

Builders step up the pace

NO-ONE can accuse housebuilders of not doing their level best to keep things moving on the property front, and with the range of incentives and aid schemes currently available, buying a newly built, energy-efficient home has never been easier. Better still, as construction steps up a pace after the summer holiday period, the choice of property styles has something to suit all tastes and budgets.

● **MUIR HOMES** marks its re-entry to the luxury end of the market with an impressive semi-rural development near Milnathort in Perthshire. Gamekeepers View looks across to Loch Leven in the distance, and the design of each of the 16 detached villas highlights all the features on which this family-owned housebuilder has built its reputation, including flexible layouts, natural wood finishes, spacious kitchens and en-suite facilities. House styles range from the three-bedroom Fernlea bungalow to a choice of four-bedroom villas (including the Hazelwood with a games room) to the five-bedroom Birchwood villa, where the hi-spec finish includes luxury fitted kitchens and Porcelanosa tiling in the bathrooms and en-suite facilities.

Prices start from £249,500 and the new Birchwood showhouse is open Friday to Monday from 11am to 5.30pm.

NEW BUILD AND DEVELOPMENTS



BUY-TO-LET: The five-star Mains of Taymouth estate on the banks of Loch Tay

For details call 01577 861332 or visit www.muirhomes.co.uk.

● **TO HELP** buyers settle into a new home before winter sets in, Barratt Homes is hosting part-exchange events at three of its Ayrshire developments from August 19-28. During that period, visitors to the Grangewood development in Kilwinning, Mayfield Manor in Stevenston and Meadowfield in Galston can obtain full details of the company's part-exchange scheme, which includes two independent surveys of an existing property followed

by an offer within 48 hours for those who purchase a new home. Barratt is offering 100% part-exchange on selected plots, which enables purchasers to buy and sell in one easy move and know they are receiving the fair market value for their former home without incurring estate agency fees. Call 0844 8116699 or visit www.barratthomes.co.uk.

● **TAYLOR WIMPEY** is another housebuilder who wants to show potential buyers how easy it can be to buy and sell within 48 hours using the company's part-exchange scheme and

other incentives. From August 20 for a four-week period, Taylor Wimpey's team of experts will be on hand at key developments – Thornton View and The Laurels in East Kilbride (August 28), Frankfield Loch in Stepps (September 4), Gilbertfield and Newton Farm in Cambuslang (September 11) and Wester Grove in Bathgate (September 18) – to offer factual information and guidance. Each event will run from 12 noon to 4pm on the day and details are available at www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/westscotland.

● Putting a different slant on buying a new home, the five-star Mains of Taymouth estate at Kenmore, on the banks of Loch Tay, has launched a new phase of luxurious one and two-bedroom, fully furnished buy-to-let holiday apartments. Maxwells is the latest phase of contemporary holiday homes which feature a hi-spec finish that includes underfloor heating, granite worktops, solid oak finishes, and vast expanses of glass to take full advantage of the glorious Perthshire scenery. In addition to holiday cottages, luxury Highland lodges and contemporary mews-style houses, facilities include a restaurant, riding stables, boating centre and golf course. Prices for the new apartments range from £195,000 to £265,000. For details call 08895 422911 or visit www.mainsoftaymouth.co.uk.