



Winter 2017

Happy New Year and welcome to our first 2017 newsletter.

This year is the final year of our 20 by 17 challenge. 20 stretching goals to be achieved come the end of 2017. I'm very proud to report that we are well on the way to achieving them.

Delivery of our 2017 Vision is only achievable with strong support from all our staff, suppliers, sub-contractors and customers entrusting us with their various workflows. In this regard our customers have been exceptionally supportive with a plethora of new orders, too many to include in this newsletter, which has seen our 2017 order book climb to record levels.

2017 looks like it could prove to be a fantastic year at Gelder Group, a strong order book, a real buzz around the offices, the 'Can do' attitude, that I love, is in evidence throughout the company so I'm really excited about the year ahead.



Thank you for your support, I do hope that 2017 proves to be an excellent year for you and that you enjoy this newsletter.

Best Regards



Steve Gelder MBE



Prestigious Refurbishment Contract of Octagon Hall and Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Gelder Group have secured a 51 week, £2.3m restoration contract for Octagon Hall & Pavilion Gardens in Buxton for High Peak Borough Council, which has been made all the more picturesque by the flurry of recent snow.

The Grade II listed Pavilion Gardens complex currently attracts around one million visitors annually and dates back to 1870. It was originally designed by Sir Joseph Paxton and his pupil Edward Milner as a concert hall and winter garden and built on land donated by the 7th Duke of Devonshire.

Rob Porter, Senior Quantity Surveyor at Gelder Group comments: "The team at Gelder Group feel extremely privileged to have been chosen to deliver this high profile and interesting project", adding "we are all looking forward to working closely with High Peak Borough Council's project team to successfully deliver this scheme".



Pictured: Octagon Hall, Buxton

Maintenance Secure Southend-on-Sea Project

The Group's Maintenance Division continues to broaden its geographical trading boundaries, on this occasion with a contract for the NHBC in Southend-on-Sea, Essex. This project involves remedial works to the external fabric of a block of flats (pictured) situated on the sea front. The 15 week contract is due to commence in February and is the latest for a division that is fast developing an enviable reputation for completing high value remedial works contracts nationally, with contracts in Manchester, Bristol, London, Newquay, Cornwall and now Southend-on-Sea, either on-going or completed.



Pictured: Flats in Southend-on-Sea requiring works to external fabric

£1.8m Contract for Training Facility

Gelder Group Major Contracts Division have secured a £1.8m contract with North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) to extend their CATCH site at Stallingborough to meet a growing demand for training from the energy, chemicals and engineering sectors. The new facility will increase provision for apprenticeships, helping local people to access long-term careers in these and other sectors. The work is due to start on site in January and expected to be complete in time for a student intake in September 2017.

The contract will be the second BIM (Building Information Modelling) project for NELC, again using 3D simulation clash avoidance techniques.



Successful Handover of New Modal Training Facility

Our Major Contracts team have successfully handed over the Modal training facility in Immingham this month. The seven month project is a centre of excellence for the ports, energy and logistics sectors.



The facility provides virtual training for those working in maritime and offshore sectors. In addition to the virtual training classroom-based courses it will improve their skills, competencies and proficiencies for individuals and businesses working in the road, rail and sea sectors.

I Love Claims Home Conference



Gelder Group were once again sponsors of 'I Love Claims' (ILC) annual Home Claims Conference in Coventry, attended by over 400

insurers and suppliers to the insurance claims world. On the conference Gelder Group's Head of Insurance Repair and Renovation, Louisa Sharpe, comments "This event is now a firm fixture in the calendar, it's well attended, very informative and provides exceptionally good networking opportunities".

Pictured: Attendees at the welcome address by ILC Chairman Alan Soutar

Fishing for Success!

Congratulations to Gary Cox, Insurance Surveyor who scooped top prize at Middy Xtreme Autumn/Winter Qualifier at Lake View Fishery, Melton Mowbray.

Gary has now qualified for the £1000 final competition in March - Good Luck Gary!!



Bridging the Skills Gap

Investing in the future of the industry Gelder Group recruit over 20 new apprentices annually. The latest of these are two new Insurance Surveyors. In addition to working on live claims they are both studying for a BTEC Extended Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment.



Dylan Carter, 17



Thomas Potter, 19

Long Service Awards

Throughout December and January the company recognised 27 staff for a combined 205 years of service with awards for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years service.



Pictured: Members of the Lincoln Insurance, Maintenance and Garage Divisions receiving their awards from CEO Steve Gelder

Love DIY to supply Tesco customers

Established in January 2015 LoveDIY sells tools and home improvement products on-line. The brand has slowly been developing its customer base via its own website www.LoveDIY.com and



has now secured a partnership agreement with Tesco to sell its products via their website 'Tesco Direct'. On the partnership Business Manager Dan Greaves comments, "We have been in talks with Tesco for some time to secure this partnership so myself and the team are really excited to now be working alongside one of the UK's most well-known company's".