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NEW HOMES A NEW DEVELOPMENT OF STARTER HOMES HAS GONE ON SALE IN RATHNEW, WICKLOW, WRITES **YVONNE GORDON**

Home in the garden of Ireland

A new development in Co Wicklow, Asgard Hall in Rathnew, has launched this week off plans. The 15-acre development consists of 154 homes aimed at the starter-home, first-time buyer market. There are three-bedroom semi-detached and two- and three-bedroom terraced houses available, as well as one-bedroom apartments and two- and three-bedroom apartments and duplexes. The homes are due to be completed between late 2009 and early 2010.

Green

Each unit at Asgard Hall is designed to be spacious and promises to have stunning views over Wicklow Bay. The units come with a standard beech kitchen and built-in wardrobe in the master bedroom. There is full tiling in the kitchen and main bathroom. The units have gas-fired central heating and in addition, each home will have a fireplace by Burna Fireplaces of Bray. Some



The Hall has it: Asgard Hall offers a selection of homes from one-bed apartments to three-bed terraced houses

of the units will have access to a sun roof and all units are surrounded by green space. Each unit will also have a rainwater harvesting system installed, to reduce by half the demand for drinking water within the development.

Prices start from €195,000 for a first floor, one-bedroom apartment measuring 46sq m (495sq ft) and go up to €299,000 for a three-bedroom end-terrace house measuring 92sq m (990sq ft). The developer, the Burkeen Group, is accepting booking deposits of

€5,000, with €10,000 due on the signing of the sale contracts.

Location

Asgard Hall has a good location just off the N11 main Dublin to Wexford road and there are bus and rail links to Dublin city nearby.

A new primary and secondary school are planned in the area, as well as a new shopping centre and two new business parks. The development will have a crèche which can cater for 75 children.

The town of Wicklow itself, just over 3km from Rathnew, has strong transport links as well as well-established shopping, entertainment and sports facilities. Other amenities include beaches such as Brittas Bay, the Wicklow Mountains and the scenic Vale of Avoca all which are within a short driving distance from Rathnew. www.dooleypoynton.com



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