

Monmouthshire Housing Association

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Monmouthshire Housing is delighted to announce the construction of four new affordable homes currently underway in Llandogo.

The site, which is situated adjacent to Llandogo Primary School, has had the full support of the children, parents and staff. Headteacher, Rachel Dare, has formed good relationships with the building contractors throughout the construction phase to date. She expressed a great interest in the environmental features of the new houses, so just before they break-up for the summer holidays Monmouthshire Housing arranged for the Rachel, some year 6 students and members of the Eco-committee from the school to visit the site. John Keegan, Chief Executive of Monmouthshire Housing explained all aspects of the construction and eco measures incorporated into the new properties to the students. The children were particularly impressed with how cheap it will be to heat and light the properties, the fact they are timber framed and that all of the rainwater will be captured for re-use, making these properties amongst the most environmentally friendly in the whole county.

The project has transpired as a direct result of the close working partnerships formed with the Rural Housing Enabler – David James, Monmouthshire County Council, Trellech United Community Council, Melin Homes (who are acting as the Development Agency) and the Welsh Assembly Government which has provided social housing grant funding.

The new homes (consisting of two 2 bedroomed houses and two 3 bedroomed houses) scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, will deliver urgently needed affordable housing within the village and surrounding areas.

MHA will continue to work closely with the school and in the community over the coming months whilst the construction of the properties continues.

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