

Creating spectacular homes

Andrew Minto, director of Landhaven Homes, explains why quality and beauty are of the utmost importance to him when it comes to building houses

Whilst working as a building control officer for North Somerset Council Andrew Minto realised that design was something he felt passionate about so he decided to leave his job and retrain as an architectural consultant.

He told the Resident: “I enjoyed my job as a building inspector but got frustrated with poor design or where people were trying to cut corners. The more I saw, the more I wanted to be involved in the creative side of building properties.”

Andrew qualified and began working in design, knowing he had made the right move as he was soon inundated with projects. He specialised in new-build but even that wasn't enough. “Helping clients to design new builds was absolutely great but it meant I left the project way before the final pieces were put in place. For me the highest level of job satisfaction would be seeing the project right through to the end and so that's when I formed Landhaven Homes.

“I joined forces with a couple of likeminded investors and now we create bespoke, beautiful homes that we are extremely proud of. It's about delivering quality, not quantity. As a building inspector Portishead and Clevedon were included in my ‘patch’ and I developed a love of the area, so I am keen to secure projects in or around the Gordano Valley. I live close by and would love to move my business to the area in the very near future.”

Landhaven recently completed a project in Portishead's Hillcrest Road.

Andrew, who has won awards for his design and architectural expertise, added: “We recently completed a project that



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Hillcrest Road project

involved creating two premium homes with stunning views in Portishead. We are now looking for more land in the area to create more quality homes.”

Landhaven is currently searching for land or property with the potential to be developed in to beautiful new homes with or without planning permission, as this is something Landhaven can take care of. Garden, corner or side plots; infill plots; derelict, unused, overgrown or contaminated sites are all of interest to Andrew and his team, as are convertible buildings from garages and barns to petrol stations and offices.

He explained: “We know that exploring the potential of a site comes with cost, work and concerns for many people and we can help. We aim to make the process as stress-free and rewarding as possible, covering all of the costs and work involved. We respect privacy and people's preferences for what is done. Our aim is to simply pay sellers the best price possible for their property - and we deal with everything else. The first step would be to pick up the phone or drop us an email. From there we can arrange an initial chat, perhaps over a cup of tea! There is absolutely no obligation, it's about exploring and understanding options.” ■



Andrew Minto (right) receiving Architecture Excellence Award