



# Property news

## Awards for watery homes

Congratulations to Lower Mill Estate (see also 'The New', opposite), a waterside development of courageous and striking modern homes by some of the country's leading architects, including Will Alsop, Richard Reid and Piers Gough, just outside Cirencester. News reaches us that Lower Mill has picked up two important gongs at the Daily Telegraph Your New Homes Awards. Best Architectural Innovation is a recognition of the development's ambitious approach to design and building. The Best Waterside Development award is a nod to the way the Lower Mill homes are integrated with their waterside setting, with long decks over the water and glass walls to take in the light. If only all new country homes could look like these...





## the New

**Aspen Lodge, Nightingale Reserve, Lower Mill Estate, Gloucestershire, £595,000. Lower Mill Estate, 01285 869489**

Aspen Lodge is one of a small number of radical and modern homes currently being built in Nightingale Reserve, part of the award-winning (see News, opposite) Lower Mill Estate, just outside Cirencester in the Cotswolds. A very unusual blend of nature and modernity, the Nightingale Reserve homes are designed to make the most of their waterside location while minimising any impact on the environment by using renewable materials, advanced insulation and building low energy use into the design. Nightingale Reserve is a haven of otters, badgers, voles and shrews, a breeding habitat for dragonflies and one of the best places in the country for spotting nightingales. (Note that all the properties on Lower Mill Estate are second homes only.)