

STONEGATE HOMES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Last year Stonegate Homes celebrated our 10-year anniversary!

It has been great to reflect on what has been achieved as a company over the last 10 years. We took the opportunity to interview our Director, Jerry Hinds, in this month's newsletter. Enjoy!

Over the last 10 years...



Jerry 10 year anniversary interview:

How did Stonegate Homes come about?

I worked with my old business partner Steve Curwen in another property company, one day I said to him, "now is the right time, we aren't getting any younger, so let's go and set up a company on our own". It made sense to, we were both working for someone else and if we went out on our own we could, to put it bluntly, make more profit for ourselves. We had the contacts and the funders already. So, it was mainly a timing thing and here we are today!

What were your ambitions for Stonegate Homes, and have you met them?

I am not too sure what my ambitions for the company were to begin with. You start off wanting to be your own boss and to earn a good living, which then alters when you realise, hey we are actually good at this and we are getting amazing results, then people start investing in you and that's the big thing, then comes the responsibility. With more investment comes more responsibility and the company grows. I suppose on reflection my ambition for Stonegate Homes is to become the biggest and the best at what we do.

What are some of your fondest memories of the past 10 years?

One of my fondest memories would have to be our first Stonegate Foundation Charity Ball we held at Loseley Park, it was our Charity Launch. With the support of our wonderful network of clients, agents, friends and family we raised an incredible £135,000, all the money was donated to local and national charities. It will always be something I was very proud to be a part of and achieve.

How do you think the property industry has evolved in the last 10 years?

I don't think it has evolved, it's archaic. Fundamentally the planning system is flawed and the building and construction industry in general has not evolved like technology and science has, we still seem to be building houses with bricks and mortar.

What are your most notable accomplishments over the years?

On a business level, Stonegate Homes having a portfolio with a Gross Development Value in excess of One Billion Pounds (£1bn). On a personal level, by means of our charitable foundation, The Stonegate Foundation, we have been able to raise money for charities, such as The Children's Trust and more locally, The Grange Bookham. It is important to me to make a difference for the

community in which I work and live.

Describe Stonegate Homes in three words:

Versatile
Dynamic
Agile

What's in store for Stonegate Homes in the next 10 years?

Growth! Stonegate want to challenge top tier housebuilders which will require a growth in resources and staff. That's the aim to get bigger and better. We are only a small company with only 11 employees. We purchase many sites a year and I feel like we punch well above our weight. Many people think we are bigger than we actually are which is a compliment I suppose, we work really hard.

