

Spring 2024

# taylor lewis *Magazine*

## Affordable Housing

News of several new developments



Accreditation update

Awards winner

Charity Roundup

Meet our new additions



## Notes from the Managing Partner



This year has been one where we have been even more focused on our staff, ensuring that our values continue to promote a culture that offers support to our staff both in and away from the office. To evidence this, we are thrilled to announce that we have retained our 'Investors In People' accreditation which has promoted positive conversations with our team to ensure that career progression and work/life balance is always high on the agenda.

Our Surveying teams continue to be dedicated to delivering the highest level of quality to our clients, this is evidenced by our re-appointment to a number of our key clients' frameworks this year. This is great news in what is becoming a really competitive environment. Our presence in the South West and South Wales continues to grow for all of our departments as we continue to retain and win more work with clients both existing and new. We have increased staff numbers by nearly 10% since the start of the year, which reflects our ambitious growth target.

Finally, we are really looking forward to our annual 'It's a Knockout' event in September. The popularity of this event has significantly grown over the last two years and we are now up to 30 teams! I'd like to thank the TL team who make this event possible together with all of our sponsors and partners.

*Robin Jackson*  
Managing Director

## A major new suburb in Cornwall

Working in partnership with Ocean Housing and Morrish Homes on the North coast of Cornwall. These properties are situated on the edge of the seaside town of Newquay, Nansledan is a major new suburb in Cornwall, and it has been developed by the estate of the Duchy of Cornwall. The development, officially described as 'an extension of Newquay', had the endorsement of King Charles III during his time as Duke of Cornwall.



## Keyford Meadows, Frome

March saw handovers of these beautiful Frome postcode homes. Working in partnership with Curo and Curo Enterprises, Keyford Meadows will respond to the local demand for housing to deliver a mix of one and two bed apartments and two, three and four bed family houses, a proportion of which will be the part-buy/part-rent scheme, shared ownership and affordable housing.



## Manor Gardens, Frenchay

The TL Team are working as Employers Agent and Clerk of Works for Aequus Group and affordable housing provider, Alliance Homes Group. Thirty energy efficient family homes are being constructed in Frenchay, ranging from one to four bedroom properties. Eleven of the homes will be affordable, of which eight will be designated for social rent and three for shared ownership. The entire development will meet the energy efficiency standards as set out by the (AECB) Association for Environment Conscious Building.



## Handovers in Exeter

New affordable shared ownership homes ready for handover on this Exeter development. Built by Linden Homes on behalf of our client Aster Group, these properties will soon be ready for move in dates.



## New development in North Somerset

We are delighted to be working with Curo and Curo Enterprises bringing much needed homes into the village of Yatton. Eaton Park, is a new development of one, two, three and four bedroom homes situated on the edge of the North Somerset village and will offer high quality sustainable shared ownership and social rented housing.





## The Grange in Goonhavern

Working in partnership with Westward Housing Group and Legacy Properties bringing much needed homes to the North Cornwall coast.

The Grange in Goonhavern provides six rental and three shared ownership homes, for local people complete with panoramic countryside views.



## Rhondda Bowl and Fruit Warehouse

We were delighted to visit the Rhondda Bowl and Fruit Warehouse housing developments in April. Newydd Housing Association, in partnership with Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and contractors Castell Group, are developing thirty-four much-needed affordable apartments and houses in the heart of Tonyrefail, Rhondda Cynon Taff. These homes, funded in part by the Welsh Government, hope to be completed in 2025.



## Energy-efficient homes in Crumlin development

The much-needed affordable housing development, Ton Y Felin, boasts 60 energy-efficient homes near Crumlin. This development consists of one-bedroom apartments and two and three-bedroom homes. Working in partnership with Pobl Group and M & J Cosgrove Construction Limited the homes were constructed using timber frame structures supplied by Celtic Offsite, a social enterprise of the United Welsh Group. Celtic Offsite also produced insulation for the structures at its Caerphilly factory.

Ton Y Felin is not only offering homes for rent, some properties are available for shared ownership and outright market sale.



## Cranbrook

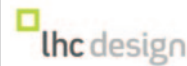
Lovely fresh and modern looks for these new shared ownership homes recently handed over in Cranbrook near Exeter.

Working in partnership with Aster Group UK and Taylor Wimpey plc



## New pavilion and pitches at Exmouth Town

The completion and handover of the spectacular new Pavilion for Exmouth Town Football Club Limited was achieved at the end of January, working in partnership with Blue Cedar Homes Ltd LHC Design and Skinner Construction. The new Pavilion and pitches will offer first class facilities for a range of players to train, compete, and achieve their full potential.



## Harbour Crescent Phase II

Work is progressing on site for the construction of contemporary apartments at Harbour Crescent Phase II in Portishead, working in partnership with Curo Group and Praelon Construction Limited. This development forms part of the larger regeneration of Portishead.



## New development with views of Cheddar Gorge

Working with the Alliance Homes Group and Keepmoat bringing much-needed homes into the village of Cheddar. Steart Farm is a new development of two, three and four bedroom homes and is surrounded by beautiful countryside with views of Cheddar Gorge, the Mendips and Wedmore Vale. These properties are going to make such lovely homes.







# Did you know about our specialist services at Taylor Lewis?

**The key strengths of the Taylor Lewis team are within the new build affordable homes sector, open market residential and cross subsidy as well as upgrades and conversions of existing buildings.**

At Taylor Lewis we understand that each sector has its own constraints and challenges and our in-house team expertise are geared to the differing needs of each sector.

Our approach is unique and tailored to meet the needs of our client and we ensure that each project is resourced by professionals with capabilities in that sector.

We have a range of in house capabilities and employ people who are experts in their respective sector to offer the full range of services required by our clients including:

- Fire Risk Assessments
- Damp and Mould Inspections
- Cost Management
- Benchmarking
- Feasibility Studies
- Compliance for Grant Funding
- Estimating and Budgeting
- Preparation of Bills of Quantities
- Final Account Settlement
- Cost Planning and Control
- Contract Preparation
- Value Engineering
- Expert Witness
- Monitoring Surveyor for Funder
- Whole Life Costing





## Celebrating our awesome female colleagues who are the integral cogs in the TL Team machine!



We celebrated Women in Construction Week and International Womens Day in March. Proud of the resilience, expertise, and the leadership of our talented female colleagues who play an integral role at Taylor Lewis. From Managing Surveyors to our Head of Operations, they are paving the way for a more inclusive industry.

## Western Gateway Green Construction Advisory Panel

Back in March following the success led by Exeter College in the South West, we were invited as Exeter GCAP members to attend the first Western Gateway Green Construction Advisory Panel hosted by AccXel Construction School. A full day collaborating with this forward thinking and solution focused group bridging the gap between education and construction.

Working with key partners and stakeholders to address the fundamental questions of what we need to do to hit carbon targets, retrofit housing stock, and work towards new building regulations and green efficiencies.

Huge thanks to our hosts AccXel Construction School - what a fantastic place of opportunity and learning to inspire the next generation.



## Steve Foxon



January marked the end of a fantastic achievement in Steve Foxon's 20 year career at Taylor Lewis. Steve had been an essential fixture in our business since 2005, under his leadership the company experienced considerable growth and navigated significant changes and advancements. We wish him all the very best for his next chapter (that involves a lot less time at a desk!)

## National Energy Efficiency Awards Winner

Taylor Lewis were nominated for two awards and were delighted to win the New Project accolade alongside Exeter College and EWI Pro recognising the collaboration between education and industry through the Green Skills Advisory Panel (GCAP).



## Accreditation Update

We are proud to announce we have again retained our double ISO standard Consulting and Auditing certification in 9001 and 14001, our Investors in People and Alcumus SafeContractor accreditations. A testament to our people who are at the heart of our success and our commitment to health and safety standards with reflection upon our continued outstanding practices and procedures with our TL Team.



## Penryn Grasshoppers



As part of our annual Corporate and Social Responsibility strategy and having a positive impact we have supplied the Penryn Grasshoppers U14s matchday kit for the current season. Co-owner of Taylor Lewis Ant Bassett who is an integral part of the coaching team said "supporting grassroots football in Cornwall is really important and we know many Clubs struggle to raise funds on their own to kit their team out".

Following a hugely successful season the Grasshoppers not only were declared League Champions but won the County Cup. We are delighted that the kit brought them so much luck!



## CHARITY ROUNDUP

### Charity partner for 2024

Taylor Lewis is supporting CALM – Campaign Against Living Miserably, the mental health and suicide support charity, as its official charity of the year.

Taylor Lewis employees, who have raised tens of thousands of pounds for previous charity partners, voted to support CALM for 2024 to help in the charity's efforts to provide support and advice for anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts and those that are struggling.

Dealing with mental health in the workplace is a priority for Taylor Lewis and, in 2022, the company trained some of its employees as Mental Health First Aiders, who are trained individuals acting as a first point of contact for those that need mental health support in the workplace, accredited by Mental Health England.



### South West Coast challenge

A Team of Taylor Lewis warriors are taking part in a South West Coast challenge on 3rd August. The challenge covers some of the stunning Coastal Path, and will support our Charity of the Year, Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM) who are taking a stand to against suicide. Sadly every week 125 people in the UK take their own lives. CALM exists to change this - by offering life-saving services, provoking national conversation, and bringing people together to reject living miserably.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/tlteamsouthwestcoastpath>

### Christmas tree recycling for Hospiscare

We were out supporting Hospiscare collecting Christmas trees in January for our third year running. Jules and H collected Christmas trees in return for a donation to this wonderful charity. Donations will help make a real difference to local patients and their families across Exeter, Mid and East Devon.



## New starters

Meet our new additions to the TL Team

### Mihai Viraru - Technical Advisor



Mihai joins the growing team of specialists carrying out passive fire protection measures to audit the cavity barriers and fire stopping that is crucial to building safety.

All our Inspectors and Clerk of Works are qualified and hold the designation FSIDip.

### Marie Chapman - Project Coordinator



Marie will support the in-house Retrofit Team members and external retrofit site contractors, and provide customer service administration for our growing retrofit service clients.



### Samantha Vincent Retrofit Assessor

Sam will play a crucial role in the PAS 2035 process and will strengthen our expanding retrofit division at Taylor Lewis.

### Paul Hopkins – Senior Surveyor



As we continue to grow we welcome Paul to strengthen our offering in South Wales. Paul will be responsible for monitoring and driving up construction standards on a number of Housing Schemes throughout South Wales and will help Taylor Lewis continue to deliver excellence in these areas.

### Lauren Harris - Project Coordinator



Lauren joins our team of project coordinators whose day to day role is to call residents to arrange inspections and remedials on behalf of our retrofit programme for our clients around the UK.

### Sean Lambart – Retrofit Coordinator



A great addition to our dedicated team focused on the decarbonisation agenda and helping our clients understand costing issues around zero carbon through building up cost models for a variety of construction types and technological solutions.

## New Arrivals!

Shannon and Liam have welcomed beautiful Roux Arabella Mallett, (pictured below left) into the world. Born in April weighing in at a healthy 7lb 4oz. Everyone is doing brilliantly, especially big brother Max who is smitten!

Grant and Kathryn welcome Murphy Jac, (pictured below right) born on 12th May, weighing in at 7lb 5oz. Mum and son are doing really well.



## ICWCI



Huge congratulations to Guy Gagen on being awarded his ICWCI membership. The recognised Body for Construction Inspection dates back to 1882, with a strong reputation for quality and professionalism.

It has a long established, highly recognised status within the construction industry, and the designations LICWCI, MICWCI and FICWCI are accepted as the benchmark of professional recognition and standing.



## 60 seconds with...



### Dan Roberts

MCIOB ACABE

Senior Building  
Surveyor Retrofit  
Coordinator

#### Where were you born?

Truro, Cornwall

#### Tell us about your career path.

I started my career as a carpenter and retrained after 18 years, went into building surveying for social housing then progressed to structural warranty and building control surveying before starting with Taylor Lewis

#### Did you always want to work in construction?

Yes

#### Why did you want to join Taylor Lewis?

I previously worked alongside the Cornwall team when in social housing and found the staff very approachable and friendly.

#### If you could choose one other profession what would it be?

Mariner on the inland waterways of Europe.

#### What is your favourite building?

Gazi Husrev-beg Mosque, Sarajevo

#### What are you passionate about?

Travelling is my passion

#### What is your favourite ride at a theme park?

I don't have one.

#### What would your entrance song be?

The Killing Moon by Echo & the Bunnymen.



#### Exeter Office

1c The Venture Centre  
Yeoford Way Matford  
Exeter, Devon EX2 8LB

Tel: 01392 825778

#### Truro Office

Princess Chula House  
City Road  
Truro TR1 2JL

Tel: 01872 279589

#### Newport Office

Merlin House  
No.1 Langstone Business Park  
Newport, Gwent NP18 2HJ

Tel: 01633 415322

#### Plymouth Office

Falcon Business Centre  
3 Eagle Road  
Plymouth, Devon PL7 5JY

Tel: 07904 334130

#### Weston-super-Mare Office

The Hive, 6 Beaufighter Road,  
Weston-super-Mare,  
BS24 8EE

Tel: 07527 207441

**INVESTORS IN PEOPLE**  
We invest in people Standard



**Employers Agent**  
Project Management  
**Chartered Quantity Surveyors**  
CDM/Principal Designer  
**Sustainability Advice**  
Building Surveyors  
**Passive Fire Inspectors**  
Land Assembly  
**Retrofit Assessors / Coordinators**

Taylor Lewis is the trading name of Taylor Lewis Limited. Taylor Lewis is regulated by RICS. Registered in England and Wales No. 07057253.