

# News

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## Leisure operators open at Chatham Place

Studio 42° has taken 3,000 sq ft facing Oxford Road on a 10 year term. This brand new studio features a 42 degree operating temperature that enables members to practise classical Hatha Yoga postures in a purpose built 'Hot Yoga' studio. Hot Yoga is a craze that is becoming more popular and, with fans like Elle McPherson and Andy Murray, it's hoping to make its mark on the Reading scene.

MOTI, the UK's top running and triathlon store, has taken a unit of 1,400 sq ft facing the town centre on a 5 year term. MOTI specialises in identifying the perfect shoe for running enthusiasts and has in-store therapists available for sports related conditions. The Reading store joins existing stores in Bristol and Cardiff.

Mike Auger, regional development director at Muse, says "Chatham Place has paved the way for a new community in the western sector of central Reading. Studio 42° and MOTI are welcome additions to the scheme, introducing interesting independent businesses to the town centre." It's been four years since work started at Reading's most recent mixed use regeneration project which, at the time, was a huge coo for an area considered a blot on Reading's landscape. The £250m privately funded scheme by Muse Developments, in partnership with Reading Borough Council, is a mixture of residential, commercial and community elements together with new areas of public open space.

Completion of a 590 space multi storey public car for Q-Park, affordable homes for Catalyst Communities Housing Association and public open space have already been achieved and Chatham Place continues to gain momentum with sales of 211 private apartments and only 5 units remaining.

Residential director at Muse Developments, David Caught, commented "Chatham Place has been a real success story for us, and we've sold many more apartments than were forecast. Reading continues to be a progressive location providing a fantastic spot for people to live, work and socialise".

Muse is continuing to work with its partner, Reading Borough Council, in seeking to bring forward further phases of development.

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