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KINGFISHER'S LATEST DEVELOPMENT, "TIMBERLAKE COURT", IS OPENED

Wednesday 18 June saw the opening of an impressive terrace of properties providing much needed affordable housing for local people in a lovely location, within the conservation area in central Basingstoke.

The development, made possible through a joint development between Kingfisher Housing Association and one of its subsidiary organisations, Halcyon Properties Services, sees 29 one and two bedrooms flats, available in a mix of tenures from shared ownership (part rent part buy), private rent and affordable social rent.

Built by contractors, Drew Smith, at a total scheme cost of £4.9million, the scheme attracted grant of £385k from the Homes and Community Agency, The site, previously derelict land with an old workshop and quite an eye sore, was acquired by Kingfisher and Halcyon as their first joint venture together. The scheme has turned the area of Timberlake Road, which backs onto the conservation area of Church Square, into a desirable, attractive area, providing an excellent pedestrian link between the south of the town centre to Church Square and Festival Place beyond.

Chairman: Chris Holland

Group Chief Executive : Brian Hutchison FCIH MRSH

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Deborah Broadhurst, Group Development Director for Wessex Housing Partnership, which incorporates Kingfisher and Halcyon, said: "I am particularly pleased with this scheme. We bought a derelict site in a prominent part of the town centre and have created an impressive looking building that will stand the test of time. A pedestrian gateway has also been created together with 29 much needed affordable homes."

Timberlake Court has been so popular that all of the 7 shared ownership units were snapped up in the first month with the majority of the other properties occupied already. Prices of 1 bedroom flats start at £130,000 and 2 bedroom flats at £145,000.

Each flat has its own car parking space in an ingenious underground car park and the flats are very energy efficient and full of mod cons!

The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Councillor Brian Gurden was the guest of honour at the handover ceremony on Wednesday and together with Councillor Cathy Osselton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Health and other guests, they were very impressed with the new development. The scheme sits very well within the conservation area of Church Square and provides ample sized accommodation. To mark the special occasion a bench was presented to the residents of Timberlake Court so that they can enjoy the superb communal gardens.

This is Kingfisher's fourth shared ownership scheme within the town centre allowing local people to still get a foot on the property ladder, even during this difficult financial climate.

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Information to the Editor

Photographs from the handover ceremony are attached for your use.

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Above: Timberlake Court



Left to right: Councillor Brian Gurden, Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council; Councillor Cathy Osselton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Health; Graham Bone, Chairman, Halcyon Property Services; Chris Holland, Chairman, Kingfisher Housing Association and Brian Hutchison, Group Chief Executive, Wessex Housing Partnership