

NEW BUILD

NEWBUILD NEWS

AFFORDABLE family homes are few and far between in the centre of the capital but housebuilders are beginning to respond to demand by providing more choice in the form of townhouses, mews and cottage flats.

At Bellway's The Archways on New Mart Road in Chesser, the first properties have been released for sale and include a range of one and two-bedroom apartments, with prices from £140,000 and four-bedroom townhouses at £299,995, with entry dates by June 2005.

● For further information, contact the sales and marketing suite at 78 Dalry Road, Haymarket on 0131-346 7965.

FIRST TIME buyers in Aberdeen are being given a helping hand onto the property ladder, courtesy of Barratt Construction.

The housebuilder is offering to pay the deposit of 5 per cent on selected apartments with early entry in Scott House at Meridian Point in King Street. The offer, worth up to £7,500, applies to selected apartments at the development where two bed properties start at £129,995.

"We know how difficult the initial finances can be for first time buyers and this incentive is just one of the ways that we try to give a helping hand," says sales director David Scott.

● Further details can be obtained by contacting Barratt Sales on 01224 646 809 or visiting the show home which is open daily from 11 am to 5.30pm.

CARRONVALE Homes, who specialise in family homes, are back again at Brightons near Falkirk, with the launch of The Avenue, a development of six semi-detached homes and Meadow Brook, a collection of four-bedroom properties.

Sales Director Graeme Macfarlane says, "We are returning to Brightons to coincide with the opening of our new property shop in Falkirk and look forward to offering homebuyers a family home that has the Carronvale Homes stamp of quality."

Homes at The Avenue start from £109,995 for the three-bedroom Teith style homes.

● Both developments will be sold from Carronvale Homes' Property Shop on 01324611411. For details of all Carronvale Homes developments contact the sales team on 01324 666899 or visit carronvalehomes.co.uk.

In last week's new build news **Stage Hall at Stow** was referred to as a **Strathclyde Homes development**. This should have read **Richmond Homes**. For further details telephone 01383 623 448 or visit www.richmondhomes.co.uk



Luxurious to the core

Bite into the Applecross development, says
Kirsty McLuckie

Frozen mornings make hiding under the duvet an attractive option but at New Fields in Edinburgh there is no excuse for not leaping out of bed because not only is there a tile warmer in the en suite bathroom, the driveways are heated to prevent the formation of black ice.

Although the two penthouses, the most expensive in Scotland, have been sold, six of the 18 properties remain at the Applecross development in Kinnear Road and start at £740,000. Located in two south-facing buildings within landscaped grounds, the apartments overlook playing fields and a park and have stunning views of the Edinburgh skyline.

In the new three-bedroom showhome,

a great deal of thought has gone into making the apartments the ultimate comfort zone. In the large living/dining room, a sparkling Swarovski crystal chandelier bounces prisms of light off the glass tables and pearlescent wallpaper. The mood is picked up by the purple velvet sofas with silver buttons, plasma TV and remote control fire and the furniture is all oak and high gloss laminate finish. A 5.1 home cinema and digital jukebox will also provide hours of entertainment.

"Applecross are determined that everything we do is specific to the development and it is all done with the customer in mind," says interior designer Emma Baddeley, who, with her colleague Amanda McLeod, has gone for understated chic and luxury finishes in subtle, yet opulent, colours. "It's the little touches that finish it off," says Baddeley, referring to the hint of glister in the voile curtains that screen the 13m wide terrace.

Applecross pride themselves on using

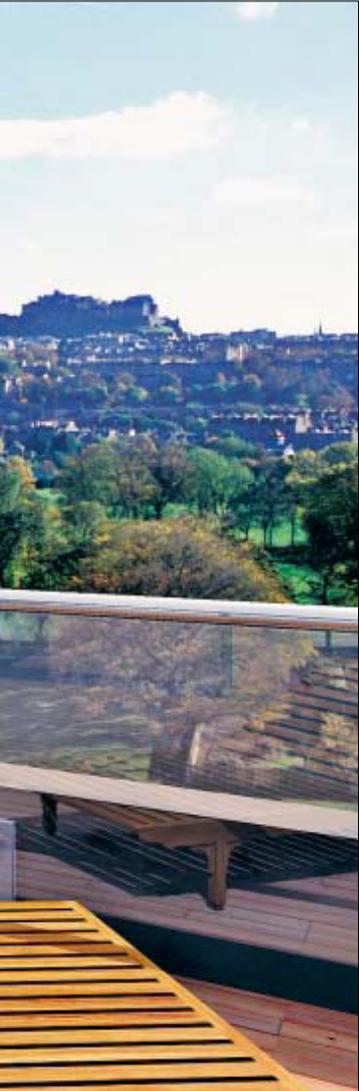
ABOVE: An artist's impression of the views from New Fields; design for the interior, top right; a bathroom, centre right; dining area, right

natural materials wherever possible and the choice of colour in the flat complements these, with cream, aqua, taupe and mulberry walls exuding an air of calm. Texture is emphasised too, with tactile wallcoverings in the sitting and dining room area, and sumptuous fabrics, including velvet and taffeta, highlighting warm oak floors.

An American-style fridge freezer, wine chiller and icemaker and a selection of Neff, Miele and Siemens appliances in the kitchen bounce light off the granite work surfaces, and in the breakfast area a huge oak table from Bo Concept is perfect for informal dining overlooking the terrace.

A curved wall in the hall makes an interesting feature and is emphasised by cream wallpaper with horizontal stripes that lead to a master bedroom where the look is one of classic luxury, with cream carpets and Montana oak wardrobes. In the en suite the tile warming system, steam shower, hexagonal bath and

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ambient lighting add up to an oasis of indulgence. In addition there are two further bedrooms – one with en suite – a family bathroom and a laundry area.

Each of the three bedrooms has been given a different luxury treatment; the master bedroom has silk curtains, Wilman wallpaper and oak bedside cabinets from Defy, mood lighting, a deep cream carpet and a plasma screen TV; the second bedroom features eye-catching blue and silver wallpaper by Squigee and the third is a whiter shade of pale, with velvet and damask curtains, ribbon and glass tie backs, Venetian glass bedside tables and cream flooring. "Mixing damask and velvet is very now," says Baddeley. "This is about creating a luxury home, not just putting together a look."

● Viewings of the show home are by appointment only. For more information on New Fields or other Applecross developments, visit www.applecross.co.uk or call 0131-5528016.



A cool property

This unusual conversion offers style and storage in abundance, writes Janet Christie

A former ice house is hot property in the heart of Leith's cool Shore district. Southglen Development's conversion of the Grade B listed building in Tower Street has created 12 contemporary apartments and a ground floor duplex marketing suite and three penthouse apartments on the upper floor are now open as show homes.

ABOVE: The Tower Street development

vinyl and quality ceramics for the kitchens and bathrooms.

Working within what was a substantial building to start with, the developers have preserved the feeling of space in the 900sq ft to 1,500sq ft loft-style apartments where prices range from £185,000 to £310,000, with clever use of floor to ceiling cupboards and velux windows.

Deep ledges at each of the windows make for an inviting space to sit and watch the ships in the nearby docks to the front and from the upper levels, to enjoy the view of Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill at the back.

On the nearby waterfront there is a multitude of restaurants and bars to choose from, but on the nights when staying in is a more attractive proposition, the German designed Nobelia kitchens, fully fitted with integral SMEG stainless steel appliances will ensure that entertaining at home is a piece of cake.

Cutting edge bathroom suites and "Trevi" thermostatic showers also make the flats appealing to fashion-conscious young professionals who are offered a choice of hard wood, carpets or

Lynda Fleming, new homes sales manager of International Property Advisers DTZ Residential says, "The apartments at the Ice House are fantastic; rarely with new build apartments is there so much space and storage, but with the layout of the existing building and the new design details, Southglen has ensured these key elements have been optimized."

Situated close to transport links, the flats are convenient for bus and road routes and a handy cycle store has been incorporated into the design of the buildings. There is also on-street parking for residents.

"There is no doubt The Ice House offers some of the largest new build apartments available on the market, and at a fixed price. With views over the docks, this really is the ultimate in loft style city living and I would encourage potential homebuyers to view for themselves just how spacious these luxury apartments are," says Fleming.

● A dedicated on-site sales team will be available on Saturdays and Sundays, from 11am to 5pm. Further details can also be obtained from DTZ Residential's Edinburgh office, on 0131-459 2222, or at 14 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh, where brochures are also available. For further information on other developments on offer from DTZ Residential visit www.dtz.com.

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