



Summer 2017

Hello and welcome to our Summer newsletter.

As I write it's Monday 17th July, a significant date in the diary, the final day before my summer holiday, my secretary Dawn's birthday, and exactly three years since HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne pressed the button at the start of our three year, 2017 Vision.

It's been an eventful three years. Creating and launching a Vision is so much fun. Enlisting a Royal to help launch it makes for a great day out. Delivering it is probably the hardest thing I've ever done so thanks go to all of our customers, our employees, my very hard working Senior Management Team and both my PA Dawn Peel and wife Wendy whose support has been amazing.

We didn't nail every one of our 20 by 17 challenges but we came very close, picking up several awards as well as the title of the area's fastest expanding company, which takes some doing after 29 years in business. In August and prior to commencing work on our next Vision we'll be

sending out a three minute video of our achievements, please look out for it.

Have a wonderful summer and thanks for your support.

Best Regards



Steve Gelder MBE
Chief Executive Officer



Major Contracts make National Awards

After scooping first prizes at the regional Local Authority Building Control East Midlands and LABC South Yorkshire Building Excellence Awards, Gelder Group will be competing against itself in the National Award



Cartergate House

Finals. The event takes place on Friday 10th November at the Westminster Plaza, London. Gelder Group's workmanship on its largest ever insurance project, the £5 million re-development of Kenwick Spa and Leisure Centre complex at Louth, following a devastating fire, was voted the 'Best Large Commercial Project' by East Midlands Building Control Officers.

The company's workmanship on Cartergate House in Grimsby secured first prize from South Yorkshire and Humber Building Control Officers, again for the category of 'Best Large Commercial Project'. Kevin Manterfield (Director of Major Contracts at Gelder Group) commented "I am absolutely thrilled, we've secured many LABC Awards in the past which is great as it's fellow industry professionals recognising you, but we've never secured the same award in two separate regions at the same time



The new Kenwick Spa complex

before. They are both great projects so well done to the teams who worked on them. Let's hope we can be recognised nationally at the November Awards."

C2C2C 100 Mile Charity Bike Ride

Wet and windy conditions greeted entrants in this year's 100 mile Castle to Coast to Castle (C2C2C) charity event of which Gelder was a joint sponsor.

The event raised a massive £20,000 for various charities and although most of the 600+ riders returned looking more like rugby players than cyclists, smiles of satisfaction shone through the dirt and grime on what was, weather apart, another massively enjoyable and terrifically well organised event.

(Left to Right) The Gelder team of Dave Gladwin, Mark Patrick, Clive Pitt, Oliver Dolby, James Grant, Steve Gelder, Liam Hanlon, Kevin Wood, Martin Ashfield, Sam Gelder, Jon Nicholls, Oliver Przybysz



Insurance Department get ahead of the Competition in Training

A total of 24 staff, managers and surveyors, within the Insurance Department have successfully completed a UKATA accredited asbestos course, which focused on both awareness and sampling. This bespoke course was delivered by industry leader Eddie Strong and his team from Ferncroft Environmental. Head of Insurance, Louisa Sharpe, commented “a fabulous course, tailored to our requirements, it’s given my team fantastic knowledge of the regulations and requirements when working with potential asbestos”.

Gelder Group has always shown a strong commitment to health and safety, and this further demonstrates our proactive approach to ensuring the safety of both our employees and our customers.



Mathew is a Knockout in the Boxing Ring!

Mathew Kane, who started work in LoveDIY in March, has certainly made a name for himself by fighting in the local ‘Ultra White Collar Boxing’ event for charity. In his first ever boxing match Mathew won his bout on points, much to the admiration of his friends and family. Mathew also raised £475 from donations and ticket sales for charity Cancer Research UK.



New Appointment



Chloe Lamming joins the team at head office as an Apprentice Receptionist. Chloe recently studied Travel and Tourism at college, but is now excited to form part of the reception team. Chloe has a passion for seeing new places and has an avid interest in photography.

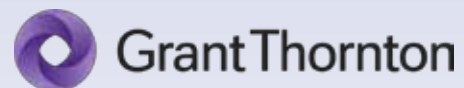
LoveDIY Team Up with Queen Elizabeth High School Students

Gelder Group’s rapidly expanding online retailer ‘LoveDIY’ has linked up with Queen Elizabeth High School to run ‘Business Taster’ work placements for sixth form students. On the placements, Dan Greaves (LoveDIY Business Manager) commented, “The taster consists of setting the students targets for selling various products online which they achieve through a variety of online marketing practises.” He added, “We’ve all been extremely impressed with how hard the students have worked and with the results generated.”

Pictured: QEHS students, teachers and the LoveDIY team



Fastest Growing Company



Produced by Grant Thornton in partnership with the CBI, the East Midlands ‘Top 200 Report’ is now in its 5th year and recognises the region’s fastest expanding businesses. The report provides the area’s only in-depth study and detailed analysis of the financial performance of its fastest expanding companies. The East Midlands region covers Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire, and Gelder Group were ranked 21st making it Lincolnshire’s highest ranked company. On the award, Group CEO Steve Gelder commented “This is a fantastic accolade and the timing is also perfect, coming as it does at the conclusion of our 20 by 17 Vision. A real team effort so thanks to everyone involved from apprentices through to our senior management team, and of course our customers for entrusting us with their business”.



HRH The Princess Royal in 2014 launching the Group’s new Vision.