

THIS ISSUE - double win for being considerate, first with new machinery on Essex site, what is happening at Wembley?, who is running a tight check-in?, celebrations at Ely Court, reducing travel time and who has married in the country?

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the monthly Higgins Group news update

Double win at the Considerate Constructor Awards



Higgins Construction PLC is proud to announce a double win at the Considerate Constructors Awards held in London on 4th May 2010.

Both the Quadrant and Mill Road Phase 2 were awarded 'Considerate Constructors 2010 Bronze Awards'. The projects were particularly commended for the high standards reached in being considerate, clean, respectful of neighbours, safe and accountable. The Quadrant was also noted for its exceptional achievements in environmental responsibility and Mill Road had exceptional achievements in working with the neighbourhood.

It was also recorded that both sites were a credit to Higgins Construction and the site teams.

Standards of performance have again continued to rise over the past year and the Award winners have demonstrated the very highest levels of consideration towards the public, the workforce and the environment.

I should like to congratulate all the winners for their hard work and commitment to the Scheme. If all sites performed to such a high standard, the image of the construction industry would be greatly improved.

Robert Biggs, Chairman,
Considerate Constructors
Scheme Ltd

Well done to everyone involved in these projects.

Green Grinder

Higgins Construction is again at the forefront of our industry as we trial an innovative recycling scheme. The construction management team has commissioned the 'Green Grinder,' a pioneering machine for recycling and waste management.

The 'Green Grinder' can turn up to eight skip loads per day of new build construction waste into reusable material, and is making its first



appearance in Essex on our Craylands site in Basildon.

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Higgins Construction we are off to Wembley!

New contract awarded

Network Newbuild Ltd have awarded Higgins Construction the £3.5m contract for Charles Goddard House, Wembley. This will comprise the part demolition of the existing building and the design, construction and completion of a residential development of 26 dwellings. This will also include the whole infrastructure works complete with all services, associated external works, and connection to mains drainage and service mains.



project update

Commerical Road



George Boswell (left) and Keith Taylor (right)

The GCL Stores Manager, George Boswell, on our Commercial Road Site in E14, was recently presented with the quarterly Award for Safety. He received this for being the operative who contributed most to a safe environment on the busy £43m 310 flat development, over and above his normal duties .

George has worked for Ground Construction for only 3 years, but runs a very tight check-in system for plant and equipment. George has also taken it upon himself to mentor other GCL staff in safe operations and regularly walks the access

ways to ensure a tidy environment .

There are now 3 tower cranes constantly serving materials on the 5 blocks rising to 14 storeys, and safety is a fundamental of planning, operations , inductions and the regular subcontractor's keepings.

“George is never slow in voicing his opinion, and forms a fundamental part of our Site Safety regime on behalf of the lads . It is good to see everyone with a proactive attitude”.

Keith Taylor, Contracts Manager

Ely Court Official open day



His Worshipful the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames, Councillor Ian McDonald and Kingston Head of Housing, Mike England joined us to celebrate the completion of Ely Court. This £3.5million project saw the delivery of 27 new build houses, flats and masionettes.

Well done to everyone involved in this project.



Higgins Homes the cool commute

With an increasing amount of congestion on the roads and tubes, it is no wonder that commuting time is a serious consideration for those looking to buy a home.

Adam Bonney, 22, is a first time buyer who opted to escape the daily London grind for something more serene and less tiresome. A police officer who has recently bought his first home at Higgins Homes' ICE development in Stevenage, Adam comments: **“Although I work in London my commute when I lived in Hounslow was 60 minutes each way. Now Stevenage rail station is just a five minute walk from my front door and a mere 25 minutes to Kings Cross by train, which has cut my**

commuting time by 30 minutes. “Stevenage is not only more accessible to my work than Hounslow, but the property prices are a lot more attractive. After viewing ICE, I fell in love with it and bought a contemporary two bedroom, two bathroom apartment. I rent out my spare second bedroom to a friend which has allowed me to supplement my income and has helped me to get onto the property ladder at a young age. I absolutely love Stevenage; it’s far enough outside of London to feel like I’m getting away from the city frenzy, but I’m able to be close enough to enjoy the various highlights the Capital has to offer.”



ICE, Stevenage

Prices at ICE start from £159,995 for a two bedroom apartment with balcony and underground parking space. The sales and marketing suite and show apartments are open daily between 10am and 5pm. For further information please contact the marketing suite on telephone: 01438 362 712 or visit the website: www.higginshomes.co.uk

WELCOME

Following the successful completion of 12 month Industrial Placements with Higgins Construction



both **Fabienne Sylvestre** (1) and **JJ Gordon-Irving** (2) have been offered permanent positions. Fabienne has taken up the position of a Trainee Resident Liaison Officer and JJ is a Site Management Trainee - many congratulations are sent to you both for

your continued careers.

We would also like to welcome **Jenny Williams** (3) who has joined the company as an After Sales Co-ordinator and we send our best wishes as she begins her new career.

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE WEDDING

Following a year long engagement **Stuart Tomlin** recently married Lorna at The Fennes in Bocking, Essex and then, defying the 'ash cloud', jetted off to honeymoon in St Lucia for 2 weeks. Many congratulations and best wishes for your futures are sent to you both.



LONG SERVICE

Congratulations are sent to **Bev Green** (1) who celebrates 20 years service with Higgins - thank you for your hard work and commitment and being such a support to your colleagues. **Chris Parle** (2) also celebrates a decade of service and our thanks are also extended for his hard work.



A MINUTE WITH...

CHERYL POOLE RESIDENT LIAISON OFFICER

Favourite Drink?

Wine and cocktails

Most Enjoy?

Holidays

Best advice?

Have fun and enjoy life

Favourite film?

Dirty Dancing

Favourite restaurant?

Gaucho's

Favourite song/album?

Cheryl Cole, Parachute

First song/album every bought?

Now 25

One luxury you will keep despite the credit crunch?

Buying new bags and shoes



UPDATE ON THE GOSSIPING LEAGUE

If you wish to email your future tender gossips please send to the following email address tendergossip@higginsconstruction.co.uk

Department	Target	Tot	Department	Target	Tot
Pre Con Cost Mgmt	30	18	Surveying	40	16
Pre-Con Design Mgmt	64	56	Procurement	16	10
CSR	12	14	Site Mgmt	36	2
Contracts Mgmt	32	8	Support	4	0
			Total	234	124

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