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The newsletter of **Conlon Construction**

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Welcome

Chairman's Update by Michael Conlon

Welcome to the latest edition of Insite, the newsletter of Conlon Construction.

As you read on you will see that we have had another very exciting year, filled with celebrations, project completions, contract awards and community activities.

2016 will be remembered as a momentous year for many reasons. This year marked fifty five years since the founding of the company under its original name 'Conlon Brothers' and to commemorate this landmark we had a three-day celebration in October. It was perhaps serendipity that brought about our largest ever annual turnover this year, of £55million.

Achieving this turnover has only been possible by establishing good relationships with clients both newly-fostered and long-established. When we are appointed to a project we seek from the start to nurture that relationship with the customer-focussed ethos that permeates the entire Conlon workforce. Our aim on each project is to make the process as easy and, where possible, enjoyable for all clients.

The breadth of construction knowledge and expertise amongst our workforce allows us to meet any challenge across numerous sectors. High profile projects include work to Grade I listed buildings at Heaton Hall and Gawthorpe Hall which are both historically significant in the North West. Another is Preston Bus Station; known by many throughout the country for its distinctive structure.

In education we have completed several schools this

year for long-term client Lancashire County Council and for the Education Funding Agency.

Our expertise in the healthcare sector has led to us completing one private hospital and commencing a second during 2016. The leisure and tourism sector is represented by our recent start at the Low Wood Bay Hotel on the shore of Lake Windermere. Our project in Leyland for international truck manufacturer PACCAR, involved us creating additional office accommodation alongside the factory.

In July we said goodbye to Finance Director, Alan Cragg, who retired after almost 29 years with the company. As a steady hand on the company's 'financial tiller' his sound advice and amazing memory for numbers will always be remembered by fellow directors and colleagues, as will his dry sense of humour. On a Monday morning Alan's demeanour was usually a very good indication of how well PNE had played the previous Saturday.

Alan now has more time for fell walking, cycling and of course his beloved North End and we wish to extend our best wishes to Alan and his family in his well-earned retirement.



Three of the five founders of the company (L-R) Pat, Vincent & Malachy.



The Fearon Family

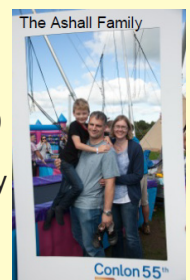


Gemma Murphy's Family with Caroline Westwood



Conlon 55th Anniversary

Over a weekend in early October we celebrated our 55th anniversary with staff, colleagues, family and friends. On the Friday evening with the help of our supply chain partners we managed to raise over £5,000 for this year's chosen charity, Emmaus Preston. The total raised to date for Emmaus is now over £15,000. The other highlight of the 3-day event was the family fun day, where staff and family, young and old, had a great time bouncing on inflatable castles; face painting; circus activities and even having a virtual spin in a grand prix car. This was followed by a BBQ and live music provided by 'The Distance' on stage in the 4 fantastic teepees specially constructed for the weekend.



The Ashall Family

Conlon 55th

Contract Awards

Below is a selection of projects we are pleased to have been awarded during 2016

Preston Bus Station

A multi-million pound investment in the bus station will create a vibrant public space whilst preserving the building's unique Brutalist architecture. The bus and coach facilities will remain within the Grade II-Listed building, still occupying more than half of the ground floor area. Other changes include the creation of a new public open space on the city centre side, as well as changes to the road layout, the bus station concourse and improvements to the existing car park.



'One Hatfield' Hospital, Hertfordshire

Work has commenced on a new, £15m private hospital on the former de Havilland airfield site in Hatfield. The hospital will be constructed in a two-phase process to provide consulting, treatment, operating rooms, endoscopy suite, 30 bedrooms, ambulatory care services and MRI facilities. Located close to the A1M junction with the M25, it is anticipated to be a flagship development providing innovative healthcare services for patients in Hertfordshire and beyond.

Low Wood Bay Hotel, Windermere

We are to carry out the largest redevelopment of Low Wood Bay Hotel since 1859. This will create the Lake District's first luxury destination resort for our client, English Lakes Hotels.



Luxury Lakeside Residence, Windermere

Construction of a new, luxury lakeside residential dwelling overlooking Lake Windermere, for a private client.



MMU Ormond Building

We have been selected by Manchester Metropolitan University to refurbish the Grade II-Listed building. The completed project, procured through the NWCH Framework, will accommodate the University's Vice Chancellor & Staff.



New Market Facility, Preston

We will be carrying out the refurbishment and upgrade of the £2.5m, Grade II-Listed 1875 Preston Outdoor Market. Beneath the iconic roof we will create a glazed, 'boutique-style' market hall and events space to compliment the 1924 'Old Fish Market'.



Heaton Hall - Phase 4

We have won the next phase of work at the Grade I-Listed Heaton Hall for Manchester City Council. Works will include redecoration of the external rendered areas of the Hall and refurbishment of the Orangery.



Completed Projects

Some of the major projects we have completed this year

King's Leadership Academy, Warrington

We have created a £9.8m, 6,800m² building, accommodating 840 students, for the Great Schools Trust. The school has excellent design values tailored to meet the aspirational education ethos of the Academy. The building features a double-height colonnade and a glazed central atrium to each wing.

Our experience in delivering education projects has enabled us to fast-track the construction programme to ensure a smooth transition for King's Leadership Academy. The high standards of construction support the character of the school whilst delivering a practical learning environment. We are delighted to have been involved in such an inspirational school project.



Southlands High School

On Saturday, 10th September, special guest, Rt Hon Lindsay Hoyle MP, officially opened the school's new Sports Centre. The new facility includes a four-court sports hall, classroom, reception area, office, kitchen and changing rooms. The school is absolutely delighted with the new building.



West Didsbury CE Free School

Volumetric Design and Construction of a new, 2072m², two-form entry, Community Primary School. The new school was completed in February 2016 and provides space for 420, 4-11 year old pupils.



Moss Side Offices



Etrop Court, Wythenshawe

Office Refurbishments at Moss Side, Wythenshawe & Harpurhey

We have completed two projects, and are about to commence a third, awarded as a £2.7m project, under the North West Construction Hub Medium Value Framework.

The work consists of office refurbishments in 3 city centre locations for Manchester City Council Social Services.



Heaton Hall, Manchester Phases 1, 2 & 3.

We are currently completing the third phase of the Grade I-Listed, neoclassical 18th century country house. To date, the £600k refurbishment to the central block and east wing includes stonework, roof and window repairs. We have recently been awarded a fourth phase, mainly focussing on external render and refurbishment of the Orangery which will commence in 2017.



Lancaster Road Primary School, Morecambe

We have recently completed a £2.8m project to extend the primary school once attended by comedy great, Eric Morecambe.

Originally built in 1932, Lancaster Road Primary School has been extended by 850m² to provide; six new classrooms, a multi-use hall, staff area, extended kitchen, larger parking area and new playground.

The design and construction project is part of a multi-phase programme to increase capacity from a two-form to three-form entry school, taking pupil numbers from 420 to 630 by the 2020/21 academic year.



New Islington Primary School, Manchester

This new modular school has been designed and constructed as part of the Education Funding Agency Regional Framework.



The new 2-form entry school accommodates 420 primary school pupils with a range of educational facilities including: 14 classrooms, sports hall, immersive space, IT suite, staff facilities, kitchen, plant rooms, store rooms, parking for staff, hard and soft play areas, habitat zones.



Eden Boys School, Preston

This £7m scheme for Tauheedul Education Trust is now complete and focused on creating an optimum learning environment for pupils. The project involved the refurbishment of the existing four-storey building, including; remodelling of the interior to reflect the change of use, new classrooms, an IT suite, social spaces and glazing to the existing exterior to refresh all façades. We also demolished an existing three-storey area of the original structure, replacing it with a double height sports hall.

Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham

Months of painstaking work has been carried out to repair decaying external stonework and windows at the Grade I-Listed building. The vital works, commissioned by Lancashire County Council Museum Service, operated on behalf of the National Trust, remained closed to the public throughout the programme of works. The hall, described as “an Elizabethan gem in the heart of industrial Lancashire”, is situated on the banks of the River Calder and is sometimes referred to as the “Downton of the North”.



Our project for Leyland Trucks, now a division of international manufacturer PACCAR, comprised a new £5.6m extension and office upgrade over three floors.



'One Ashford' Hospital, Kent

Opening in February 2016, the £14m 'One Ashford' Hospital has brought state-of-the-art private healthcare to Ashford in Kent. By focusing on the building's environmental, social and economic benefits over the whole life of the hospital, the team have achieved a BREEAM Excellent rating.

Conlon in the Community

Examples to show our commitment to the communities in which we work



Supply Chain Kwik Cricket Tournament 2016

This year our 'Supply Chain Kwik Cricket Tournament' was held at Guy's Thatched Hamlet in Bilsborrow. It was great to see such a good turn out from our supply chain who entered teams for this year's tournament. Following the high scoring rounds both Mansell Finishes and Cronshaw Electrical made it through to the final where Mansell were crowned 2016 Champions by 1 run!

We recently raised £600 for **Isabel Hospice** by participating in a 4-ball golf tournament at Bocket Hall, Hertfordshire, adjacent to our One Hatfield Hospital project.



Pictured below are Chris Taylor, Steve Chorlton, Darren Lee and Ed Crewdson.



Charity of the Year, Emmaus Preston

On Saturday, 4th July, a team of staff and friends successfully completed the Yorkshire 3 Peaks walk (Ingleborough, Pen y Ghent and Wharfedale) in 10 hours, 45 minutes. The challenge, a total of 5,202ft of climb, covers over 27 miles of the Yorkshire Dales. As the group set off at 7.45am, the heavens opened and the rain and wind continued virtually all day until they arrived at the 'Bunkhouse' at 6.30pm. Over £8,500 was raised for our chosen charity of the year, Emmaus Preston.

A further £5,200 was raised during our 55th Anniversary weekend, including a charity auction to which consultant colleagues, staff and our supply chain members generously contributed.

Thank you to all involved.

www.emmaus.org.uk/preston



Heaton Park Defibrillator

As part of our Social Value Legacy to the NWCH framework, we have donated a defibrillator to Heaton Park complete with secure external case.



The 3-peaks team, all smiles after completing the walk.





Supply Chain Conference 2016

In September we held our Supply Chain Conference at UCLan in Preston. Around 100 members of our supply chain supported the event. The theme for the conference was best practice, continuous improvement and key performance indicators. Other topics included carbon and waste management to name but a few. During the event guest speakers joined us from Emmaus, Recycling Lives and the Supply Chain Sustainability School. Another successful conference which will be followed up with supply chain workshops throughout the coming year.

Weeton Primary School, Preston

The school held a 'Red, White & Blue' day to raise money for 'The Soldiers' Charity' formerly the Army Benevolent Fund. Conlon sponsored the prize giving held with Mark Pallett our Site Manager.



Office Manager Fiona Riley recently raised £700 for Wigan & Leigh Hospice's first ever 'Strictly Dance' competition at the DW stadium Wigan. On the night the Hospice reported that the event had raised a fantastic £10k. Well done Fiona!

Salford University Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations to Jonathan Skinkis on winning the Conlon Construction Technology Award held at the Imperial War Museum in Manchester on 20th July.



Sophie Moore, from All Hallows Catholic High School, Preston, & Matthew Stevens, from Ribblesdale High, Clitheroe, gaining work experience prior to their sixth form studies. Shown visiting Moss Side Social Services, a North West Construction Hub project.



Siân from Heartbeat trained our staff at Head Office in the use of portable automated defibrillators, CPR and choking.



We provided a new football kit for Penwortham Town FC Under 11's team, pictured with Michael Conlon.



The Launch of the November 'Lancashire Business View' was held on 16th November with Michael Conlon, our Chairman on the cover.



Pupils from Lancaster Road Primary School, Morecambe, inspecting their new school extension with Site Managers, Shaun Smith and Dave Lyon.



Awards

We are pleased to have collected a number of awards again this year



Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs)

For the third year running we were delighted to receive the 'Construction Business of the Year' award at 'the BIBAs' held at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. We were also shortlisted for the 'Business of the Year' and 'Excellence in CSR' categories.



Investors in People

Measured against the new standard in March we are proud to have achieved the Silver IIP Award.



We received a 'Highly Commended' Award at The Offsite Awards (NEC) for New Islington Free School.

RoSPA Gold Award

For the third year running our approach to occupational health and safety has been recognised in an awards scheme run by the safety charity, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), for an "excellent occupational health and safety management system and culture". The RoSPA awards scheme recognises commitment to accident and ill-health prevention, and looks at accident records, health and safety management, leadership and workforce involvement.



Considerate Constructors Scheme

For the seventh year running, Conlon have been recognised at the National Considerate Constructors Awards 2016. We were presented with two Bronze awards for our projects: Avro Heritage Museum, Stockport and Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham.



L to R: Jim Wilcock, Terry Fisher, Simon Brown, Maureen Boland, Dave Lyon, Michael McLoughlin, Clare Singleton, Michael Conlon, Nadine Ng and Ceri Penman.

RICS Awards 2016

Avro Heritage Museum, Jubilee House, Rothwell Fire Station and Bowcliffe Hall were all shortlisted at RICS Awards held in Liverpool and Harrogate.

2016 RICS Awards Shortlisted

