



Spring 2016

Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter,

Whether it's "Making life better for others in the community", or "a tangible and inspirational approach to the environment", or "being our partners' favourite company to work with", or "Inspiring a new generation in construction", there is evidence that it is happening at Gelder Group - which is good because all these things form part of our 2017 Vision.

12 months ago I felt we'd not given ourselves anywhere near enough time to achieve our 2017 Vision - 20 goals to achieve come the end of 2017. Today, and following a record start to the year, I feel that 70% of it will become a reality during 2016 which is quite amazing.

There have been so many changes at Gelder Group during the past 18 months or so. Stressful at times but the company is absolutely flying at present, I am so looking forward to next month's inaugural 'G Festival' (see overleaf) and enjoying a few beers with the team, all of whom have been amazing.

I hope 2016 is going well for you, and take this opportunity to say thank you for your support.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Best Regards



Steve Gelder MBE
Chief Executive Officer



New £500K Project in Islington

With a flying start to the year the Maintenance Department at Gelder Group have secured another £500k project with new clients Telereal Tirrilium. This order means the division is now just £1m short of its planned 2016 sales, with seven months still to go! The project, which will begin in late May, is to complete the refurbishment of two properties in Islington. On securing it, Construction Director Dave Gladwin comments "Part of our vision for the Maintenance Division is to 'Exceed our customer expectations across our traditional trading areas and beyond'. This project and many others we are currently working on in London and Bristol show we are living our Vision goals", adding "I've been delighted with the start we've had to the year and I couldn't have a better team in place to deliver both our 2016 and 2017 goals".

Best Building in Grimsby

Our office development at Cartergate, Grimsby has been dubbed the 'Best Building in Grimsby in the last 50 years!'. The offices will become home to the law firm Wilkin Chapman when they are completed in September 2016.



Celebrating Success

The Gelder Group's Insurance Repair and Renovation Division is again Liverpool Victoria Insurance's No.1 supplier for Customer Service. The Group have again overcome challenges from hundreds of suppliers from across the UK to retain the title.

LV= are both the UK's most recommended and fastest expanding insurance company, so to be rated as their best supplier of Customer Service is extremely prestigious. This is the second consecutive year the Group has won an award as we also scooped the 'Best Supplier' award in 2015. On the achievement Head of Insurance, Louisa Sharpe, commented "We are all delighted to win this award and the whole team are thrilled that our efforts in excellent customer service have been recognised".



Pictured: All the LV= award winners

Quality in Construction Award

The Group has again been recognised at West Lindsey Council's annual 'Quality in Construction Awards' after picking up the award for 'Best Social or Affordable Housing Scheme'. The Company jointly accepted the award with ACIS Housing Association for the development of several properties at Saracen Close, Gainsborough. Site Manager Leif Davy (pictured) commented on the project "I am delighted that this project won its category. It's certainly a quality build" adding "Its always nice to win awards from industry bodies such as building control officers".

Pictured: Site Manager Lief Davy with his LABC award



Gelder Group and NFB Attend Lincoln College Open Day

Gelder Group and the National Federation of Builders recently joined forces at a Lincoln College Open Day in an effort to attract more youngsters into the industry. Attendees that visited our stand were introduced to the virtual world of building, 'Building Information Modelling' (BIM). Whilst still seen as futuristic by many, it should soon be common place in building design and is something the group has invested heavily in during the past few years. Head of Design at Gelder Group and BRE Accredited Jon Cook comments "It's fantastic that we are able to introduce the next generation to this technology, something that is transforming the way in which future buildings are being designed and delivered".

Pictured: Mark Locking, Managing Director of Education and Training Delivery at Lincoln College experiencing the virtual environment.



New Appointments

An uptake in orders has seen us appoint 24 new staff during the past three months, including a further four apprentices (pictured). This brings the current total of apprentices employed up to 26, as we continue to deliver on our Vision of "Inspiring a new generation in construction".



Callum Taylor
Apprentice Joiner



Thomas Crowther
Apprentice Plumber



Toby Darragh
Apprentice Mechanic



Mair Cook
Apprentice Administrator

Gelder Gold is back on the menu!

Part of the Gelder Group's 2017 Vision is that 'Our approach to the environment is tangible and inspirational'. When our environmental team read about the alarming decline in the UK bee population (a reduction of a third), they decided to get involved. During 2015 the company linked up with the 'Lincolnshire Bee Keepers Association' and the first hive and 40,000 bees became resident in our 16 acre environmental park. 2016 has seen these numbers increase to six hives, each containing 40,000 bees. The harvested honey is branded 'Gelder Gold' and sold with all proceeds being donated to charity. Jason Rawson from the association comments "We are delighted that Gelder Group agreed to house the bees, they have a fantastic park that is an ideal environment for the bees".



Pictured: One of the six new hives in our environmental park

G Festival

This year will see the first annual 'Rick Paton Memorial' fishing tournament being held on the lake at our Head Office. The competition will be the first event in a day-long staff celebration for the Group, to thank them for such a spectacular start to 2016.

