

NEWLAND AVENUE, NEW HOMES

FRAMEWORK: YORbuild - South region

LOT: 4

CLIENT: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

CONTRACTOR: Bramall Construction

PROJECT VALUE: £1m

Start on site: October 2010

Completion: April 2011



THE PROJECT: A scheme of eight new homes consisting of two 2-bedroom bungalows, specially adapted to accommodate those with disabilities, two 3-bedroom houses and four 4-bedroom houses, all built to Code Level Four of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS

YORbuild's integrated Employment and Skills Plan ensured that during the period the project was live:

- 1 new bricklaying apprentice position was created (eleven weeks on site), while another thirteen apprentice positions were safeguarded, creating 102 person weeks. This resulted in praise from local MP Mr Kevin Barron. The apprentices were given the opportunity to work independently to build the two bungalows from start to finish, under the supervision and guidance of the site manager, which meant they were able to gain experience and skills beyond the expected levels.
- 4 site operatives, previously long-term unemployed, were recruited for the site, and a total of 29 person weeks work experience were delivered.

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I've really enjoyed the workshop as it was really interesting and something different. I learnt a lot about saving energy and how solar panels work. My favourite part was when we got to build the model of our house, where we got to learn the importance of teamwork.”

Kara Wood,
Year 7 student

- 6 short courses were delivered to existing members of site staff.
- The site manager, who was working towards an NVQ Level 4, developed higher level skills.
- 100% CSCS card and health and safety test compliance was achieved on this site.
- Bramall employees carried out assemblies at two local primary schools to teach the children about basic health and safety and the dangers of playing on building sites. A total of 300 youngsters attended the assemblies. Several other schools were contacted.
- Staff from Bramall organised and delivered an educational workshop on sustainable housing at Wingfield Business and Enterprise College, as part of National Science Week. During the session, 60 Year 7 pupils learnt about some of the types of sustainable technology that Bramall uses in its homes, such as photovoltaic solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems. They then worked in groups to design and build their 'dream' eco-friendly houses out of balsa wood, which were presented to a panel of 'judges' from Bramall, the school and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

