

## Housebuilders break new ground to deliver more homes

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**Housebuilders are investing in modern methods of construction and skills, as they look to deliver growth and new homes, according to the third annual Lloyds Bank housebuilding report published this week.**

It shows firms are investing in new building techniques, including modular housing (68 per cent) and panelised systems (56 per cent) and that investment in new building techniques has increased year on year from 20% of current annual turnover to 24% over five years. A third of firms saying there is a skills shortage at a national level and more than a quarter have trouble recruiting skilled workers in the regions where they operate.

Last week more than 100 politicians, business people and construction professionals from across the East of England and Midlands met at a conference '*More than bricks and mortar*' in Stamford this week to discuss ways to develop 'sustainable communities'. The event was hosted by Larkfleet Group which includes housebuilders Larkfleet Homes and Allison Homes. Larkfleet CEO Karl Hick told the conference: "Housing is more than a numbers game. Building and developing is not just about housing, but about creating communities in which people want to live. That is what Larkfleet is committed to do."