

NEW HOMES

Scottish Daily Mail

Bucking the trend is the Mains thing

IN what has been a very fickle property market, it is always heartening to see businesses bucking the trend – and the Mains of Taymouth country estate has certainly been doing that.

This family-owned venture in the Perthshire village of Kenmore, which specialises in holiday homes, is celebrating not just the launch of its latest development but the fact that the properties are selling like proverbial hot cakes off plan.

It helps that they are in one of the most scenic corners of Perthshire – the young Queen Victoria spent part of her honeymoon at nearby Taymouth Castle – and that the estate is easily accessible. But

By Jenny Shields

owners Robin and Irena Menzies, who have been expanding their business over many years, also understand what clients want. The key, they say, is providing consistently high quality.

From working with award-winning architect Eric Strickland to the high spec Roca bathrooms, solid oak floors, granite worktops and private hot tubs, as well as the complete letting service, attention to detail is everything.

Following the runaway success of the ten mews-style properties in Castle Gardens and three big properties called The Brudairs, the couple went on to develop The Gallops, whose eight properties sold swiftly. Now their latest project, Maxwells, is well under way. Four



Highland hideaways: The Gallops at the Mains of Taymouth estate

properties will be completed by September, the remaining six by Christmas – and six have already been sold.

At present, a one-bed property is available to buy at £195,000 and three two-bed properties at £265,000. All the properties come fully decorated and furnished to an exceptionally high standard.

Part of the attraction – aside from having a home from home whenever you fancy – is the guarantee that comes with the property of a 5 per cent per annum rental return for five years. Developing is Mrs Menzies' passion. Of Polish parent-

age, but born and brought up in the area, she brims with enthusiasm. Although she is involved in every aspect of the place, she really comes into her own when the properties are ready to be fitted and furnished.

They divide nicely into expansive, open plan living/cooking/dining spaces with large windows or French doors and quiet, elegantly appointed en suite bedrooms.

After spending a day on the hill or loch – many guests are keen walkers, climbers, mountain bikers or canoeists – she knows that returning to a warm, comfortable, stylish



house will only increase their holiday's feel-good factor.

Mr and Mrs Menzies want to build more large detached properties, for which there seems to be a keen market. They also have plans for a leisure centre featuring an indoor pool, spa and tennis courts, which they see as key to completing the Mains of Taymouth experience.

j.shields@daily mail.co.uk

Scotland

ADVERTISEMENT

Security & Independence in luxurious surroundings

Call NOW to secure a preview appointment at our beautiful new show complex at The Granary Mews, Dumfries.

Following the runaway success of McCarthy & Stone's current retirement development in Dumfries, we are delighted to announce that a further phase offering an impressive choice of 12 one bedroom and 12 two bedroom apartments is now almost ready to open its doors to viewers.

"Maintenance free. Care free. What more could I ask for. I love it!"

Living on my own, trying to sort out the repairs needed on my house and keep the garden tidy was such a struggle and expensive too. Now I don't have to worry about either. All the exterior maintenance is done for me and the communal garden is so lovely. It's the perfect place to meet the new friends I've made since I moved here.



An exclusive invitation

Boasting a new specification that includes oak doors throughout, as well as newly-designed kitchens and bathrooms, our beautiful show apartments at The Granary Mews will open in the next few weeks. Viewing will be strictly by appointment, and this exclusive sneak peek is only available to pre-registered enquirers, so call us today to ensure you are among the first to experience the unique lifestyle on offer with McCarthy & Stone at The Granary Mews.

Security and independence

For over 30 years, security and independence have been the hallmarks of the McCarthy & Stone lifestyle. With the privacy of your own apartment guaranteed, and security worries a thing of the past, you can really enjoy your retirement when you move to a McCarthy & Stone development. A TV entry system, House Manager and 24-hour emergency Careline combine to provide peace of mind that comes with the knowledge that help is on hand 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

What's more, all the external maintenance of the building and the grounds is taken care of, so you can relax and enjoy your retirement in beautiful surroundings.

Call us today on
0141 420 8300
to secure your exclusive appointment at
The Granary Mews.

"We can just get on and enjoy our lives."

Both of us love the social life here. Making new friends, popping to the shops, days out. We've got so much more time to do these things since we made the move. Neither of us regret it for a moment. We've still got our independence but no more worries about our safety or looking after the house. It's all we could wish for.



The Granary Mews, Glebe Street, Dumfries, DG1 2LQ
Viewing of plans by appointment only • Prices from £127,950
www.mccarthyandstone.co.uk

For more news & information from the McCarthy & Stone Group send to:
Freeport SCO2891, McCarthy & Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd., Glasgow G51 1PR.

Title _____ Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Tel _____ Enquiring on behalf of? Yourself ☐ Other ☐



McCarthy & Stone

RETIREMENT LIVING

D.MailScott27.5.11