

NHBC QUALITY AWARD WINNER 2008 BROCHURE

TOOLS OF THE TRADE SCOOP PRIZE FOR IAN

For every home owner it's the attention to detail that really makes a house a home. This pursuit of perfection starts from the first day a Walker Group site is planned, especially for award winning Site Manager Ian Ireland.

Ian, who joined the company almost ten years ago, received the Pride in the Job award in recognition of the high standards at Oakhurst in Tranent, a family focused development comprising of 53 new homes.

As with all NHBC winners, it's the detailing that sets these award winning developments apart, as Ian comments, "It is only right that every client should expect a high standard throughout their home when they are presented with their keys. I would expect the same and that's why everyone who works on site has to be conscientious in their job, every day and at all times. We are lucky to have a great team on board and this award is as much in recognition of their achievements as mine."

Ian started his career as a self-employed joiner; a skill which he is convinced has helped in his role as a Site Manager.

Recognising the competitive nature of the NHBC awards, Ian has also introduced a number of new measures to Oakhurst which impressed the judges, such as new protection work. He continues, "We ensure that where possible once the doors, windows, frames etc are added to the house that they are immediately covered. In the long run it saves in cleaning and damage limitation although it is more time consuming".

Although now based at Oakhurst, Ian's experience stems from having worked in numerous developments across the central belt from North Berwick to Glasgow and he clearly recognises the team effort which contributes to the award. "It's a terrific boost for the guys on site," he said, "and we are really chuffed to have scooped the award".