

Holcombe Green

Residents have been moving in on a weekly basis at Holcombe Green since the beginning of November and the first 22 homes are now occupied. The next phase will be the first six 2-bedroom flats which are due to be handed over in January with all of the remaining apartments completed by the spring of 2011.

A “Meet your neighbour” Christmas event was held on Friday 17th December with the Chair of Bath & North East Somerset Council, Councillor Sarah Bevan, attending to cut the ribbon marking the completion of the 100th replacement property of the project.

Miss Wolfe, who moved into the 100th property, used to live in one of the pre-cast reinforced concrete flats at Holcombe Green before they were demolished. Whilst living in temporary accommodation Miss Wolfe became Mrs Cornish and has now returned to her new home with her family.





Lovell apprentice wins top award

Bath-based bricklaying apprentice Scott Franklin is building a winning reputation after bagging a trophy for his brickwork skills.

The 21-year-old trainee with local housing regeneration specialist Lovell is working on the PRC regeneration programme in Bath and Keynsham.

Scott – one of the Lovell team replacing pre-cast reinforced concrete homes for the Trust – was picked from 30 students on his NVQ Level 2 course at Wiltshire College, Trowbridge, to be awarded the Brickwork Trophy.

Tim Gilbert, Wiltshire College programme leader for brickwork, says: *“Scott has an appetite for knowledge and always wants to improve his skills in every task, both in his theory work and practical sessions. Throughout the course, he has consistently produced an excellent standard of work in all areas of brickwork.”*

Lovell is sponsoring Scott, who joined the company at the start of 2010, through his NVQ course. As well as going to college on day release, he is learning his trade on site working alongside qualified tradespeople.

“From the start, Scott impressed us all with his attitude and hard work so it’s great to see him get this external recognition,” says Lovell regional training manager Mike Davis. *“This award is thoroughly deserved and we’re all delighted for him. Creating opportunities for people like Scott to gain qualifications and build their career is a key part of our approach to regeneration.”*

Scott says: *“Before getting my apprenticeship with Lovell, I’d worked as a labourer on building sites but I really wanted to learn a trade. Having the chance to gain qualifications and get a wide variety of experience on site has been brilliant. I really enjoy what I do – it’s creative and really rewarding to look back at what you’ve built.”* After finishing his NVQ Level 2 qualification in 2011, he hopes to study for the Level 3 award.

Angela Gascoigne from Somer Community Housing Trust said: *“The Trust places great emphasis on training and development and we have been impressed with Lovell’s positive approach to this throughout this major construction programme. We have worked with Lovell to agree a training and employment strategy which has given opportunities for six apprentices like Scott to develop their trades by working within a highly skilled and experienced team. We are delighted that Scott has excelled in bricklaying and wish him continued success in his future training and career.”*

Twerton

Demolition has now been completed on the Twerton site and construction has begun. The first timber frames to the properties on Newton Road and the new apartments where Hinton Close once stood have been erected. Construction of the first of the houses on Pennyquick View has also begun.

The residents who moved temporarily and wish to return to the new properties on the Twerton site came along to the site office on 4th November to make their selections from the choices available to them for items in their new homes.



Amberley/Lulworth



Handovers of the new properties at Amberley Close and Lulworth Road are continuing to progress on schedule with 39 properties handed over already. The remaining properties will be handed over by the end of March 2011.

Southlands demolition underway

Demolition at Southlands is well underway and we anticipate that all of the empty properties will be demolished by the end of January.



The road closure is in operation at Southlands and appears to be working well with few incidents of unauthorised parking being reported.

Lovell is seeking to employ a member of staff to monitor the parking and flow of works traffic at Southlands and is keen to employ a local resident if possible. Exact details of the position and how to apply are detailed over the page.

Information Event

An Information Event was held on 28th October for local residents to find out more about the Southlands Regeneration Project. The drop-in event was held at Weston Children's Centre.

It was a great opportunity to discuss real 'on-site' issues such as traffic management, site waste management, the programme of demolition and build, parking matters, landscaping of the green area and other issues.

The 52 attendees represented 32 households from Southlands. The feedback from residents was that the event was informative and answered many of their questions about the management of the construction works and the design of the new homes.

Are you looking to get a foot onto the property ladder and enter into home ownership? Are you unable to buy a property on the open market due to not having a big enough deposit or not being able to get a large enough mortgage? If so this is just the scheme for you!

The following homes will be available on the following sites, to purchase on a New Build HomeBuy basis:

Pennyquick View, Twerton.

- 6 x Two-bedroom flats
- 2 x Two-bedroom houses
- 3 x Three-bedroom houses

These will be ready this summer.

Southlands, Weston

- 4 x One-bedroom apartments
- 4 x Two-bedroom apartments
- 4 x Two-bedroom houses
- 4 x Three-bedroom houses

These will be ready towards the end of 2011/early 2012.

If you would like to receive the full sales details please contact the marketing and sales team on 01225 366077 or email sales@somerset.org.uk



These are artist impressions of Southlands.

The properties may differ from the images shown.



Job opportunity @ Southlands

Lovell is looking to appoint a local person to support the Site Manager to manage the site at Southlands and to ensure that the parking scheme continues to run smoothly. The post holder will be working full-time, 7.45am–16.45pm Mondays to Fridays. The main responsibilities of the job are to:

- Open and close the site, including the gates and the welfare facilities
- Clean site office, project office and welfare facilities daily
- Manage material supplies on site
- Monitor traffic arrangements and signage
- Lead on the operation of the Site Waste Management Plan
- Manage site house-keeping
- Report any vandalism and any health and safety issues to the Site Manager

The post holder will report directly to the Site Manager. Lovell is looking for someone who is reliable, enthusiastic, and willing to learn.

For an informal discussion about the job please contact Lovell's Project Manager, Nick Barrett on 07816 138185. If you would like to apply for the job please send your CV to Sarah Moss, Regeneration & Policy Manager, Somer Housing Group, The Maltings, River Place, Lower Bristol Road, Bath, BA2 1EP by Friday 28th January. There will be an interview as part of the recruitment. If you need assistance with CV writing or interview technique please contact Sarah Moss on 01225 366011.

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