

THIS ISSUE who was the team the delivered the first development in London to achieve Level 4? children get their brushes out in Maldon, renting versus buying , which site has historic facts that changed employment rights? scheme achieves BREEAM standard, who has been out running and the winners and losers of a night out.

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Higgins at the forefront of construction

Higgins Construction has raised the benchmark in the industry for building sustainable homes and has just delivered London's first development to reach the Code for Sustainable homes', Level 4, at Vale Street in Lambeth, using masonry construction.

This project has transformed a depot site into a cutting edge innovative development. Sustainability was integral at every stage of the planning, design and construction phases and has resulted in Vale Street now being promoted as the borough's key sustainability demonstration project.

The new homes feature triple glazing, argon-filled walls, mechanical heat recovery, a continual biomass boiler and solar panels.



KEY FACTS:

Client: London and Quadrant Housing Trust and Lambeth Borough Council

Development: Vale Street

Architect: Stock Woolstencroft

Engineer: Walker Associates

Energy Consultants: Stroma

I would like to express my congratulations and thanks to every member of staff who was involved in this extremely significant project. I appreciate the hard work and commitment that was given to ensuring that Level 4 was achieved. Well done.

Said Benny King, Managing Director of Higgins Construction

Painting a picture at Maldon



The unveiling of three murals at Wantz Road Maldon by the Town Mayor saw the beginning of work on the new development, which has 22 apartments in two blocks.

Together with Moat, Higgins Construction sponsored local schools to get involved to design and produce artwork to brighten up the hoarding around the site. Students from the area worked fantastically well, both as a



team and independently, to produce this colourful finished piece. This project has encouraged residents to get involved in the community and create a positive reputation for this new development.

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Higgins Homes Not being crunched by the credit crunch!

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Typical Higgins Homes apartment



Although some experts are saying that the UK will become more European with fewer home owners and more people renting. Higgins Homes are delivering such stunning properties that potential owners in Essex are not letting up in their quest for bricks and mortar.

Although most British twenty something's are still renting, John Lee 27, and Kerry King, 23, say that many of their friends already own property, and they would not have it any other way. The couple finally found their dream home at The Imperial Apartments in Colchester.

John, an electrician, comments:

"Kerry and I have always been set on having a place together and I don't think anything could have changed that. We initially wanted a second hand house, but when we saw The Imperial

Apartments, it was so modern and up-market that we fell for it immediately! I thought it would be impossible for us to afford a flat there, but it wasn't at all, the 'My Choice Home Buy' incentive enabled us to buy and because it

is a government backed scheme with a flexible loan we don't feel worried about being crunched by the credit crunch! "Because of the great incentives and products included, such as the flooring and appliances, this property was

actually a better financial move for us. We are both thrilled that we grabbed the opportunity to get on the ladder while we could, and I'm really looking forward to the new life we will make together in our very own home."

Higgins Construction Achieving BREEAM Standards

We have great pleasure in telling you that the Bespoke EcoHomes 2005 certificate has now been issued for Huntingfields Care Home and Centre.

Many congratulations to everyone involved in the successful certification of the scheme. Whilst it has been a difficult and lengthy QA process it has been well worth the hard work as we have now clearly demonstrated a good environmental performance for the scheme – **Well done!**



More that a building site...

Higgins Construction, working with Southern Housing Group, has been extremely successful in making huge changes to many people who live on the Market Estate. This was an estate that had become crime ridden with a number of social and economic problems. But through creating new homes and working with the residents crime is down and already residents are seeing more interaction with their neighbours.

However, it has now been



highlighted that Market Estate is so much more than a building site - it holds a great deal of history. Not only was it a cattle market and a place farmers came to graze their herds it is also the place where



thousands met in 1834 to march against the injustice of 6 farm labourers who were wrongly imprisoned for being members of a 'friendly society' a forerunner to the official trade unions.



A plaque, which will be a focal point on Market Estate, was recently erected to commemorate these men whose injustice helped change the face of employment rights for generations to come.

