

## ADVERTISING FEATURE/The Herald Property Awards 2009

### Best Luxury Home: Scops Developments

# Extra-special place to live

**Best Luxury Home (presented by Lifetime Planning Ltd)  
Winner: Scops Developments Ltd, Avenel, Knockbuckle Lane  
Shortlist: Meridian Homes, The Glamis  
Shortlist: Manor Kingdom (Scotland) Ltd, The President**

**W**HEN Wallace Forrester, the owner of the eight-acre Avenel estate died in 2001, he left a dilapidated house and a lovingly tended eight-acre garden. Afraid an outside developer would ruin his father-in-law's life's work if it was sold, Gavin Lickley created Scops Developments in 2002 to preserve this magical woodland garden with a small collection of homes that would complement the grounds in the Art & Crafts style of the original house.

That dream, now coming to fruition, has won Scops Best Luxury Home at the Herald Property Awards this year for its prestigious first home at the Avenel, Knockbuckle Lane in Kilmalcolm.

The judges complimented the mature

landscaping and the property's layout, which "flowed well and maximised light and space".

Lickley commissioned award-winning Robert Adam Architects to undertake the redevelopment of the site, with the specific brief of both preserving Forrester's beloved landscaped gardens, and ensuring the project remained sympathetic to the feel of the village.

These two objectives have certainly been achieved with a magnificent natural setting for the six new homes which enjoy an array of shrubs and trees including rhododendrons, azaleas and Scots pines. With its established gardens and Arts and Crafts characteristics, Avenel is an impressive development that led the field for this award.

Each home is set in an acre with high-



Douglas Martin, of Scops Developments, receives the Best Luxury Home award from Scott Kennedy, managing director of Lifetime Planning Ltd.

spec, luxury interiors, including Poggenphol kitchens, under-floor heating, engineered oak floorboards, marble tiling and quality carpets. Integrated technology has been incorporated throughout so that home entertainment, mood lighting, climate control and security systems can all be managed remotely at the touch of a button.

The five-bedroom homes have been designed with families and entertaining in mind, with a large gravel driveway, incorporating a turning sweep, generously proportioned drawing and dining rooms, a kitchen with a roomy dining area and a family room with French doors leading to the beautiful established gardens.

## Best Show Home: