

AWARDS NOMINEES

Providing housing where there is need

REARDON Properties has been established since 1997 and is a dominant force in property lettings.

It is a family-run business that offers personal support services to all tenants.

The company not only builds and refurbishes its own properties but also manages property on behalf of other landlords.

It is currently working with Swale Council to house an increased number of people who are referred through a bond scheme, claim benefits or have a poor credit rating. In the future, Reardon Properties wants to create more affordable housing throughout Swale.

It has just received planning application to convert three houses and nearby land into 10 individual flats to supply affordable places to rent. The business has worked hard to create a strong presence in the community and is heavily involved with support for those suffering domestic abuse and volunteering for various agencies and organisations.

Proprietor Hasmita Reardon is treasurer on the board for Swale Action To End Domestic Abuse (SATEDA) and has recently set up a charity called New Leaf Support.

The charity hopes to provide a safe house for emergency housing for women and children who need to be removed from abusive relationships. New Leaf Support also anticipates opening a charity shop to allow the project to be self-funding.

Hasmita said: "We are not run-of-the-mill landlords, but unique in the service that we provide to the community.

"We pride ourselves in the service that we provide and like to think that we make a difference to people's lives in the community that we live in.

"If we were to win the award and any money, we would donate the money to the charity."



Celia Emslie and Hasmita Reardon. Picture: Simon Hildrew FM2180428