



## Carmichael Court

### Client

Cunninghame Housing Association

### Project Architect

MAST Architects

### Brick type

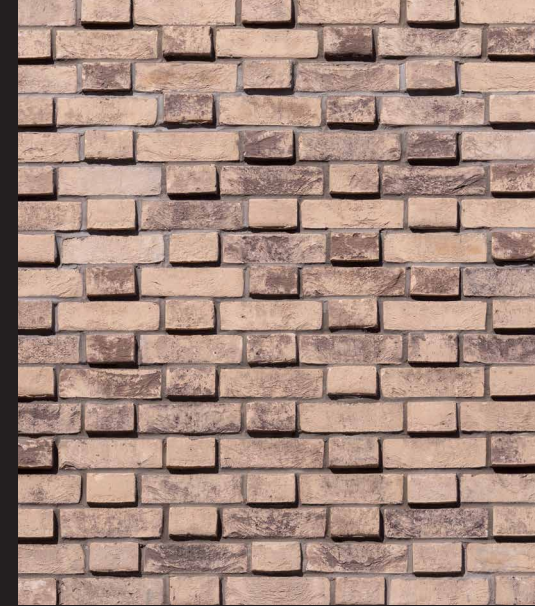
Belgravia Gault Blend

### Location

Stevenson, Ayrshire

### Sector

Social Housing



### The Challenge

Carmichael Court is a new development of 14 one and two-bedroomed flats primarily intended for the elderly, and wholly for social rent.

The scheme occupies the site of a Victorian villa in the town of Stevenston, Ayrshire. Traces of its former use remain – most notably in the form of a stone wall which extends around the northern and western boundaries of the site. The former War Memorial Institute, a handsome Victorian sandstone building which lies adjacent, has provided design cues for the Carmichael Court scheme.

The scale of the surrounding context and the relatively confined nature of the site itself, required that the completed development be a restrained and sympathetic insertion into the existing townscape. The choice of facing brick would be integral to achieving this goal.

### The Solution

Belgravia Gault Blend by Ecostock was used throughout the scheme. It is a rich grey-buff stock brick that references the blonde sandstone buildings around the site, as well as the existing stone boundary walls.

Projecting Flemish bond panels and recessed soldier courses create modelling and depth within the elevations of each block and enhance the overall character of the scheme.

### The Benefits

Whilst the Carmichael Court development is modest in its scope and conception, it is a carefully considered solution that closely aligns with immediate townscape.

Working within the restrictions of a confined site has required greater emphasis to be placed on creating a more low-key and human scaled proposal, focusing on using the space available to create a meaningful and attractive environment.

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