

# Quality comes first in the Vale of Glamorgan

Builders who have undertaken work through Local Authority Building Control in the Vale of Glamorgan are to be rewarded at its upcoming "Built in Quality" Award Scheme

**B**uilding Control surveyors have nominated the projects to go forward to the Vale of Glamorgan "Built in Quality" Awards dinner, which will be held at the Best Western Mount Sorrell Hotel, Barry on January 7 2005.

The event will be sponsored for the second year running by the Best Western Mount Sorrell Hotel.

Surveyors will nominate builders who achieve high quality building work, together with the necessary required notifications and quality of Building Regulation compliance. Customer satisfaction is another important factor that's taken into consideration.

The categories include: Domestic extension, alteration or single dwelling/conversion; Multiple Housing; Small Commercial/Industrial and Large Commercial/Industrial.

Colin Blick, Operational Manager for Building Control at Vale of Glamorgan Council, said: "Following our inaugural event last year, the feedback we received back is that the quality builders and developers want to be involved in such an event and so the awards proved to be a major success.

"It also proves that there should always be recognition for the builders and developers who are continually turning out quality workmanship and customer satisfaction. The message from this is clear: we have no room for the cowboys."

The Building Control Group works from within the Planning and Transportation Division of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Head of Service, Rob Thomas, stated: "Developments of any size have a major impact on the day to day lives of the people involved with construction projects. Ultimately, it is the builder who has the major responsibility in satisfying not only the



*Main pic: One of the many nominations in Vale of Glamorgan Built in Quality Awards.*

*Inset pic: Amanda Prothero-Thomas is set to host the regional awards*

customer needs, but also satisfying statutory bodies.

"The 'Built in Quality' awards will help assist the builder meet these needs, as well as giving a boost to the builders who consistently carry out work of a high standard."

Winners of the Vale of Glamorgan event will go forward to the regional LABC South Wales 'Built in Quality' awards dinner, which will be held at the McDonald Holland House Hotel in Cardiff in February. Once again we are pleased to announce that the host for the event will be Amanda Prothero-Thomas of BBC's "Hot Houses".

The ultimate achievement can be recognised at national level, where the winners of the South Wales event will be nominated into the LABC National "Built in Quality" Award which will include nomination from local authorities throughout Wales and England, and held in London in June 2005.