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Homebuilder Seeks A Dozen Local Apprentices

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Top UK apprentice employer, Barratt Developments, is seeking a dozen keen learners hoping to join the homebuilding industry to support business growth.

The established homebuilder, recently named Employer of the Year at the National Apprentices Awards, aims to recruit 12 apprentices, including bricklayers and joiners, at developments across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The company, which owns Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes, will be open for applications from today (Monday 16th February), and specifically seeks bricklayers and joiners to work across the region.

Richard Brooke, Managing Director of Barratt & David Wilson Homes' East Midlands Region, said, "This is a highly exciting time of growth for our industry, and we want to invite anybody with an interest in construction to consider applying for apprenticeships with us and help us build our quality new homes."

Each apprentice will work on an assigned development in the region for part of their working week, as well as taking part in classroom based learning at a local college.

Tom Kinsley, an 18-year-old apprentice from Lincoln, has been studying an NVQ Level 3 in Joinery at Lincoln College, while working at the company's Manor Farm development on Tiber Road in Lincoln.

Tom said, "My dad's a joiner, working as a subcontractor, and I wanted to follow in his footsteps. I've been learning for three years and I'm still enjoying it. I'd recommend the apprenticeship to anyone."

Recently named a Top 100 Apprenticeship Employer, Barratt Developments has created more than 3,000 new jobs in the last year alone, and has pledged to take on 1,100 apprentices, graduates and trainees between 2014 and 2016.

For more information about apprenticeships, undergraduate and graduate opportunities, please visit Barratt Developments' recruitment website at<u>www.barrattfuturetalent.co.uk</u>

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1) For further information about Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes please contact Alanna Lintin or Alex Scoppie, Unsworth Sugden, on 0116 2471777 or<u>alanna@unsworthsugden.co.uk</u> or <u>alexs@unsworthsugden.co.uk</u>

2) Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes are part of Barratt Developments PLC

3) Barratt Group sold 14,838 homes in the year to June 2014, making it the biggest housebuilder by volume in Britain

4) Barratt Group was awarded a maximum five star rating for the fifth consecutive year in the 2014 Home Builders Federation Customer Satisfaction Survey

5) Site managers working for Barratt Group won 90 awards for quality workmanship in the 2014 NHBC Pride in the Job Awards. Barratt has won more Pride in the Job awards than any other housebuilder for the last ten years

6) Barratt Group is the only housebuilder to provide a five year warranty on the fixtures and fittings in its new build homes at the time of purchase

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