## Newsletter



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## Hello and welcome to our Autumn newsletter

It's been a very busy and at times challenging few months.

We've restructured our Major Contracts division, and I would like to thank lain Cameron for stepping up and overseeing this. We also finally re-entered the domestic housing market, which was harder than I anticipated, great that Gelder Living is now up and running though.

Our Insurance Repair and Renovation Division's order book, for reasons I don't fully understand, has doubled and our Facilities Maintenance and Buildings division continues its impressive expansion. It's been a manic summer capped with another trip to the palace (see opposite).

I hope you are having a good year, keep well and best wishes.



Steve Gelder MBE Chief Executive Officer

### **Gelder Living**



Left to right: Steve Gelder, CEO Gelder Group, Martin Philips, Development Manager ONGO, Diane Krochmal Housing Strategy and Supply Manager West Lindsey DC, David Bishop, Equator DBA



Work commences at Knaith, nr Gainsborough

Once known for its domestic housebuilding Gelder Group has recently returned to the domestic housebuilding market under the brand 'Gelder Living'.

Works have now commenced on a small scheme of 7 bungalows at Knaith Park, near Gainsborough in readiness for the spring 2019 market and a sod cutting service has just taken place at North Marsh Road, Gainsborough where 24 retirement flats are being developed. This is a partnership between Ongo Housing Association, West Lindsey District Council and the Gelder Group

The next development will be 16 properties in Kirton-in-Lindsey, due to commence in January 2019.



CEO Steve Gelder accepted Award from HRH The Princess Royal

#### Gelder Group recognised for 'Outstanding training and skills development'

Gelder Group is celebrating being amongst just 46 recipients of the 2018 Princess Royal Training Awards granted for our 'commitment to training and skills excellence' by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal at a ceremony at St James's Palace in London on the 31st October 2018.

The Princess Royal Training Awards are highly regarded and delivered by the City & Guilds Group, to highlight the value of training and employee development and celebrate examples of best practice. Applications are assessed against three Hallmarks of Excellence by the Princess Royal Training Awards Commission, which comprised of HRH The Princess Royal and seven leading figures in the business and training community.

#### lain Steps up

lain Cameron, who has worked at the company since leaving University back in 1991 and been part of our Major Contracts Senior Management team since 2010 is now heading up the division.

lain, has overseen a re-structure that will see the division focus more on £500k - £2.5m projects, and negotiated contracts. Iain took over the reins in October, following the retirement of Kevin Manterfield.



On the role lain Cameron comments "We have a great team and a wealth of building knowledge within Majors and a track record of delivering excellent building projects."

# Gelder Group welcomes Apprentice joiner from Germany



Left to Right: Chris Kent (Branch Manager), Nadine Fehmer (German Apprentice), Steve Gelder (CEO)

In partnership with Lincoln College, Gelder Group have taken on its first German apprentice.

Nadine Fehmer (17) from Coesfeld, West Germany is a second year joinery apprentice and will be spending 3 weeks working with Gelder Group as part of an exchange program funded by the European Commission.

#### **New Appointments**

Mitchell Jackson, Apprentice Quantity Surveyor

20 year old Mitchell Jackson joined Gelder Group's Facilities Maintenance and Building division recently as an Apprentice Quantity Surveyor. On the appointment Mitchell said "I wanted to become a quantity surveyor as I'm interested in the construction industry and I feel as though the job lets you do a lot of work with numbers as well as people and gives you a fair bit of responsibility."

#### Jack Dawson, Trainee Estimator

Jack (24) who is studying for his BA Hons in Quantity Surveying has recently completed his placement year with us and is now continuing his university course on a part-time basis in order to remain with the Group. On the work Jack said "I enjoy gathering the info and getting prices together to make tender submissions. Winning jobs is the target and Gelder Group is a good company with good people".



Jack Dawson (Left), Mitchell Jackson (right)

#### Gelder Group staff have muddy good fun!

Gelder Group staff from across the company took part in the 10k 'Wild Warrior' Tough Mudder on Saturday 22nd September 2018.

The event, which was in support of the Aviva 'Mentoring' programme, was held in Derby and despite the chilly weather, the team overcame the 72 obstacles and completed the 10k in under 2 hours. Supporting from the side-lines, CEO Steve Gelder commented "I am very happy to support the staff to compete in events like this. While I do think they are all quite mad, I applaud their sense of spirit and fun".



The Gelder 'Wild Warriors'

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