



Brick type: County Red Smooth
Location: Somerset

Project Architect: GSS Achitecture
Contractor: Mansell

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Bishops Court

The choice of brick was key to the development of Bishops Court, an imposing and innovative retirement living scheme in Chard, Somerset.

In addition to aesthetics, it was critical that the bricks used had dimensional stability due to the structural support method and the design of the projected brick panels created by architects GSSArchitecture.

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The brick chosen for the 62-unit complex of one and two bed roomed apartments was Forterra's County Red Smooth, a high quality product that offers exceptional structural strength and colour consistency, which was vital to show the building's main features at their best.

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The T-shaped development features contrasting cream rendered sections that create a dramatic contrast to the projected brick panels and dark blue door and window frames.

The three-storey social housing development in Bradfield Way, just off the town centre, has helped to regenerate this part of the town. The £6.5 million building offers its residents a safe, supportive community in attractive, purpose-built surroundings.



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