

Savills appoints new head of South Coast Development team

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Development director Jonny Kiddle has been appointed to head up [Savills](#) South Coast Development team, based across the firm's Southampton and Wimborne offices.

Jonny joined Savills just over a year ago, marking a return to the firm having started his career as a graduate in 2006 and qualifying in 2008. He spent five years with Savills South Coast Development team before spending 12 years client side.

Jonny takes over from Colin Wilkins, who has headed up the department for the last 20 years and will continue to play an integral role within the agency team. Colin has recently celebrated 30 years at Savills, having joined in 1994, and has advised on or sold thousands of acres of development land around Hampshire, Dorset and Sussex.

In 2024, Savills South Coast Development team transacted on 20 sites, providing a total land value of more than £64m, with a pipeline of more than 26,000 strategic plots at various stages in the promotion process.

In addition to Jonny's appointment, Sam Sparshott will be taking on the leadership of the department's valuation team across the Southampton and Wimborne offices. Sam is taking on the role from Philip Beattie, who will remain within the team, focussing on leading the multi-disciplinary Wimborne office at Wessex House.

Jonny Kiddle, who is based at Savills Southampton, a multi-discipline office at Mountbatten House in Grosvenor Square, says: "I am honoured to be taking over the reins from Colin after his outstanding stint as head of South Coast Development. We have an exceptionally talented team across Wimborne and

Southampton who will continue to provide a first class service to our varied group of clients. Colin remains very much part of the team and we are looking forward to exciting times ahead; 2025 should be a good year for the development industry with the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) making an impact and, hopefully, a more stable economic and political backdrop in the UK.”

Patrick Eve, Savills head of regional development, says: “We are very pleased Jonny will be taking the South Coast Development team forward, with his vast experience building on the team’s existing capabilities and ensuring we continue to provide the very best service for new and existing clients. I’d like to thank Colin Wilkins for his dedication over the last 20 years, which has seen the team go from strength to strength.”