



## **We have lift-off!.. Astronaut's Apollo launch in Buckingham "a huge success"**

Moon-walking Apollo 16 astronaut Charlie Duke was in Gawcott this week to preside over the official launch of Apollo Office Court in Radclive Road, Buckingham's prestigious new development of high-tech, energy-efficient units for small businesses.

Over seventy guests including Buckingham Mayor Hedley Cadd and many members of the local business community were present as the astronaut unveiled a plaque in the development's Japanese-style garden, to commemorate the occasion. Guests then enjoyed a fascinating and detailed insight into Charlie's historic mission in a special presentation by the astronaut, during which he revealed many personal insights into space travel, making the day a truly unique experience.

As one of only nine living moon-walking astronauts from the Apollo missions, Charlie Duke is in demand worldwide as a keynote speaker. Together with fellow astronaut John Young, he spent 71 hours on the moon in 1972, including driving the lunar rover. Previously he was Capcom (Capsule Communicator) in Houston for the historic Apollo 11 mission, speaking to Neil Armstrong and 'Buzz' Aldrin as they became the first men on the moon.

"I'm delighted to be here today and to play a part in the launch of this very impressive office development", said Charlie. He continued "This year is the fortieth anniversary of the first moon landing and it pleases me that the Apollo space programme continues to fascinate and inspire new generations".

Robert Synge of Apollo Developments said: "We're honoured that Charlie has been able to take time out from his busy schedule to join us and make our launch event such a huge success."

Situated in Radclive Road, Gawcott, Apollo Office Court comprises 20 individual, high-specification units each of approximately 90m<sup>2</sup>, arranged around an attractively planted central courtyard. The units all have allocated parking spaces and free access to an excellent on-site conference and catering facility – an important bonus for small businesses.

Following the launch, only five units remain available for sale or rent and interest is high, so potential purchasers or tenants are advised to act quickly to arrange a viewing.

To date, the ultra-modern style and outstanding facilities at Apollo Office Court have attracted a diverse range of businesses from various sectors including automotive consultancy, construction services, financial services, medical equipment, interior design, marketing communications and recruitment, as well as a national charity organisation.

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