

Public art shows Camberley is The Right Way to go

An imaginative piece of public art that will become a landmark in Camberley town centre has been placed into position at the junction of Park Street and Obelisk Way.

The art, by renowned sculptor Rick Kirby, shows three figures in stainless steel pointing along the three different directions of the junction atop a metal spire, reflecting the nearby obelisk of which the street originally gave such a good view. The sculpture is entitled *The Right Way*, indicating that any direction in the town centre will not disappoint and that the town itself is going the right way.

Mr Kirby's design was approved by the

executive committee of the council in 2007 after liaison with the Artpoint Trust, which works with artists to encourage the imaginative and innovative use of art in public spaces.

The sculpture has been funded by money from Crest Nicholson Regeneration given as part of the planning agreement for The Atrium entertainment and retail centre that opened on November 14. There is also enough money left over from this

contribution to insure and maintain the art at no cost to the taxpayer.

Surrey Heath portfolio holder for the town centre Cllr Richard Brooks said: "It is great to see the public art by Rick Kirby in place. Its title, *The Right Way*, is really very appropriate as the opening of The Atrium couldn't be a clearer indication that Camberley is fast becoming a destination of choice for shoppers, diners and those looking for entertainment facilities.



Shelly Ford, Camberley Town Centre Manager, Chas Bradfield, director of customer services at Surrey Heath Borough Council and the Mayor of Surrey Heath Councillor Alan Whittart



Spanner presentation secures relationship between The Atrium partners

With The Atrium now open in Camberley Town Centre, the final presentation of the project took place on December 10 as the ceremonial spanner used in April's topping out ceremony was presented formally to the council.

The chrome-plated spanner, which was used by then-mayor Cllr Patricia Pearce to top out the development on April 30 2008, was presented at the meeting of full council to this year's mayor, Cllr Alan Whittart by representatives from Crest Nicholson Regeneration, which has worked with partners Standard Life Investments to deliver The Atrium shopping and entertainment centre.

Divisional managing director of Crest Nicholson Debbie Aplin made the presentation and gave a short speech. Also attending from Crest Nicholson was main board director and divisional chairman Chris Tinker, senior development director Ian White, project construction director Bruce Macarthur, and development director Martin Mortimer.

A plaque underneath the spanner read: "Presented to Surrey Heath Borough Council by Crest Nicholson Regeneration, Standard Life Investments and Laing O'Rourke to mark the topping out of The Atrium, Camberley on April 30, 2008."

Mayor of Surrey Heath Cllr Alan Whittart said: "We have watched The Atrium rise up from the land west of Park Street with great excitement and now the development is complete and open, it is a very exciting time for Camberley and Surrey Heath as a whole. I was delighted to receive the ceremonial spanner from our partners Crest Nicholson and Standard Life.

"The partnership between us has been fruitful and there is a lasting monument to it in Park Street in the shape of The Atrium that will be an important part of the borough's economy for many, many years to come."