

case-study
morris homes
peterborough

naturally **TM**



The site off London Road in Peterborough is the country's largest zero carbon housing development.

The quality of the 300-house build has netted a host of accolades for the developer and site manager, including winning the Best Low or Zero Carbon Initiative at the 2013 Housebuilder Awards.

Morris Homes chose **Taylor Maxwell's Stonepanel™** natural stone cladding to put the finishing touches to the 80 homes in the rural phase of the **Vista** development.

The choice turned out to be an inspired one, as site manager Gary Davies explained;

"The fixing of the stone cladding worked out brilliantly and looks fantastic, the elevations make it look extra special.

"If you look at the houses, the stonework looks like it has been done by a stonemason even though it is effectively just jigsaw pieces of **Stonepanel™**: the bricklayers did a really good job of it."



Morris Homes' Vista is no ordinary housing project

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Taylor Maxwell's role in **Vista** was slightly different to our usual Research/Guide/Provide process, as Richard Nield from **TM** explains:

“**TM** take a customer’s vision on board and provide a full solution for it.

“We provide stone samples, on-site training and assisted with the design and calculation of quantities to assist the on-site construction team.

“So at project **Vista**, while **Stonepanel™** has a large range of colours and sizes available, we worked with **Morris Homes** and the bricklayers to find a solution whereby only seven component parts were needed to help them build their full design.”

Gary Davies - whose numerous, regional and national NHBC Pride in the Job awards, show him to be a well qualified and experienced judge - agreed that it was not just the product but also the support provided by **Taylor Maxwell** that helped to make the project a great success.

“The service from **Taylor Maxwell** was really good. Their support team in Edinburgh were brilliant at letting us know about up to date information on deliveries and providing us crates of anything that we were short of.” he said.



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Stonepanel™ is an innovative cladding system for walls and facades, suitable for both internal and external application.

Individual panels made of natural stone including quartzite, gneiss, limestone, sandstone or slate joined to a cement base that is reinforced with a light metal or fibre glass mesh at the base. Each piece is Z-shaped in order to hide the joints from view. It is very simple to install and doesn't need specialised labour.

Stonepanel cladding is the only natural stone pre-assembled product on the market that is backed by BBA certification and offers installation advantages over traditionally built natural stone.

We are the sole supplier in the UK and hold stocks in various geographical locations.

Stonepanel™ Sky incorporates a hook in the back to allow for a mechanical fix in addition to the adhesive assuring strength and durability.



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“You allow a little bit for waste for different angles and certain parts of the build, it is very difficult to estimate the quantities you need but generally they were spot on.

“**Taylor Maxwell** came down and did a test panel onsite, and went through how to fix the panels and it all worked really well.”

Importantly it is not just the project partners and judging panels who like the **Stonepanel™** finished houses at Vista: buyers are taken with them too. In fact they're going so fast **Morris Homes** are building 20 more homes in the style of the rural phase off-plan to satisfy demand.

“We're selling like mad.” Gary Davies explained.

“On a brownfield site we've managed to make a very nice village near the town centre but the houses look like they could be in Derbyshire, you don't see these elevations in many places.

“We've really enhanced the area.”



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