The Rt Hon Jane Kennedy MP (second left) opens Housing Initiatives latest property in Bootle with (from left) Alan Chesworth, Margaret Milne and Joe Benton MP Code SJ100904A

flats for safe living

A NEW housing development in Bootle will provide speclally designed homes for people with learning disabilities.

Six self-contained flats, in St Edmond's Road, have been specially converted to make them safe and accessible.

The building was renovated

by Waterloo-based Housing Initiatives, to provide assured tenancies for people with learning and other disabilities.

All the flats feature non-slip flooring in the bathroom and an automatic fire detection and alarm system.

There is also a shared laundry facility in the basement

and a flat for support staff.

Alan Chesworth, Chief Exec-utive of Housing Initiatives, said: "This is to enable people with learning disabilities to live in their home as a tenant, with all tenants rights, instead of being classed as liv- ing in a care home. "And people can live in this house as long as they so wish."