



Hello and welcome to our Winter newsletter

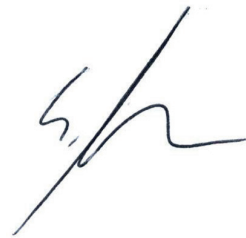
A belated Happy New Year

We finished 2018 very strongly, our order book is good and Vision 2020, as you can see from this newsletter, is driving some fantastic outcomes.

However, there is something a little worrying on the immediate horizon. Whilst I've always believed in the 'Wisdom of Crowds' theory, the many being wiser than the few. I am fast coming to the conclusion that on Brexit the many may have got it horribly wrong, I do hope a

deal can be agreed soon. On that cheery note I wish you well and thank you for your on-going support and friendship.

Best wishes for 2019 and keep well.



Steve Gelder MBE
Chief Executive Officer

Gelder Group apprentices gain vital experience on retirement flats scheme

A £3 million 50 week development scheme in partnership with Ongo Housing Association and West Lindsey District Council is enabling Gainsborough Construction Career College bricklaying students to gain vital on site experience.

Gelder Group's Mission is to 'Inspire a new generation in construction' and this scheme of 24 high-quality flats for the over 55's being situated so close to the towns Gelder sponsored Construction Career College, gives the opportunity for the company to do just that. Gelder Group is a huge supporter of apprenticeships and bringing on young talent. Currently there are 6 apprentices on site but these numbers will increase as the project progresses.



Apprentices working on site at North Marsh Road



(Left to Right) Iain Cameron – Head of Major Contracts, Steve Gelder – CEO, Martin Roberts – Homes Under the Hammer

Gelder Group secure top spot at Construction Awards

Gelder Group, along with the project architects & consultants Keir Group, secured top award for the development of North Sea Observatory at Chapel Point, Chapel St Leonards, Lincolnshire.

The unique building secured the award for both its design, workmanship and for being delivered on budget despite a plethora of challenges, not least of which its location on a very windswept sea front!

The building offers all year round facilities for families and those enjoying walks along the beach. It includes a cafe, public toilets, and exhibitions and is an impressive gateway to the coastal country park.

Over 350 people gathered to celebrate the awards and were welcomed by guest speaker, Homes Under the Hammer presenter, Martin Roberts.



North Sea Observatory, Chapel Point

Gelder Group sponsor Student of the month at Gainsborough College



Arran Fullwood presenting the award to student Bradley Sanderson

As part of our on-going commitment to the Gainsborough based construction careers college we regularly sponsor their monthly awards voted for by the teaching staff for students displaying a stand out performance during the month.

On this month's winner the college commented "He never complains and he is always offering to help out, he just gets on and does his work."

This month's winner was joinery student Bradley Sanderson and presenting the award on behalf of Gelder Group was finance Director Arran Fullwood. Bradley receives a certificate of achievement from the Group and a £50 Argos voucher.

Gelder Group launch Community page on Facebook

Part of our Vision 2020 is to 'build strong communities'. We have already completed four projects including assisting two churches, a bowling green and a local school.

The aim of our vision is to 'Champion community initiatives through sharing our knowledge, experience and resources' and this initiative has already been embraced by the communities who have called upon us for assistance. To record and highlight the services we can offer through our Vision we have launched a Facebook page dedicated to our charity work and our on-going commitment to the communities we live and work in.



New Appointments

Andy Marklew,
Branch Manager, Lichfield office

Andy Marklew has joined us as the Branch Manager at our Lichfield office. Andy who previously worked for Thomas Sanderson Ltd as the Regional Installation Manager for 12 years prior. Andy comments "The family atmosphere is what I like about Gelder Group, everyone helping each other to achieve our aims. I have been made to feel really welcome and the people that work here seem very happy."



Kevin Fox,
Contracts Manager

Kevin Fox Joined the company in January this year as a Contracts Manager in the Insurance Repair and Renovation Department, prior to this role Kevin was a Training Manager. On the new role Kevin said "I was ready for a new challenge and the position available offered many of the things I was looking for. Whilst early days, with lots to learn I am enjoying the role which has been made easier by the friendly help and support I am receiving from my new colleagues."



Length of Service Awards



Pictured Dave Wells receiving his award from CEO Steve Gelder

With a total of 250 years service Gelder Group recently celebrated with staff who had achieved service milestones of 5,10,15,20,25 and in one case 30 years service.

Dave Wells became the first person ever to hit the 30 year milestone being the company's first ever employee, starting as an apprentice bricklayer.

Dave (pictured), is now bringing along the next generation of bricklayers, overseeing their progress on our North Marsh Road and Knaith development sites.