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Building communities

THE NEW HJALTland HOUSING ASSOCIATION scheme at Quoy has been officially opened, after the third and final phase of the site was completed. Hjaltdland's biggest ever scheme, consisting of 117 houses, was built over seven years, costing a total of £14.4 million.

The third phase, Grodians, consists of 12 single bedroom flats, 12 three bedroom houses and ten four bedroom houses. Local firm E&H Building Contractors carried out the building work, while Lerwick based Richard Gibson Architects designed the development.

Project Architect Adrian Wishart said that he was extremely happy with how the design had turned out for the 34 dwelling development. Mr Wishart added that a lot of work had gone into the design, ensuring the many layers of regulations and requirements for social housing were met, but also to achieve well designed, energy efficient houses



Fitting.

The new scheme sits well in the landscape.



Careful design.

The narrow gable breaks up the facade and gives the impression of a modest, traditional building. A cobbled surface is used on the 'road' to indicate a pedestrian-friendly area where cars are treated as 'visitors'.





Quoyoys.

The three phases of Quoyoys from a bird's eye view.



Cutting the ribbon.

Hjaltland Housing Association and E&H Building Contractors at the official opening of the Grodians houses at Quoyoys. From left: HHA Clerk of Works, Paul Leask; HHA Property Services Manager, Brian Leask; HHA Chairman, Jeff Goddard; E&H Partner, Drewie Manson, and E&H Partner Bobby Elphinstone.

within a new and interesting place for families to live.

The development includes shared surfaces throughout and incorporates Shetland's first 'Homezone' which is designed to treat the car as a visitor within a pedestrian area. The idea is that people can mingle and children can play on the roads and verges in addition to the private gardens.

On the day the scheme was officially opened, an unveiling ceremony also took place for a commemorative bench that has been installed at Quoyoys. The bench is in memory of Davie Craigie, who passed away in 2001. Davie's ashes were scattered at the site at Quoyoys before work on the development began, as he had lived in the area for many years. The idea for the bench came about thanks to Hjaltland

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From left: Malcolm Craigie, Lerwick; Estelle Smith, Lerwick; Lesley Craigie, Glasgow, and Ebie Moncrieff, Lerwick.

Housing Officer Estelle Smith. Estelle also works as a home help to Ebie Moncrieff, who was a close friend of Davie's. Ebie had written a poem about the scattering of his friend's ashes, which he shared one day with Estelle. She took the poem to her manager at Hjalmland and it was decided a memorial should be put in place.

Ebie said: "When they came and started to create the new houses on the hill where his ashes were scattered, I looked out at them one morning and then I just started writing. Within a quarter of an hour I had finished. I think it must have been laying in my mind since they started building."

Davie's son Malcolm and daughter Lesley, who had travelled up from Glasgow, were both present at the unveiling ceremony and were delighted the bench has been placed there. Estelle opened the ceremony by thanking everybody for coming. It was then over to Ebie who said a few words about his friend before reciting his poem off by heart. Ebie said he was "delighted" with the bench and he thought it was "really excellent". When asked what he thought Davie would have made of the bench, he said: "He probably would have questioned why we made all the fuss!"

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