

Yet more recognition for award-winning Fife housing project



An acclaimed Fife housing project designed to trial new alternative methods of construction has gained even more recognition after being shortlisted for two prizes in the prestigious Homes For Scotland 2013 awards.

Each year the HFS Awards recognize best practice and help to further raise standards across the home building industry.

The Housing Innovation Showcase, a joint initiative by Kingdom Housing Association and Fife Council, which produced 27 high quality houses at a site in Dunlin Drive, Dunfermline has been nominated in two categories --- Best Green Initiative and Best Partnership In Affordable Housing Delivery.

The project cost approx. £3.3m and received funding of approximately £2m from the Scottish Government and Fife Council.

Over 2,500 construction and housing professionals visited the Fife showcase to see the new homes which were built by ten different construction partnerships which used modern methods of construction to build energy-efficient houses. Five hundred local people also attended a successful family day.

The Housing Innovation Showcase went on to win a Scottish Green Apple Award for environmental best practice as well as a VIBES award for its environmental vision while also being recognised in the Fife Partnership Excellence Awards.

Bill Banks, depute chief executive with Kingdom said: "We are delighted that the Housing Innovation Showcase has been shortlisted for the prestigious Homes For Scotland 2013 awards. It is yet further recognition of all the hard work put in by everyone involved from all of the organisations and companies that took part."

He added: "The aim of the project was to demonstrate how alternative construction systems and new technologies could be mainstreamed into future projects and we feel this has been achieved. "This project would not have been successful, without the input from Fife Council and the support received from all the consultants, suppliers, preferred partners and contractors involved with the project and I would like thank everyone for their proactive approach to collaborative working." The HFS will reveal the final award-winners at a ceremony in Edinburgh on May 17th.