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Winning Streak Continues

SPRINGFIELD is continuing its run of good news in the 16th issue of 'On-Site' with top awards for key staff and great news on our plans for the future.

Both after sales manager Ann Wojcik and managing director John Main have returned with outstanding results in the annual Homes for Scotland Peoples Awards.

And there may be a slow-down in new-build around the country, but our sales and enquiries are healthy with new projects coming on stream along with a major planning application for the £100-million plus Barmuckity Business Park submitted to Moray Council.

We have a positive view of the future even in such volatile times – the feedback our sales team is receiving is good and helps maintain that all important feelgood factor.

In this issue you'll see who won our £100 monthly draw competition. There are two winners this time covering 2 months.

Remember 'On-Site' is your newsletter. If you hear of something you think could be of interest contact us by calling Jane Innes at the Head Office or drop her a line at Pentland House.

Salterhill Exclusivity



This is one of the designs planned for our new site at Salterhill near Lossiemouth. The site will eventually house eight elegant homes with outstanding views over the Laich of Moray to the south and Lossiemouth burgh to the north. Demolition is planned on the two farm steadings that occupy the site and marketing for the development is underway.

Ann's Teamwork Pays Off!



Ann Wojcik with her award and winning team (left to right): Richard McKerral, Dawid Stasiak, Andy Vass, Dougie Gordon and Kevan McIntosh.

TWO key members of the Springfield Properties management team have been recognised for their outstanding professionalism.

The annual Homes for Scotland People Awards singled out our after sales manager Ann Wojcik and managing director John Main as exceptional professionals in the Scottish construction industry.

Ann was the outright winner of the Customer Care Award and praised for her polished approach and dedication in looking after the interests of Springfield's customers – something that reflects the entire company's approach to improving customer satisfaction.

But she was quick to point that her success was part of a team effort that includes Kevan McIntosh, Richard McKerral, Dawid Stasiak, Dougie Gordon and Andy Vass.

Originally from Buckie Ann trained as a hairdresser before opening her own salon in the town where she built up a successful business based on workmanship and cultivating customer care.

She and her husband Steve later emigrated to Canada where Ann

Key Springfield Staff Honoured

embarked on a new career in Real Estate Sales, Mortgage Financing and Contract Law. She returned to Scotland after 10 years and continued her new career gaining more qualifications in the sector and studying customer care in the construction business.

Eventually she joined Springfield Properties three years ago where she ensures Springfield delivers the highest standards of workmanship and service. She gained more qualifications in the

sector and studied the construction business with a view to improving customer care and ensuring Springfield delivered the highest standards of workmanship for customers.

Since she took on her current role Ann has achieved high customer satisfaction ratings and strives tirelessly for the best standards of excellence in dealing with clients.

At the same awards ceremony at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre John received a Commendation in the Construction Category that reflected his commitment to providing high quality affordable homes in the North of Scotland and overseeing a vibrant business.

He studied architecture at Aberdeen, gained professional experience with an Aberdeen house builder, before joining Springfield to developing the construction side of the business.

John was appointed managing director in 2005 and continues to drive the company that last year saw it achieve a turnover of £24 million with a profit of £5.7 million.



Managing director John Main accepts his commendation from Mary Mulligan MSP.

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Affordables Forge Ahead

WE'VE had great news on the affordables front with all three sites at Buckie, Elgin and Forres through planning and work already under way.

Our teams are on site in Elgin while Buckie's infrastructure and access is taking shape with a view to starting site work by the end of June.

The 111-house Forres site is expected to see construction start in September.

The trio of projects is part of a major provision of affordable homes for Moray that will see more than 400 new homes being built and more construction jobs created.

The Moray Volume Procurement Initiative is part of a partnership of social landlords working to deliver affordable housing in Moray. When completed the multi million Phase One of MVPI 3 will deliver a mixture of 16 different home types from single bedroom apartments to four-bedroom family houses throughout the three Moray sites - 54 at Elgin, 49 in Buckie and 58 at Forres.

In total Moray could gain up to 425 new affordable homes.

Springfield Properties managing director, Mr John Main, is delighted with the contracts' launch and says: "At a time when there's a lot of concern about the construction industry Springfield finds itself in a great position.

"These affordable housing contracts mean we will be able to sustain our workforce at nearly double current levels."

Phase 1 will be constructed over the next 18 months and require Springfield to employ an additional 150 tradesmen. Vacancies will be across all trades and include opportunities for direct employment and sub-contract work.

Married Bliss

SPRINGFIELD receptionist Diane Hadden and labourer/fork lift driver Colin Kemp were married on April 25 at Elgin High Church. Congratulations to the new Mrs and Mrs Kemp. We'd like to share your good news too, please let Jane know at jane@springfield.co.uk or on 01343 552550.

Barmuckity Unveiled

THE planning application Springfield submitted in May to the Moray Council for the Barmuckity Business Park Limited signals twenty years of economic growth for Elgin and a strong future for Springfield.

The joint venture between landowner Ian Robertson and ourselves proposes a 128-acre state-of-the-art business park on the A96 to the east of Elgin at Barmuckity Farm will cost more than £100 million to develop and offers the opportunity to establish a line for the Elgin Bypass.

A proposed roundabout to the east of Barmuckity Farm will be the first on the new bypass which is anticipated to rejoin the Inverness side of the A96 west of Aldrougthy Farm.

Springfield chairman Sandy Adam said: "There was a positive response to our ideas for a bypass running to the south of Elgin and starting at the main entrance to the park."

The carbon neutral development will be laid out in zones including hotel

Plan Equals More Jobs

and leisure, public and private sector office, commercial, starter business, storage and industrial.

At this stage the application deals only with roads, general layout and landscaping including a large loch feature. The company is already in talks with clients and hopes to submit building applications before the end of the year.

Awareness of the strategic importance of the park is uppermost at Springfield according to managing director John Main: "The park will form the main gateway to the city from the east and we are keen to ensure that it is developed in a sympathetic and sustainable way. Our aim is to create a worker friendly business campus fit for the needs of the public and private sectors at local and national level."

Over the next 20 years it is anticipated the Barmuckity Business Park could provide more than 4000 new jobs.

Paddock Plans

SALES of homes at our great-looking Paddock development in Alness have been going well.

There are just three units to sell from the development's Phase 2 stock and we are waiting for a decision on Springfield's application for our planned 10-home Phase 3.

Macduff Handover

THE first handover of a new home at our Macduff development is due next month.

The 90-home Golf View site is on programme and generating a lot of interest.

Our first Macduff home is expected to be handed over on June 26.

Lairig Ghru? We Can Do!

IT'S not the kind of afternoon stroll to tackle on a whim – but when Sandra O'May decided to walk the Lairig Ghru she was not short of companions. In the end eight Springfield staff and friends joined her a few weeks ago for the tough walk from Coylumbidge past Ben Macdui to Linn of Dee. Staffer and experienced walker Austin Robertson acted as guide and Grant Mitchell and Stuart Gordon drove the party to the start and picked them up eight hours later. Sandra and her colleagues have now got the bug and another walk is planned for August. Interested? Speak to Sandra.



Guide Austin Robertson (second right) from civils with Sandra's army before their successful attempt on the Lairig Ghru.

Portsoy Royal Surprise

SPRINGFIELD is again supporting the four-day Scottish Traditional Boat Festival that casts off for at Portsoy for an extended run on July 2.

And On-Site can exclusively reveal that on July 3 the festival will be visited by HRH The Princess Royal.

The event has been grown and festival chairman Roger Goodyear expects 2009 to be a "homecoming special" that could bring in record crowds.

We're delighted to be sponsoring the main stage at the event, especially as Princess Anne has agreed to attend.

In addition to our main stage involvement we are advertising in the programme and taking the opportunity to release our development of 12 apartment homes on the site of town's former mill that will play a major part in the regeneration of the central area of the community.

The festival is billed as a major event in the Homecoming 2009 calendar.

Healthy Progress

THANKS to the hard work and commitment of the team working on the Southfield Medical Centre project we are on target for a handover on September 1.

The showcase community health facility stands at the heart of our Southfield site and will cement services covering a wide variety of medical care including GP services with 11 consulting rooms, a pharmacy, three dental surgeries, a speech and language therapy unit and facilities for social work, physiotherapy, podiatry, chiropody and dietetics.

Winners!

BECAUSE there was no 'On-Site' last month we have two winners in this issue for March and April.

The lucky pair whose names were drawn in the monthly contest for Tesco vouchers worth £100 are harler, Alan Gordon, whose skills are currently employed on the Southfield medical centre and scaffolder, George Fairbairn, kept busy at our Macduff site.

Remember – next month it could be YOU!