

Attracting a lot of interest

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MANLEYS Court, located on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Dunkeswell, will be holding two open days this weekend between 10am and 4pm.

The Sylvan Developments' site comprises just three charming traditional-style cottages, in this ancient village set in the glorious Blackdown Hills.

With its long low farmhouses and thatched cottages with pastel colourwashed walls the village nestles around a hillside church that was built in 1868 but has a fascinating Norman font, one of the oldest in Devon, with quaint carved figures under its crude arcading.

Another focal point of the village is the popular old Royal Oak Inn, a delightful rambling place with a thatched roof, a warm welcome, excellent food, good beer and several sports teams including darts, skittles and football.

Now, if you walk a little way up the road from the pub, you'll come across our three wayside cottages with their water reed thatched and slate roofs and colourwashed walls.

As the thatch matures and the gardens become well established, they'll blend in perfectly with the other village homes. Apart from the thatching, which was done by a local thatcher, the cottages also feature purpose-made timber frames to double-glazed windows, hardwood front doors, large double garages with electronically controlled doors, fully landscaped gardens and paved driveways.

Sylvan Developments is known for its attention to fine detail, energy efficiency, work-

manship and high levels of specification. The Manleys Court homes have full gas-fired central heating (LPG tank gas), pressurised heating and water system, insulated ground floor, a comprehensive security system, five large bedrooms (three with en suite facilities), good quality white bathroom suites with chrome fittings and a Jacuzzi bath, and a farmhouse-style kitchen with a range cooker, dishwasher, microwave and fridge/freezer, and flagstone flooring.

My favourite is plot 1, a fabulous property with ledge and brace doors with iron furniture, ornate slate flagstone flooring in the reception hall and in the 17ft breakfast kitchen and utility room. There is a real fireplace in the galleried 19ft sitting room, which also has steps down to a 13ft sitting room.

At ground floor level, it has a guest cloak-room/wc and a double bedroom with an en suite shower room/wc.

On the first floor are four more double bedrooms, two with en suite facilities, and a family bathroom/wc.

Naturally, a great deal of interest is being shown in these outstanding village homes, which are being offered for sale at £375,000 for plot 1, £369,950

for plot 2 and £342,250 for plot 3.

Viewing an absolute must, so try to be there on the open days. While there, why not take some time to have a good look around the village to see just how well the new cottages will blend in.

For further information and a brochure on Manleys Court, telephone Fulfords' Honiton branch on 01404 44744, or its Exeter branch on 01392 201808.



DETAIL: The farmhouse-style kitchen with range-style cooker and flagstone flooring of plot 1 Manley Court which is priced at £375,000