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## Work under way for low-cost homes

**DEMOLITION** work has begun to make way for a new development of low-cost homes in a village.

The housing association Three Oaks Homes started work in Duncan Avenue, Huncote.

The association, which took control of Blaby District Council's housing stock last year, plans to demolish 32 properties in Duncan Avenue

and build a new development of 49 houses, bungalows and flats. A sod-cutting ceremony was carried out by Three Oaks tenant and chairman Colin Norman.

The development, which is costing nearly £7m, will be owned by East Midlands Housing Association and managed by Three Oaks.

Mr Norman said the scheme had been backed by Huncote

people and organisations such as the Homes and Communities Agency – which put in £1.7 million – Blaby District Council and the New Growth Point Fund.

He said: "The site at Duncan Avenue is Three Oaks Homes' first development since transfer in November 2008 and will benefit local residents and their families now and for many years to come."