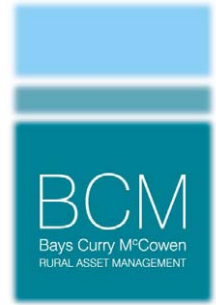


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## Puckwell Family Put Farm to Good Use

Puckwell Farm, in the centre of Niton represents a style of farming long since passed, but the collection of barns around the farmyard reflect the charm of the Islands traditional vernacular buildings. Comprising around one and half acres it is owned by an Isle of Wight family who used to run it as a mixed farm.

Bays Curry McCowen (BCM), in their capacity as rural asset managers looking after the interests of the estate, saw the opportunity to rescue these buildings from the progressive decay that redundancy herald, and form a new courtyard of housing.

BCM's in-house Architects have produced a scheme that converts the existing barns to retain their qualities, whilst providing a mix of housing types from low-cost starter homes to more up-market houses.

Village residents will be able to enjoy a landscaped footpath through the scheme onto the open down land beyond, and the widened access road addresses the concerns of the Islands' Highway Authority about the concealed farm entrance off of the busy High Street.

The project will now be developed by a company based within the village, who have demonstrated a sensitivity for the village fabric in previous schemes. The completed scheme will see a revitalisation of this run-down part of the village, and will allow islanders the chance to buy an affordable home in the centre of Niton.

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