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Right design for Dartmoor



Harrowbeer Mews, Dartmoor

The man behind the look of a new sustainable development on the western edge of Dartmoor National Park has said it demonstrates how good planning works at its best - with the landscape and the community in mind.

Harrowbeer Mews in Yelverton is a contemporary residential and commercial development, constructed with the heritage materials of Dartmoor (slate, timber and stone) while providing much needed housing and commercial lettings.

Gavin Woodford of Woodford Architecture + Interiors was commissioned to breathe new life and vigour into the site. He explains: "We understood this was a unique project involving 'change of use' planning within a designated national park,

where consideration was needed for residential development while also offering a low-cost commercial element."

The fundamental key was to use urban planning practices within a rural setting reveals Gavin: "We knew that we had to design with the right aesthetics - meeting the needs of modern day living with an appreciation of the history of the town, itself set within the majesty of the Dartmoor National Park."

Previously on this site, the Leg O' Mutton Inn flourished for many years before finally closing its doors in early 2010. The pub has been converted into six two-bedroom houses, four apartments and two commercial units which are both currently occupied by RockinBikes, a bicycle shop and repair workshop.

Award for Abbey Sands

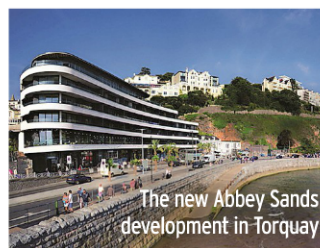
The new Abbey Sands development in Torquay has won a prestigious UK Property Award ahead of its completion later this year.

Abbey Sands is a mixed-use development situated in a prominent seafront location, with easy level access along the promenade to Torquay Marina and the town centre. It comprises 27 luxury apartments across five upper levels, and four quality food and drink outlets on the ground floor, all

enjoying breathtaking sea views of Tor Bay.

Abbey Sands has been delivered by specialist property development company, Havard Estates, and its project partners - architects, Kay Elliott, and global construction company, Balfour Beatty. This team has been recognised through the development's success in the mixed-use category of the UK Property Awards 2014-15, which celebrate the highest level of achievement in the property and real estate sector.

The distinctive design of Abbey Sands was influenced by the Art Deco architectural style



of the British seaside.

Gordon Oliver, Mayor of Torbay, comments: "The development has breathed new life into the sea front area. It provides the town with much-needed high quality residential accommodation and an enhanced fine dining experience."

Bird homes too!

Cornerstone housing association has opened its latest development of houses providing affordable homes in Ennerdale Way, Exwick, which also include wildlife friendly design features.

The one and two bedroom properties offer generous living space and communal gardens to tenants who pay affordable rents.

The properties have also been designed in consultation with the RSPB and include internal nesting boxes to provide habitats for Exeter's urban birds.

Worldwide award?

Miller Town & Country is among the winners in the UK regional stage of the International Property Awards 2014-15 - and now the company might even have the chance to represent the UK in the latter stages of the awards and compete for the coveted crown of world's best.

There could be more success to follow because later this year the highest scoring winners from the UK Property Awards will compete against other winning companies from around the globe to find the ultimate world's best in each category.

Trust in Haldons

Construction consultants Haldons Limited recently completed the extensive £1.25m refurbishment project at Sidmouth's community hospital for Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust, working closely with the trust's in-house facilities team to complete the project.

The company also provided cost management services, and the build took 52 weeks to complete, working with Sidmouth-based contractors, Skinner Construction.