

There have been some changes to the Management Team since our last issue. Steve Phillips has now taken the role as Chairman and Martin Buckthorpe, previously Construction Director has stepped into Steve's shoes as Managing Director. Martin is a keen advocate of continuous learning and development and aims to ensure that all staff are supported and enthused.

After our success in being awarded a place on the Clear Sustainable Futures Framework we are delighted to have been awarded two projects; Eastbourne Infill sites which will provide 29 dwellings over 7 sites and Victoria Mansions, carrying out major refurbishment works.

## PROJECTS COMMENCED

**Premier Inn, Ashford:** New extension to the existing hotel creating an extra 18 bedrooms over three floors.

**Whitehawk Way, Brighton:** Strip out of the existing care home, a full refurbishment and a single storey extension link, to create 6 no self-contained supported living units.

**Sea Street, Whitstable:** 8 houses, 7 holiday lets overlooking Whitstable seafront, including a retail kiosk and Public Realm works.



## IN PROGRESS

**Claremont School, Bodiam:** With extensive experience of working in live school environments, we have been engaged to carry out the demolition of some existing classrooms and changing rooms, in order to clear space for the erection of a new steel frame classroom block. The new building will be clad in larch with rendered panels and once complete will provide ten classrooms, a staffroom and a new IT suite.

**Steele Close, West Chiltington:** We are providing 14 timber frame dwellings, 6 of which are shared ownership and 8 for affordable rent. In keeping with the theme of the rural area, the houses will be finished with a mixture of facing brick and weatherboarding. To enhance their green credentials and assist in reducing fuel bills the properties will all be fitted with PV panels.



**Cottage Hospice, Five Ashes:** A new steel frame care home, providing a 10 suite inpatient unit and associated support rooms, offering quality palliative care for patients.



## RECENTLY COMPLETED

**Wellsbourne, Whitehawk:** In Partnership with Brighton and Hove City Council we created a new build residential scheme with a mixture of 28 one, two and three bedroom flats in two separate blocks. Both buildings were of concrete frame construction with Metsec infills and masonry outer skin, and were erected next to the local library, school and medical centre.



**The Forest School, Horsham:** Working with West Sussex County Council we created 2 new classrooms. Due to the tight programme for the completion of these we opted to use modular buildings. As such 7 modular pods were installed that now provide Food Technology and Science classes for 64 pupils.

The science lab was constructed with benches, burners and a teacher's work station.

We also installed 6 new pupil work pods, with the facility to install a mobile fume cupboard.

The food technology classroom has been built with a main teaching station and has 16 new cooking stations at which pupils can learn to develop their culinary skills at a young age.

Externally we have installed new pathways, new foul and storm water drainage, and re-landscaped the surrounding area so that it blends into the existing building.

Alongside this we added a modular extension to the existing dining hall. This comprised of 4 modular units, break through work, new windows and new mains supplies.



## STAFF, SOCIAL & TRAINING

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed a new Estimator, Contracts Manager, Quantity Surveyor, 2 Carpenters, 5 General Operatives, 3 Carpentry Apprentices, an Admin Apprentice and 2 Technical Trainees.

However, we are still seeking new people to join the Westridge Team and have the following opportunities advertised on our website.

*Senior Estimator; Site Manager; Project Manager; Contracts Manager; General Operative*

Since August, Paul Phillips, our in-house Trainer / Health & Safety Advisor has been training both our staff and supply chain on the various Site Safety Plus courses for the CITB. These courses are proving to be very popular with our external supply chain and we expect to continue to deliver these courses on a regular basis. Courses we deliver include:

- Site Management Safety Training Scheme
- Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme
- Health & Safety Awareness
- Achieving Behavioural Change

If you would like further details on our current employment opportunities or training, please contact our HR Manager, Candice Beckingham at [c.beckingham@wcluk.co.uk](mailto:c.beckingham@wcluk.co.uk).

## EVENTS

We have attended various events and seminars over the past few months, the most recent being the Kent Construction Expo. The day was invaluable; we met



many new Consultants and made contacts with new Subcontractors and Suppliers. We are certainly looking forward to exhibiting again next year.

After a huge amount of interest in our site at Hannington Lane in the heart of Brighton, we

have held tours for local Architects, Consultants and professional groups, the most recent being for 'Constructing Excellence' and 'Women in Property' group.



## ACHEIVEMENTS

Congratulations to Sam Cawkill and Ryan Elliott for successfully completing their NVQ Level 2 in Carpentry and Jay Harold on completing his HNC. Jay is now working towards his HND.

Training doesn't stop there...

Well done to Tom Kelly and Dan Gill in our Estimating Department for starting their Degrees in Quantity Surveying and Devin Greenwood, Site Engineer, who has started his Civil Engineering Degree. Also Charlie Farrow achieving a 1st in his Architectural Degree has now completed his ABBE Level 3 Certificate in Domestic Construction Energy Assessment and is now a qualified SAP Assessor.

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