

We've had a positive start to the first quarter of 2018 gaining a place on two frameworks; Clear Sustainable Futures framework for various projects in the Eastbourne and Lewes Council areas and the Sanctuary Housing Framework for housing projects up to £12m throughout the South East. In addition to this we have secured contracts to construct a school extension for West Sussex County Council, houses and flats in Saltdean for Hyde Housing and a new Hospice building in Five Ashes for Hospice in the Weald.

We are also excited to have been awarded our second **Passivhaus** project with Crawley Borough Council to provide 4 Houses and 2 Flats with works just underway.



*Dobbins Place, Crawley*



Our continued growth has led us to open an office in Redhill, Surrey, managed by Sam Long supplementing our existing area offices in Ashford managed by Roger Russell and Hove managed by Andy York and Andy Smith.

Through our on-going commitment and continued improvement we have successfully transferred to the new ISO standards and are now **ISO 9001:2015** and **ISO 14001: 2015** certified. Thank you again to all our staff for your hard work and support.

## PROJECTS COMMENCED

**Goffs Park, Crawley:** 22 Houses and 22 Flats, designed to alleviate fuel poverty by adopting a fabric first approach. This project is BIM Level 2 compliant.



A 'ground breaking' ceremony was recently held to mark the commencement of the project. *Photograph: Darren Goodwin, Site Manager, Stephen Joyce, Cabinet Member for Housing, Mark Hesmer, Quantity Surveyor.*



**Arbutus Road, Redhill:** 7 Houses and associated works for Raven Housing Trust.

**Cottage Hospice, Five Ashes:** A new care home to provide a 10 suite impatient unit which offers palliative care for our Client, Hospice in the Weald.

## IN PROGRESS

### Oakhall Church, Caterham

This exciting design and build project consists of a large auditorium/hall, focus foyer, training rooms, offices, crèche, kitchens, youth club and residential flats.



The design is being carried out by the novated GDM Architects. The scheme concept is focused around the central hall which has an eccentric pitched high seam roof rising above the two storey accommodation on two sides.

The church brief asked for a modern building that did not necessarily conform to everyone's expectations of a place of worship. There are no external religious references but large coloured glass windows into the main hall are a hint and a real feature from both inside and out. This is a rare and very prestigious project, one which we believe is likely to be high profile as it gets closer to completion.

## RECENTLY COMPLETED

RNR, Rochester (£600k): This new training centre was handed over in January to a delighted Client. This was their first new education building in over 100 years. Photograph:



Toni Belcher, the Estates Officer for SERFCA with Tracy Peyman OIC Medway Tender HMS President

Downlands School, Hassocks (£5.2m): A two storey teaching area, dance studio and changing rooms landlocked by existing school buildings; BIM Level 2 compliant.



Three Bridges Primary School (£2m): A single storey extension to increase the School from a 2FE to a 3FE including a hall extension; BIM Level 2 compliant. The above two projects were both for West Sussex County Council.



## STAFF, SOCIAL & TRAINING



After an illustrious career in construction spanning 40 years and having been an integral part of Westridge's growth over the past 20 years we say goodbye to

John Sinden. John has stepped down from his role as Business Development Director to enjoy a life of retirement. We wish him all the best for the future.

**A warm welcome** to our new members of staff who have joined us in the following departments; Administration, Site Management, General Operations, Groundworks, Carpentry, Procurement, IT and Business Development.



We are still seeking new people to join the Westridge Team and have opportunities in the following positions:

### **Senior Estimator; Site Manager; Project Manager; Contracts Manager**

Please visit our website or contact Candice Beckingham (c.beckingham@wcluk.co.uk) for further details.

Our 'Social Secretary', Mark Sherwood, is organising a staff Snowdon Challenge this summer which will involve a cycle ride, climbing Snowdon and a kayaking across a lake; all money raised will be going to local charities.

We are in the process of applying to become a CITB Registered Training Body. On completion we will be able to deliver training (Safety, SMSTS, SSSTS etc) not only to our own staff but also to our supply chain.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Paul from our Estimating Department for completing this year's London Marathon. Paul was drawn from a ballot to run in support of St. Michaels Hospice in Hastings. The Hospice are awarded one entry every 5 years so it was a very sought after place! Considering the difficult conditions Paul completed the Marathon in a great time of 4 hours 50 minutes raising £1,750!

## AWARDS

Wayne Hoad, Site Manager, has been nominated for the LABC Awards 'Construction Professional of the Year.' Well Done Wayne!

We are delighted to have been shortlisted for Constructing Excellence Awards for 'Apprenticeship Initiative' and 'Building Project of the Year' for our first Passivhaus Scheme, Gales Place, Crawley. The project has also been nominated for the LABC Awards, along with Holy Trinity Church, Brighton for 'Best Change of Use of an Existing Building or Conversion.'

## CAREERS FAIRS

We have attended many careers fairs with a view to recruit more Technical Trainees and Apprentices over the next few months. If you know someone who may be interested in these opportunities please contact Candice Beckingham, our HR & Training Manager.