

# ON-SITE

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## The Awards Just Keep Coming

OUR impact on the Scottish construction scene has been continuing with more awards flowing our way as summer turns to autumn.

After scooping three major awards at the Scottish Home Awards in June we were awarded Moray Chamber's top annual award last month and were commended for one of our show houses in a competition run by The Herald newspaper.

Coming on the back of excellent sales, the handover of the Southfield health centre facilities, a start on Springfield's new Southfield main office and our move onto a new site in Blairgowrie and another to come at Dunfermline, business is looking good and all departments are busy.

And if you turn over and you'll see who won our £100 monthly draw competition in September.

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.

## Our New HQ Takes Shape

WORK is well under way on Springfield's new head office building at Southfield with steelwork due to be erected this month.

In early October AJ Engineering of Forres will deliver all of the necessary steel structure and the two-storey building will begin to take form.

Extending to some 1600 square metres the eye-catching replacement for Pentland House will accommodate everyone currently based at our head office in spacious and modern new surroundings.

Springfield Properties will occupy one half of the building with the remainder being let to other businesses.

Construction will press ahead over the winter with completion due next April or May.

## Copper-plated Recognition!

THE tireless work of everyone involved with Springfield Properties to develop the company to the force it is today has been rewarded by Moray Chamber of Commerce.

The award that recognises our investment in the Moray economy was made in front of Moray's business leaders to chairman Sandy Adam on September 18 at the 2009 Moray Chamber Business Award dinner at the Mansefield Hotel in Elgin.

The intricately crafted award – a model of a copper pagoda produced by Moray coppersmiths and fabricators Forsyths of Rothes and sponsored by Moray Council, is the sixth Moray Business Award presented by the Chamber.

It was handed over by Moray Council Deputy Convener Councillor Allan Wright.

Previous local business winners have included Elgin drinks company Gordon & MacPhail, Baxters of Fochabers, Walkers of Aberlour and Forsyths of Rothes.

The award came in the same week as Springfield was commended in The Herald Property Awards 2009 in the Best Show Home category for their Glassgreen Gardens showhouse at Elgin – success that reflects a lot of hard work from sales manager Joyce Napier and her team.

Accepting the Chamber award chairman Sandy Adam said: "We have worked hard to build Springfield Properties from modest beginnings and are proud to be based and work in the heart of Moray bringing employment and new construction to the North of Scotland."

Sandy says Springfield is the product of his vision to develop a



*Proud moment for Springfield chairman Sandy Adam and managing director John Main as they show off Moray Chamber's magnificent pagoda award.*

## Chamber Honours Our Investment In Moray

locally-based company through dedicated investment that promoted Moray. Since he took over the 52-year-old family business, initially as managing director from his late father, Mr Duncan Adam, in 1991 he has built up a record of successful investments that has led to Springfield's current total of more than 200 directly employed staff in addition to a substantial number of sub-contractors.

We have received a string of major awards in recognition of our quality construction and dynamic management.

Most recently we won a hat-trick of accolades in the face of national competition at the annual Scottish Homes Awards with outright wins for Conversion of the Year, House of the Year and Apartment of the Year.

Springfield's growth from a small house construction company to today's major construction player has seen turnover rise seven-fold to around £30 million since 2002.

Managing director, John Main, joined the company in 1996 and moved the firm into housebuilding in 1998.

Responding to the Moray Chamber Business Award he said: "This reflects the company's core philosophy of a team working to the highest standards at every level.

"It is tremendous to have won such a prestigious local business award – an accolade that reflects on everyone who works at or for Springfield Properties."

The magnificent copper award is now proudly on display at Pentland House.

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## Healthy Outlook For Cullen Centre

**HARD** on the heels of our successful handover of the North of Scotland's largest health facility at Glassgreen Springfield have won a contract to provide a second health centre in Moray. Director Dave Main says: "A planning application has been submitted to Moray Council for a 550 square metre health centre at Cullen and I expect to have teams on site in February or March next year."

The £1.5 million project for NHS Grampian will be a single storey building occupying a prominent site at the eastern side of the A98 as it leaves Cullen for Portsoy. Completion is scheduled for November next year.

"It's another great contract for us," said Dave.

"We've gained valuable experience with the delivery on time and in budget of the Glassgreen Centre at Elgin and the Cullen contract follows that work."

We have received further expressions of interest in similar construction projects so the Glassgreen Centre and Cullen facility are just the start of our involvement this specialised area of construction.

The Cullen contract is around a fifth the size of the large and complex Glassgreen Centre that was handed over last month.

The £7 million facility at Thornhill Road, New Elgin, was constructed by Springfield for AW & JG Adam who worked in partnership with NHS Grampian who will lease the property.

The building extends to 3000 square metres and will house a staff of 120. NHS Grampian expect up to 500 patients to visit the centre every day.

The dynamic building delivers outstanding quality, sustainability and high functionality in addition to making a very positive impact on the landscape of New Elgin.

**Stop Press: Boots will be opening a community pharmacy at the Glassgreen Centre in early December.**

## Joyce Breaks Into Big Time!

SPRINGFIELD has continued its award-winning success with a commendation in the annual Herald Property Awards.

Last month we were highly praised by the judges in the 2009 Herald Property Awards for our entry in the Best Show House category – and it's all down to sales manager Joyce Napier and her superb team..

The commendation they received was for our marketing properties at Glassgreen Gardens in Elgin and was a feather in the cap for Joyce and her team.

Springfield Properties has received a string of major awards over the past few months for its quality construction and dynamic management. The show home commendation is the latest accolade and has delighted our sales manager.

"The fact that we've done so well at our first outing in this award is a real success," said Joyce who singled out team-members Cisca Cameron and Sandra O'May for the key parts they played.

"My team did a great job preparing the homes at Glassgreen Gardens and the two properties we used to market the site did a great job for us."

"I make sure we source all the fittings, decoration and materials we need locally," she said. "That's a very important factor in all of our show homes."

"The Glassgreen Gardens show homes were based in two semi-detached Altyre properties – one was laid out in a standard format and the other was presented with modifications to allow prospective buyers to see what could be included in their homes."

"I'm delighted that show homes in Moray have managed to make such an impact on the wider Scottish new home housing scene first time out," added Joyce.



*Our delighted sales manager Joyce Napier and Victor Grant who was site manager at Glassgreen Gardens.*

## It's All Down to Top Show Home Team Work, She Says

For site manager Victor Grant the Glassgreen Gardens show homes were the third he has been responsible for with Springfield.

"My tradesmen put a lot of effort into the show homes," he said. "We aim for perfection and high standards in all our houses and the show homes are no exception, what you see in the show home is the standard we produce for all our clients."

Managing director, John Main, said: "The Herald commendation reflects on the company's sales team and everyone involved with the construction side of the business."

We work to the highest standards at every level and I'm delighted Joyce and her team have done so well in their first entry to these awards. It's another accolade that reflects on everyone who works at or for Springfield Properties."

The commendation is another mark of the quality Springfield Properties stamp on their homes – a stamp that's being recognised at local and national levels.

The success of the show homes is reflected in the sales success of the site – of the 27 houses and 48 flats more than 70 have already been sold.

## Knockomie Release

THE first phase of our attractive new 94-home Knockomie Meadows development at Forres is due to be released on October 3

The first release of 32 homes will comprise of two, three and four bed homes in our new style which features wood cladding.

Sales manager Joyce Napier expects these homes to sell well following a lull in new build at Forres over the past few years.

Nestled on the south fringe of Forres the



*This how our attractive Knockomie Meadows homes will look at Forres.*

Knockomie Meadows show home will follow the success of our Glassgreen Gardens show home concept with Joyce and her team establishing two "shop windows" based in a pair of semi-detached Moys.

## Moravia Go!

OUR two and three bed room apartments at the Moravia development in Elgin will be released for sale on October 3.

There are 14 apartments in the block that stands on the A96 opposite McDonalds' restaurant.

Attractively priced and contemporary in style these convenient homes are expected to be good sellers.

## Congratulations!

WINNER of last month's £100 Tesco Voucher is Silva Buerschgens who is our office-based property manager at Pentland House.