

## Minister for Culture Opens our Landmark £5.1m Cart Street Development, Clydebank

On 31 August 2009, Scotland's Minister for Culture, Michael Russell, officially opened Cart Street, our new £5.1 million eco-friendly housing development of 40 flats near the former John Brown's shipyard site in Clydebank. He handed over the keys to first tenant, Kerry Ann Oxford and her one-year old daughter Julie Anne (pictured right).



The project has been managed by Clydebank Re-built, the town's award winning urban regeneration company, for the Association.

All the one and two bed homes, with customised glazed balconies, have been designed to a top "very good" eco-rating, with high insulation, energy efficient fittings and heating, low CO2 emissions, waste recycling facilities, and sustainable sourced building material. The development also includes a charging port to power our electric cars which can be hired on a daily basis by residents.

"It was a pleasure to drive Mr Russell to the development in one of our electric cars. This is Clydebank's first environmentally friendly housing development and the first new homes built for rent in the town for five years and our first development for rent in seven years", says Fiona Webster, Director of Clydebank Housing Association.

On opening the development as part of a visit to Clydebank Re-built's regeneration projects, Mr Russell, who has Ministerial responsibility for architecture and the built environment, said:

"I am impressed by the work Clydebank Re-built is doing to transform the area through high quality architectural design.

"It is clear that real care has gone into designing these new homes; homes that are not only more environmentally friendly, but in which people really want to live".

"High quality design benefits us all and is vital to successful regeneration of our towns and communities", added Mr Russell.

Cart Street is opposite the new Clydebank College on Queens Quay. Architects for the project were Elder & Cannon, Glasgow and following competitive tender, the builders are Glasgow-based CCG (Scotland) Ltd, who employed two local apprentices. Funding comes from the Scottish Government, Clydebank Housing Association and its lender the Clydesdale Bank, Clydebank Re-built and Scottish Water.