

THIS ISSUE - four years of work comes to fruition, treble recognition at awards, leading the way in energy efficiency, let us know how you want to receive Link? painting, cycling, working with the community, who has achieved their degree and corporate membership? and who is planning a wedding?

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the monthly Higgins Group news update

Myatts Field gets green light

The Myatts Field project has recently been subject to a 'Value for Money' assessment by the Government and we are pleased to announce that the scheme has now been approved by the Housing Minister. This is another significant milestone for the project, and we are now in the final stages of the contract negotiations with Lambeth, Regenter and our other consortium partners.

Higgins have been involved in the project for over four years and, following this latest approval, our detailed design has now started with the intention of a start on site in the autumn this year. **Well done and thank you to everyone involved in getting the project to this stage.**



Great news...

Higgins Construction has been shortlisted in three categories of The Sustainable Housing Awards,

- Sustainable Social Housing Contractor
- Sustainable Housing Partnership for 'Streamlight' development and the work we do with Swan, A2 Dominion and Barnardos
- Green Social Housing Champion of the Year, acknowledging the work that Allan Ronald has achieved.

These awards focus on the best

"green" social housing projects constructed in the UK, and the organisations responsible for them, so it is great that our commitment to sustainability and the excellent work that we continue to do has been recognised.

'It is a fantastic achievement for Higgins Construction to be shortlisted in three categories in the face of such fierce competition.'

Nick Duxbury, Editor of Sustainable Magazine.

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2020 Awards - Celebrating energy efficiency

The Worcester Bosh Environment 2020 Awards celebrate and promote awareness of energy efficiency and we are delighted to announce that this years Housing Association Award was collected by Allan Ronald and Steve Howard from Higgins Construction and Peter Cooke from Greenfields Community Housing. This was awarded in respect of our pilot project in Halstead, the first in Europe to be awarded BREEAM excellent status and contains a number of environmentally friendly benefits.

What do you think?

At present we send 'Link' to the home address of staff who are not office based for them to catch up with news at their leisure. We want to know if you are happy with this? or, would you prefer to have it sent to your workplace for collection? Please email: Laura.williams@higginsconstruction.co.uk

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Higgins art hoarding project at Crayford Town



The unveiling of a six week project recently took place where pupils from Belmont Primary School designed, painted and created innovative pieces of artwork on the Hoarding which separates the Higgins Construction works from the Sainsbury's Superstore in the centre of Crayford.

The children really excelled themselves; one panel features cranes, hard hats and an aubergine wearing a hi-visibility vest whilst other panels feature grand houses, the local park and the modern High Street. This artwork will be located on site for approximately 6 months before it is re-sited elsewhere on the Construction Project – another successful project of working with the local community.



"It is just perfect! When I was first approached by Higgins and Sainsbury's about this collaboration I was concerned about featuring aspects of Crayford; however, seeing all 14 pieces up and mounted it just looks great".

Mr Radomski, Head Teacher

BMX at Braintree



We are delighted that we have once again been able to support the Braintree BMX Club. This is a voluntary organisation that receives no private funding, but has the same values as Higgins with commitment to the local community.

We welcome opportunities to be involved in the communities that we work in and Steve Howard and his son both entered races as Higgins representatives on the day and did us proud by coming 1st and 2nd in their races.

"The event went well and everyone was impressed with the facilities that Higgins provided and had a great time, many thanks".

Julian Allan, Greenfields Community Housing



Recognition of outstanding quality



Out of over 13,000 UK managers working on sites registered with NHBC we are delighted that Matt Jackson (Hall Lane) has been awarded a Top 400 Quality Award by the NHBC and Alan Green (Alberta House) and Keith Taylor (Commerical Road) have both been awarded Pride in the Job NHBC Quality Awards.

These awards recognise the dedication and specific and significant contribution of site managers in new home construction. Many congratulations are sent to you all for the great work that you carry out.

Higgins Homes Rebecca Taylor at The Pavilions

With over 12 years experience of seeing first hand the excellent quality that Higgins Homes delivers, Rebecca Taylor can confidently market and sell The Pavilions luxury boutique-style development close to Loughton town centre. Rebecca has seen the company change over the years, growing into a much larger organisation now than when she first joined, but has consistently seen that staff are always valued and that the original family values are still very much at the forefront today.

"I have worked on many sites for Higgins Homes and have enjoyed the challenges that each development brings. Having pride in the product that you sell is key, and I can honestly say that the high standards that our homes always achieve makes it extremely easy for me to be proud.

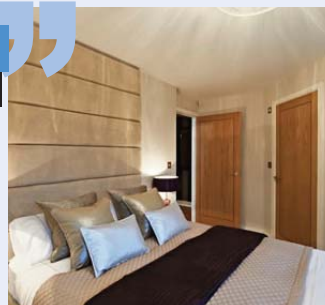
My role is multi faceted, from working with potential purchasers, following up leads, generating interest, managing the sale process through to making sure that the site

Feeling that you are a valued part of the company really makes a difference

Rebecca Taylor

access has the same appeal as the show home and health and safety is continually monitored – my days are never dull and never the same!

It is always a boost to see other members of staff at the show home to see how things are progressing".



The Pavilions is a development of 6 two bedroom apartments in the heart of Loughton.

Prices from £389,950 For details call 0208 508 4607

WELCOME

We welcome back **Justin Williams** who joins us this month as a Site Manager and wish him many successes in his new job.

JOB VACANCIES

Job title	Department	Homes/construction	Contact
Contract Surveyor	Surveying	Construction	Elaine Ward
Snr Contract Surveyor	Surveying	Construction	Elaine Ward

LONG SERVICE

This month **Paula Simmons**, Secretary, celebrates 15 years with Higgins Group and **Martyn Flack**, Site Manager, **John Miller**, Managing Surveyor, and **Stuart Brown**, Contract Surveyor have all reached their milestone 10 years with the company. Well done and many thanks to you all for your committed hard work.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations are sent to **Nick Walton** who achieved a First Class Honours for his Quantity Surveying Degree. Well done Nick all of the hard work and dedication has paid off.

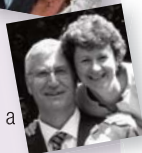
The CIOB is the international voice of the building professional and **Vince Cole** has been granted Corporate Membership - congratulations Vince on this achievement.

THE TRADITIONAL WAY IS ALWAYS THE BEST!

Congratulations to **Kate Higgins** and Dean who recently got engaged.

Dean definitely knows how to make a girl feel special and proposed at home with candles, rose petals, champagne and kept to tradition by going down on one knee. Enjoy your wedding planning!

Our congratulations are also sent to **Chris Morgan** who recently married Sandra at Hertford Registry Office. They celebrated by having a weekend away in Suffolk.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We send **Natalie Hamilton** birthday wishes as she celebrates her 30th Birthday this month – we hope you have a fun day and celebrate in style.



SUPPORTING CHARITY

Commercial Road site recently ran a charity Golf Day, with a Challenge Cup between the subcontractors side and a team made up of Client and Higgins staff.

Keith Fisher, Project Manager, hosted the event and led the home team to defeat against the trades - but there is always the re-match!

This was a great team building day that also raised awareness and £2,000 for Barnardos.

A MINUTE WITH LYNDA THOMAS, RESIDENT LIAISON OFFICER

Career highlight? Being the first female apprentice painter and decorator for Hackney council

Worst moment of career? Getting run over at Brockley PFI

Professional inspiration? My Dad
Development/project you would have liked to have been involved with?

The Olympics

Best advice? Aim high achieve high

Favourite film? Officer and a Gentleman/Beaches

Favourite book?

A Boy Called It

Favourite Building?

William Wallace Monument

Favourite Song/Album?

Boy Zone Words / Picture of you

First Song/Album ever bought? Sorry can't remember I'm a bit too old now

Favourite Restaurant? Small and Beautiful

One luxury you will keep despite the credit crunch? Season ticket at the Arsenal (would never give this up)



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	28
Pre Con Design Mgmt	64	66	Procurement	16	16
CSR	12	36	Site Mgmt	36	4
Contracts Mgmt	32	32	Support	4	30
			Total	234	230

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