



Gold standard high-tech homes nestle beside the silvery Tay

To describe the entrance to Celtic Developments' latest £1million plus showpiece home as austere would be a classic understatement. The single story blank white facade of the main house in the Mariners' Reach development at Newport on Tay, looks like an outbuilding boasting but a single equally understated doorway. Once inside however, a vista of the silvery River Tay awaits as the predominantly glass fronted four storey designer home cascades down the granite cliff to meet the lapping estuary. On the distant shore is the panorama of Dundee.

But this building is much more than a spectacular dwelling, for the house also deploys the latest entertainment technology courtesy of an advanced, yet simple to operate smart home system called LexCom Home, from Square D, a brand of Schneider Electric. Piping TV, DVD, telephones and the Internet throughout the house, Internet access is available almost everywhere within the house, as is TV, including digital channels. LexCom Home audio completes the user experience providing a multi-room audio system via ceiling mounted speakers.

Designer and builder, Celtic Developments is the company of founder David Kerridge and his wife. The business started as a lifestyle change for the couple, but has grown to become one of East Scotland's most innovative builders, developers and renovators. Inspired by his own requirements, once Kerridge had seen the LexCom Home system, he encouraged his favoured electrical contractor Chas G Anderson, of Cupar in Fifeshire, to get the necessary training to become a Schneider Electric authorised Systems Integrator for the LexCom Home system.

Now, LexCom Home smart home technology is included in most of Celtic Developments' projects. For the three exclusive houses at the Mariners' Reach project, LexCom Home Audio is cabled to every room, plus bathrooms and en-suites. The ultimate purchaser can therefore decide how many and where speaker systems will be connected.

The two other houses at the development have equally impressive specifications, albeit their foundations are rather more conventional. But, convention is hardly the word to describe the layouts that create light and airy living spaces designed to maximise the potential of their prime location. Also overlooking the river, the two houses bristle with LexCom Home technology and deliver the ultimate in designer living. Each is expected to sell for in excess of £500,000 and at that price they represent a real bargain.

LexCom Home is a cost-effective way to create flexible home networks since it is based on using a single cable terminating in a standard RJ45 style socket. This means that rooms can be wired with a number of outlets located in suitable places.

LexCom Home's flexibility comes from each service using similar sockets. This allows the homeowner to change the function of any outlet by simply relocating a patch lead in a central distribution centre, matching the required service, such as a TV or Internet, to the relevant room socket.

For example, in a study the sockets could be set up for a PC and Telephone to give telephony and Internet connectivity. If the room's purpose is changed, say to a guest bedroom, it is a simple task to change one of the signals to the socket to provide TV, Satellite or a central DVD source.

David Kerridge of Celtic Developments sees the LexCom Home system as a "must have" for the properties his company builds or renovates. "The system does everything I would want in my own home, so I'm certain those who buy

the properties we create are equally enamoured". He added, "Because the system is so flexible, we can put in the cabling in the certain knowledge that whatever the occupier wants, they'll get from LexCom Home".

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