

## **CASE STUDY - APPLE TREE COURT, SALFORD, MANCHESTER**

### **'Urban Oasis' highlights value of self-help and community spirit**

A SOLARDOME<sup>®</sup> Retreat is the focal point of a self-help project initiated by the tenants of a high rise block of flats in Salford, Manchester. Featuring an 'urban oasis' of orchards, allotments, ponds, a wildflower meadow and meeting area, the project demonstrates how local communities can tackle and solve problems through their own actions.



Occupants of the 16-storey block of flats in inner city Salford formed a Tenant's Association and were awarded grants from the BT/WWF Environmental Conservation Award and the National Lottery Charities Board to kick-start their project. Many of them missed the gardens and community life they had in their old back-to-back houses.

The initiative was championed by Professor David Bellamy who visited the 'Urban Oasis' garden exhibit recreated at the Southport Flower Show. He said: "This is one of the great role models of how towns and cities are going to have to be developed in the future."



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