



**THE NAME'S DANIEL:** Cooper, far left, has passed the tests and is buying on the Goldeneye estate, left. Below: One of the £1 million-plus villas at the new Colony at Half Moon

of making sure it is a happy place,' says Daniel, who lives in Holland Park, West London.

'Chris Blackwell is creative enough to make Goldeneye work. He has set up a foundation to work with the community providing employment and training as well as inspiring them to come up with their own money-making ideas.

'He wants as many locals involved as possible because he feels if they are working and earning money that will go some way to solve the crime problem.'

Mike Eager is another investor in a Jamaican property who is aware that 'if you walk in the wrong place wearing a Rolex you are asking for trouble'.

Nonetheless, Eager, 45, an events organiser from Yorkshire, has put down a deposit on a villa in one of Jamaica's classiest resorts, Half Moon near Montego Bay on the north coast.

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£1.2 million,' says Eager. Of course there are cheaper options. Along the coast from Montego Bay, a Miami-style condo block, the Palmyra Resort has 277 flats and 11 villas with prices from £225,000 for a 645 sq ft studio, and studio flats in Turtle Towers, three condo blocks in the noisy resort of Ocho Rios, cost from £43,000.

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Usain Bolt with one of his Beijing medals and Ian Fleming's former home Goldeneye, left