# Notes from the Managing Director

February 2021 has marked a seismic shift in management of Taylor Lewis. After 10 years at the helm, both Steve Foxon and Ben Couch passed the reins via a Management Buy Out to myself and Anthony Bassett. The first 8 months of this new regime have flown by, but as I look back over this period to see what has already been achieved; we have made great progress; an organisational restructure; a new Business Development and Marketing team appointed; rapid growth of our fire barrier team; and an office refurbishment!

Whilst Steve and Ben remain in Director roles, I wish to thank them for everything they have done for Taylor Lewis over the last 10 years. The business is in a very strong position as we move forward to the next chapter. Our Business Plan for the next five years centres around our current client relationships, making sure that they are as strong as ever as well as looking at new opportunities within the sector. The governments decarbonisation agenda is key for us at Taylor Lewis. We are creating new departments which will consist of Retrofit Co-ordinators, Retrofit Assessors and Building Surveyors to ensure that we can offer our clients expert advice in helping them achieve their carbon reduction targets and improvements in energy efficiency of their existing housing stock.

As a final note, I would just like to thank all the staff at Taylor Lewis. Their commitment and energy that I have seen through these difficult times has been exemplary. Every single member of the team, including those who have joined us through the Pandemic has contributed to the continued successful growth of Taylor Lewis and I am excited to be working with such an amazing group of people.

#### Charity **Partners**

Our partnership with our charitable partner the British Heart Foundation has now come to an end. We teamed up with BHF in 2018 and you have all played an amazing role in raising an incredible £16,355 for this wonderful charity.

We recently invited our Team to nominate the charities they would most like Taylor Lewis to support this year. No easy task normally, however, given the last year it was even more difficult than normal.

This year, we've decided to partner with a national and a local charity, to help support and raise awareness for their amazing work. We look forward to supporting them both on our fundraising adventures over the next year.



To kick off the fundraising 15 of the TL Team are doing a sponsored Skydive in May 2022 for Hospiscare, please head to our fundraising page to find out more https://www.justgiving.com/team/taylorl ewisskydivechallenge





Harry the Heart's travels!



Charity Fundraising evening at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter



Carole, Ant, Olivia and Sarah gave up chocolate for one whole month to raise money for the British Heart Foundation





35 donation bags given to the BHF Exeter store this week

## Brabazon Phase 1, Filton Airfield

Works started on site with the clearance, in part, of the existing runway which is still in place today to the areas identified for the future phases. YTL have worked to ensure the material gained from the excavated runway is used in site civil engineering works.

Bromford have worked with YTL to secure the 46Nr Affordable dwellings, comprising Shared Ownership and Social Rented tenures. The design of the 18Nr houses include high ceilings and a vaulted ceiling together with premium building and finishing materials constructed in a modern, unconventional, appearance with subtle façade detail features. The 28Nr apartments are located in a single 5-storey block, one of the largest new build schemes for Bromford, which includes a community heating system.

YTL have worked with Fielden Clegg Bradley Studios to masterplan and detail this exciting scheme and Taylor Lewis are excited to be acting in the role of Employer's Agent for Bromford on this first Phase. This scheme recently won a Bristol Property Award.



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#### Second phase of new homes handed over at **Jurston Fields in Wellington**

The second phase of the affordable homes at the development in Wellington has been formally handed over to LiveWest.

LiveWest joined forces with developer CG Fry & Son to deliver 50 affordable homes on the current phase of this development. To date 19 affordable homes are occupied by LiveWest residents, with the remaining affordable homes due to be completed late autumn and winter.





### Former Yeovil school transformed into housing

Leading housing provider Stonewater developed Park Gardens on land which was previously home to Park Junior School.

The new 24-home scheme has transformed the run-down plot after the old Park Junior buildings fell derelict following the school's move to the former Chilton Cantelo School, near Ilchester, in 2018.

Supported by £1 million Homes England funding, Park Gardens is a mix of flats and houses for affordable rent and shared ownership.

The scheme features a restored decorative wrought iron gate, private gardens, communal areas and parking for residents.



Park Gardens comprises six two-bedroom flats, six two-bedroom and two three-bedroom houses for affordable rent, along with four two-bedroom and six three-bedroom houses for shared ownership.









Few recognise the challenges that the country faces in meeting the net zero commitment by 2050. We have worked on a number of retrofit schemes including the early Energiesprong pilot projects. To bolster our experience with industry leading qualifications, 3 of our senior team are currently studying at the National Retrofit Academy to be Level 5 accredited Retrofit Coordinators.

Acting on behalf of Coastline Housing Taylor Lewis assisted with the delivery of a total of 71 units on a green field site on the outskirts of Bodmin. The project completed in the heart of Cornwall by Vistry Partnerships will provide housing for local people consisting of 19 shared ownership, 14 rent to buy and 33 affordable rented properties.





