

LOCAL DEVELOPER CELEBRATES LUCKY LAY-BY BABY

The first birthday of a baby born in a Telford lay-by was celebrated with a tree planting ceremony at the spot where she arrived.

The Ironstone Developer Group (IDG) hosted the event to mark the first birthday of Isobel Mary Hickman, nicknamed the 'Ironstone baby' after her dramatic entry into the world.

The lay-by at Junction 6 of the M54, which has now been landscaped and become the entrance to the Ironstone Visitor Centre, acted as a safe haven for Alison and Richard Hickman who were on their way to the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford, when Isobel was suddenly born in November last year.

The tree planting ceremony was attended by Alison and Richard Hickman and baby Isobel, along with representatives from the Ironstone Developer Group.

Guy Scott, project director of the IDG, said: "We thought that planting a tree would be the perfect way to remember the Hickman family's story, which will always in turn be part of the Ironstone story."

Alison Hickman said: "We've really enjoyed marking Isobel's birthday in such a special way and thank everyone at the Ironstone development for this lovely gesture. We look forward to seeing the tree grow along with Isobel, and bringing her to visit in the future."

Ironstone, a £600m project which will consist of 3,300 homes, is being developed by the Ironstone Developer Group (IDG), a consortium of developers comprising the UK's largest home builders, Barratt Homes, George Wimpey and Persimmon Homes.

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