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A model village

In 1861, George Cadbury took over control (0) his father's chocolate factory in Birmingham, England. At that time, it was hard (13) ordinary working people to find comfortable houses in (14) they could afford to live, and Cadbury wanted to improve the situation. He started by moving his chocolate factory into the countryside. He thought that (15) each of his workers had his own house in a healthy environment then this would result (16) a happy family life.

The first 143 houses of his model village, called Bournville, (17) built on ground next to the factory in 1895. A (18) workers were able to buy theirs cheaply while the majority paid a fair rent. (19) house had a large garden. All these gardens were cultivated to supply the villagers (20) fresh fruit and vegetables. (21) tenth of the village area was given over to public spaces (22) that there was somewhere for residents to socialise and where community projects could (23) place.

Bournville is a continuing success story and today has more than 8,000 homes. Cadbury's model village gave rise (24) the idea of the 'garden city' and has had many imitators in Europe and the United States.