

NEW APARTMENTS IN TRADITIONAL VILLAGE SETTING

When a property developer gets it right, new and old sit together in harmony, the new complementing the old. A perfect example of this is Chestnut Place where local developer Thomas Homes is building a select development of 12 apartments in Kennington village, just a couple of miles south of Oxford.

The village setting, proximity to the city centre and brand new, stylish apartments are all sure-fire winners with every type of buyer – first-timers, investors and people looking to downsize. So it's no wonder that 10 of the 12 apartments have been snapped up already, even though construction work is not yet complete.

Chestnut Place is located in the old part of Kennington where neighbouring properties include some lovely thatched cottages and the village church. Designed to be in keeping with their surroundings, the new apartment buildings have attractive dormer windows and scalloped barge boards – just two of the architectural details that give Chestnut Place maximum kerb appeal. Step inside and the appeal increases further.

The two remaining apartments are both 1-bedroom properties on the second floor, with sloping ceilings giving them added character. The living areas are light and spacious and the fabulous 'Fresco' kitchens have integrated appliances including oven, hob, fridge and washer/dryer. The bathrooms are also finished beautifully with contemporary chrome fittings – all pristine with no previous owners! That's the beauty of buying new – everything is in immaculate condition and, more importantly, under warranty. So you don't have to worry about the heating breaking down in a cold snap or inheriting DIY bodge jobs that cost a fortune to put right.

Ask any Kennington villager, young or old, and they'll tell you that they've got the best of both worlds – a peaceful location in beautiful countryside coupled with everything Oxford has to offer just a short bus ride away. (According to some residents, it's the best bus service in the country!) In fact, there are plenty of amenities in Kennington itself, from the village pub, post office and Co-op store to a health centre, social club, St Swithun's Primary School and Montessori Nursery. Add to these a handful of specialist shops and you've got pretty much everything you need on your doorstep.

To complete the snapshot of Chestnut Place, there are landscaped communal gardens outside, along with a secure cycle store and an allocated parking space for each apartment. The building work is only a few weeks away from completion and, judging by the speed at which the apartments are selling, it won't be long before the remaining two have gone. The asking price for each 1-bedroom apartment is just £165,000 – excellent value when you consider what you're getting for your money.

You can request details of the apartments still for sale at Chestnut Place, or arrange to view them, by calling Oxford agents Thomas Merrifield on **01865 515000**. But don't hang about or you could easily miss the boat.