

Gallery: Sculptures unveiled at Fifth Avenue in Harlow

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TWO striking sculptures designed by Harlow students were unveiled at the Fifth Avenue development on Friday.

A host of guests, including members of the Harlow Gateway Partnership and 12 young artists from Broadfields Primary School and Spinney Infants School, attended the event as Labour MP Bill Rammell unveiled the designs.

Students at Harlow College competed to win a commission and £500 prize money offered by homebuilder Barratt. Madeline Allen, 17, and Michael Austin, 21, were chosen as winners by Barratt North London's managing director Glyn Hopping and sales director Chris Scarborough.

Both students are in their final year of a National Diploma in art and design.

Working within a budget of £5000, the six-month project required the students to create contemporary sculptures that would reflect Harlow's history and its current regeneration.

Madeline, who lives in the town, designed a steel butterfly. She said: "When Harlow New Town was built, the new pubs were named after butterflies. Butterflies regenerate themselves from something that seems quite ugly into beautiful creatures."

The second sculpture is an organic form cast in bronze and consists of fluted shapes and surface textures.

Mr Rammell said: "I'm delighted to unveil this new artwork at Fifth Avenue. It not only represents the artistic talent we have in the town, but the sculptures will also provide a fitting centrepiece to this brand new housing development for Harlow.



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