Show home, show apartment & marketing suite now open! Everything you need to help you find your new home.
The brand new four bedroom show home at Rochester Riverside has been unveiled, offering Medway residents an opportunity to go through the keyhole and get a glimpse of the superb family houses on offer at the scheme.

The Dunlin four bedroom terraced house spans 1,542 sq. ft. across three floors with an attentive private garden and sought-after double garage. Visitors to the new show house will be able to see first hand the high quality specification and get a sense of the design, space and scenic views on offer.

This contemporary home boasts an open-plan kitchen, with a well designed and light-filled living room and dining area, perfect for families who want to socialise and relax at the weekend or after a long day at work.

The kitchen is equipped with modern appliances, including handleless gloss units, laminate worktops, double oven, hob and an integrated fridge and freezer. The master bedroom includes a double sliding door fitted wardrobe and en-suite bathroom, along with a further three spacious bedrooms. It also features a Juliet balcony, offering beautiful views over Common Creek, as well as inland towards the castle and cathedral.

Those looking for a three bedroom house need look no further than The Heron, a three bedroom terraced house which includes a spacious open-plan kitchen and dining room. The Heron with Conservatory, has also been extremely popular, adding more space to the open-plan kitchen and dining area that opens onto a private garden.

NEW FOUR-BEDROOM show home unveiled

Carrie Edwards and Tamzin Billinghurst of Claude Hooper Interiors, designers of the Rochester Riverside four-bedroom show home, explain their approach to dressing the home:

“The overall feel for the family home was designed to be light and fresh, in keeping with the waterside location. We've achieved this by mixing Scandi elements with neutral softer tones such as pinks and greys. By using a range of textures we've given the room a sense of depth, while deep colours in the accents, such as dark blue, keep things fresh. By keeping the feel of the home light and airy, this has allowed the natural light and incredible views to remain the focus of the home.

“We tried to reflect the spaciousness of the home by using all of the storage cupboards, demonstrating quite how much storage space there is, and how it can be used. We don't create generic show homes. Instead, the four bedroom show house at Rochester Riverside was meant to reflect the area and its interests. As a result, the works of Charles Dickens can be found dotted around the home, while accessories include local maps.

“Overall, with chunky textures, a quirky edge and a range of quality ceramics, this is an inviting family home and one that we're very proud of. Why not come along and see it for yourself?”

HOW WE MADE IT
Rochester has an incredibly rich history and heritage, the beautiful River Medway, the quaint High Street full of independent shops, restaurants and bars, a busy programme of events and festivals throughout the year and excellent transport links. It’s no wonder that Rochester is such a sought-after location to both live and visit.

THE ROCHESTER way of life

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30 days of festivals and events that punctuate the year.

While the main attractions in Rochester revolve around its heritage, the irreplaceable creativity of the town’s diverse through, Capitalising on the creativity of Rochester, which is home to a campus of the University of Creative Arts, Rochester Art Gallery is a haven for artistic expression. The gallery hosts prestigious artists, with Cas Holmes currently showcasing her recycled textile art exhibition “Painting with Cloth”.

The impact of the famous author is inexorably etched into the very fabric of Rochester, which is home to a campus of the University of Creative Arts, Rochester Art Gallery is a haven for artistic expression. The gallery hosts prestigious artists, with Cas Holmes currently showcasing her recycled textile art exhibition “Painting with Cloth”.

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Travelodge Checks in at Rochester Riverside

Travelodge has announced as the occupier of the new £8m hotel that is being built at Rochester Riverside. Offering 81 beds, in an ideal location next to Rochester station, the Travelodge will be highly sought after by both business and leisure travellers.

Construction of the hotel will start imminently, and completion is expected in the autumn. The hotel will be a vital part of Rochester Riverside and reflects Medway’s burgeoning population as it becomes a desirable place to visit, both for business and leisure.

Andy Farrow, Managing Director for Partnership South

“We are excited to be welcoming a brand new Travelodge Hotel to Rochester Riverside. It complements the development perfectly and it is ideally located for visitors reaching Rochester by rail. Guests would like to visit, both for business and leisure, and so the location couldn’t be more perfect for us.

David Grant, Director of Business Development at Hyde

“We are delighted that a Travelodge Hotel will be coming to Rochester Riverside. It is a great addition to the community as it is an exciting time and the location couldn’t be more perfect for people visiting the town.”

The detailed planning application for the new primary school at Rochester Riverside was submitted earlier this year, and in this edition of the Rochester Riverside Chronicle we’re providing a sneak peek of the designs for this fantastic new community asset.

Creating facilities for the community goes hand in hand with building new homes, and so along with the commercial zones, a new bend, elevated river walkway and green spaces, the primary school is a significant opportunity for Rochester Riverside.

Designed for 230 pupils, with one form entry, the Rochester Riverside primary school will be a key component in the design of the school. Extensive community consultation took place before the masterplan for the primary school was submitted, and the desire for a school was a key concern for the Riverside community.

As a result, the new school buildings have been designed to meet the aspirations of the community. The Rochester Riverside primary school will be welcoming and inclusive, safe and secure, and a place where learning happens everywhere.

A principle of the design is to ensure that the back of the school is in keeping with the surrounding area, and the design has been carefully influenced by this. For example, the main body of the school will echo Rochester Castle through the same-style grey brick that will be used.

The school will be bordered by the north west corner of Rochester Riverside, close to the new Rochester railway station. Located at a key access point, the school will help encourage social integration within the wider community.

Within the north west corner, the school will be situated in a new open space surrounded by public parks, which include Deer Park, Deer play area and Bridge Park. This open space sits next to the River Medway and river walkway, offering views both to the river and back to the historic centre of Rochester. This means that classrooms will enjoy views of the River Medway and Bridge Square, as well as a high level of natural light which will provide a conducive environment for learning.

Outdoor space plays a crucial role in the plans for the school. Due to the positioning of the site, the proposed two storey building will sit on a raised deck, which provides outdoor teaching space directly from the Nursery and Reception classrooms. Meanwhile, the school grounds will contain a range of facilities that contribute to learning, health and wellbeing, including a green space area, with trees and shrubs, and a multi-use games area (which could be configured for new football court, or new 7-a-side football pitch).

Sports are not the only use for the school’s outdoor space, with learning and social spaces included. The design also includes space for a number of plant beds, with a mix of ornamental trees and shrubs, an outdoor play area, a nature area and wolverton play area, and a habitat area. In the centre of this internal area are the multi-use football pitch, which forms a focal point for the school grounds.

Designed to provide the best possible learning environments for the young people of Medway, the Rochester Riverside primary school will benefit the local community for generations to come.

School’s in at Rochester Riverside!

Bright, Young Apprentices Build their Career at Rochester Riverside

There are currently five apprentices working on-site through the Rochester Riverside Apprenticeship Training Programme. The programme apprentices programme between Countryside and JBT over the last five years. 70% of apprentices have completed the apprenticeship programme, with 100% of those subsequently gaining their qualifications and going on to sustainable employment. The programme offers apprentices invaluable on-the-job experience, which is a fundamental part of the training. In 2018, all apprentices went on to work with Countryside supply chains.

Jasmin Davis is an 18 year old apprentice from Maidstone currently working at Rochester Riverside. Jasmin commented: “I came across the apprenticeship at Rochester Riverside when I was at college and decided to apply, having completed a two year college course in carpentry. Although I knew Maidstone, Maidstone has none of the biggest projects around. Working on such a large-scale development like Rochester Riverside offers the experience I need, and while there’s a lot of work to be done, it’s rewarding to be part of such a huge regeneration project.

“I’ll recommend an apprenticeship to anyone considering it - the hands on training and on-the-job experience is perfect for anyone looking to develop their skills. Apprenticeships give people the opportunity to learn new things on the job and in an environment which provides them with work experience and career opportunities. Rochester Riverside is a fantastic project to be involved in and I’m sure each and every apprentice will be an asset to any successful career in their chosen industry.”

Andy Farrow, Managing Director, Partnership South

“Training the future workforce is crucial to industry, but especially construction, and we are delighted to be continuing our partnership with JBT on such an apprenticeship scheme.”

Cllr Jan Chitty, Medway Council’s Portfolio Holder for Housing and economic development

“We are delighted that Rochester Riverside, our flagship development, has been able to offer apprenticeship opportunities to people of all ages looking to develop their skills. Apprenticeships give people the opportunity to learn new things on the job and in an environment which provides them with work experience and career opportunities. Rochester Riverside is a fantastic project to be involved in and I’m sure each and every apprentice will be an asset to any successful career in their chosen industry.”

David Gascoigne, Group Director of Business Development for Hyde, and “National Apprenticeship Week is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the vital importance of apprenticeship and drive the agenda. At Rochester Riverside, we are proud to support the future of the construction industry and a driving Medway through the employment opportunities we’re creating.”

Rochester Riverside is the region’s flagship regeneration scheme, transforming a previously unused site into a new destination community.

Rochester Riverside is supporting the young people of Medway through an apprenticeship scheme between Countryside, Hyde and JBT Training.

The event was attended by01923 770011 or email admin@jbt-training.co.uk.

There are numerous opportunities for young talent in the housebuilding sector and these interested in apprenticeships at Rochester Riverside can contact Joe Brennan on 01923 770011 or email admin@jbt-training.co.uk.
The Leader of Medway Council, Cllr Alan Jarrett, led a ‘topping out’ ceremony held at Rochester Riverside in March, marking the tallest height reached in the first phase of construction.

Little over one year on from when ground was first broken on this landmark scheme, the new building will now be fitted out, along with the other apartments and houses, in preparation for the first residents to move in this summer. Countryside and Hyde are working hard to deliver the initial phases of the development, which comprises 489 homes and a hotel, along with 2,200 sq m of commercial floorspace.

By working in a close partnership with Medway Council, Rochester Riverside is making a real difference to the availability of housing for Medway residents, with 25% of all homes affordable rent or shared ownership. Countryside and Hyde will also deliver a new primary school, retail space, and over ten acres of green, open space, thereby creating a landmark destination on the banks of the River Medway.

Andy Fancy, Managing Director for Partnerships South (North and South London) at Countryside, said: “One year on from breaking ground at Rochester Riverside, we’re proud to mark the significant achievement of our very first topping out today. This exceptional rate of delivery on the build programme is testament to our commitment to deliver this landmark scheme within 12 years.”

David Gannicott, Group Director of Business Development for Hyde, said: “The topping out of the first block of housing at Rochester Riverside signifies the contribution to Medway that Rochester Riverside is making; meeting strong local demand by creating new homes in a wide range of tenures. “We can’t wait to welcome the new residents later this year and see the development truly come to life.”

About HYDE

Hyde builds homes for people who aspire to own a quality home of their own, as well as for people who can’t afford to access the housing market due to limited income. We provide homes and services to over 95,000 customers across London and the South East.

We have plans to complete 1,500 new homes per annum over the next five years and as a social business, we reinvest our profits to build more affordable homes. Our approach to both new build and large scale regeneration is innovative, flexible and commercially driven. But don’t just take our word for it. Several of our large scale regeneration schemes, such as those in Bermondsey, Pimlico (Islington) and Stonebridge in Brent have been held up as exemplars of how regeneration should be done and transformed formerly troubled estates into thriving communities.

The homes we create are generously-sized, striking a balance of stylish, yet functional design that appeals to a wide range of home buyers. Our finish is always of the highest design standard with quality fittings and long-lasting materials. Innovative, award-winning design, as well as outstanding sustainability features and desirable locations are our focus and make Hyde’s new homes attractive to buyers and investors alike.

About COUNTRYSIDE

Countryside is a leading UK home builder and urban regeneration partner. We believe that where we live matters.

We’re passionate about creating places where people aspire to live, where they feel a true sense of belonging. All our developments and homes carry a signature style and character, designed to work for the way people live today with materials that reflect our commitment to quality. Our exacting standards and sustainable credentials combine to create places that will stand the test of time. As a result we hold more Housing Design Award than any other developer.

From the character of the homes we build to the planning of environments and the unique detailing of the landscape, our creative approach to place-making creates places where people feel at home, providing a greater sense of belonging, spirit of neighbourhood and quality of life for everyone who lives in and around our developments.

We create places people love.