to all of clientele, we hope that we can offer landlords in Gravesend and the surrounding areas a thorough and professional letting service.”

Photo:(from left to right) Graham Harrison, CEO of Ashton Burkinshaw Ltd, Lynn Bishop, Le Anne Colman, Claire James (AB branch staff) and Brian Kilcullen of Gravesend and Northfleet Football Club

