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2014 – BUILT ON PERFORMANCE



Twelve project wins so far in 2014 have ensured a great start for Houlton. The new projects have given a £43m boost and provided a solid platform in an increasingly buoyant market.

Eight of the contracts are for existing clients, a clear indication of high levels of satisfaction from our customer base.

Houlton have now been appointed as the main contractor for the new £14m Beverley campus. The four-storey building will form part of the wider Flemingate redevelopment project and will open in September 2015.

We have also secured a 59 week project in Skipton, worth £4m. The project began on the 18th July 2014 and is focused on developing exciting new facilities at Craven College, ready for use by students in August 2015.

Also, after successfully completing the new Adult Emergency Care care area and the Children's Emergency Department of HRI, Houlton were proud to begin work in early July 2014 on the £3.5m third and fourth phases of the Emergency Department Reconfiguration Scheme at Hull Royal Infirmary.

We are building a £5.1m distribution facility in Driffild for Yorkshire Trading Co and 32 one/two bedroom apartments in Leeds for Leeds City Council.

EDUCATION

£2.8 million refurbishment for the Lawns Centre

The Lawns Centre is the catering and social hub which is part of the Lawns student accommodation complex (7 halls of residence) for the University of Hull.

It was built in the 1960's and is located within 40 acres of landscaped parkland in Cottingham, just 3.5 miles away from the main University of Hull Campus.

This 24 week project involved internal and external redevelopment of the existing 2 storey building, including repainting external cladding, replacement of windows and re-roofing works.

The Lawns Centre is now fully modernised with a new main entrance and foyer, refurbished teaching spaces and lecture theatre, a new gym, bar and refurbished seating areas.



Hull Trinity House Academy wins prestigious award

Hull Trinity House Academy gains due recognition for its impressive appearance and functionality at a glittering awards ceremony at The Deep to mark the completion of the Hull Building Schools for the Future Programme.



Scooping the Best Refurb Award for Design, recipient John Gledhill, Houlton Contracts Manager said

“This was one of my most challenging projects, stripping back a dated façade to the structural skeleton before replacing it with energy efficient cladding and glazing was a major logistical exercise. Remodelling the interior

to provide the correct learning adjacencies over 8 storeys provided its own issues, all within a 52 week contact period – and with a new build Sports Hall added in for good measure!”

Houlton is rightly proud of the timeless appearance of the new facility and the stature it adds to Hull Trinity House Academy.



Further works at John Leggott College

Houlton were proud to be invited back to John Leggott College, Scunthorpe to begin work on the new Link Extension after the completion of the new Canteen Extension in July 2013.

Before work on the link could start a certain amount of enabling works had to be carried out, involving removing/relocating the existing air condensing units. The biggest part of the enabling works was to divert the gas main that ran directly underneath the proposed building. Consequently an 80 metre trench was excavated around 'D' block during half term and

a 150mm diameter gas main installed and completed within the week.

The work was completed mid-February 2014 and has delivered a colourful, light, bright and airy space from what was once an area that looked like an external plant room. The link now provides a more efficient flow around the college and gives vital access between the library and the portal. Also incorporated is a new office workspace for both the library and the reprographics team from another part of the college, and a provision of charging bays & chill-out zone for the students.



New Campus for East Riding College

The provision of the proposed East Riding College Campus, within the Flemingate Development in Beverley, presents an opportunity to create a state of the art learning environment which will enable the college to maintain and enhance its record of learning and achievement well into the twenty first century and will open to its learners in September 2015.

Houlton have now begun on site, with construction planned for completion in

July 2015. The contract was procured through the YORbuild Framework, with the cost of the campus being met by the college, together with a £2m capital grant from the Skills Funding Agency and £1m from the European Regional Development Fund.

The building will be high quality, interesting and dynamic, providing a valuable addition to Beverley whilst emphasising the presence of the college locally. It will be a landmark building linking the Flemingate Development to the town centre and clearly advertising its presence and its offer to the community.

Kings School, Pontefract

The school had a need to enhance the delivery of their existing vocational courses and to develop personalised learning which required the design and project

management by NPS North East Ltd of this new two storey extension attached to the existing gymnasium.

Houlton were responsible for design elements for beam and block floor, concrete stairs, timber roof trusses and lightning protection.

Building Excellence Award

Our project was at Withernsea School to create the Holderness Vocational Centre was the winner of the 'Best Education Building' at the recent Local Area Building Control North and East Yorkshire Building Excellence Awards. It received the award for recognition of our high standards of construction and workmanship on the project.

Building Excellence Awards are all about the essence of good buildings. The finalists are not judged on architectural beauty, but on the "Excellence" shown from a construction and technical building control point of view. The awards showcase buildings and design teams that have had to tussle with technical issues, difficult sites, innovative and creative solutions.

An excellent result for all the Houlton team and supply chain involved on this new building.



Houlton, Hull College and HRI Open Site Programme

We have recently welcomed 16 students from Hull Construction College to the Tower Block project at Hull Royal Infirmary for their Health and Safety Workshops. These workshops are in conjunction with our client Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust as part of our Open Site Programme.



The aim of the visit was to give students an insight into the day-to-day running and implementation of Health and Safety procedures on a busy construction site and to put into practice the theory currently being taught at the college.

'Being able to make site visits allows the learners to experience a live construction site enabling them to take in information and knowledge of a typical working environment that cannot be experienced in a classroom.'

The site visits allow the learner to develop an understanding of the working environment which is invaluable and hopefully gives them inspiration when it comes to making the right career choice.

On behalf of the Hull Construction College we would like to thank all the site staff at the Hull Royal Infirmary project and Houlton for their time'.

Thank You
Andrew Bannister
Lecturer Hull Construction College



LOCAL BUSINESSES FUND NEW FOYER



A range of local businesses have helped create a new emergency department at Hull Royal Infirmary and the re-opened department has been split into two, with separate areas for adults and children.

The striking glass foyer entrance of the children's emergency department, which cost about £65,000, was funded entirely through the generosity of the contractors working with Houlton on the development.



Rising to the Teentech Challenge



Two of Houlton Quantity Surveyor's Harry Miller and Chris Padden provided support and individual mentoring to a group of young learners at the annual Teentech Challenge series, held at Doncaster Racecourse on 27th March 2014.

Teentech Challenge is an award winning, industry-led initiative, founded in 2008 by Maggie Philbin and Chris Dodson to help the "X Factor" generation understand their true potential and the real opportunities available in the contemporary STEM workplace. More information on Teentech Challenge can be found at www.teentechevent.com.

Supported by our YORbuild public sector partners, the challenge presents young learners with a series of maths and science based questions, which when answered correctly gains a piece of a puzzle – all correct and the full puzzle is revealed. The intense competition between the various teams is followed by an informal Q & A session with our staff members, who can explain what we do as a company, their role within it and the tremendous variety of career opportunities the construction industry offers.

Both Harry and Chris found the experience challenging, rewarding and of course incredibly good fun – and we were also present at the Hull round of the challenge in July 2014!

YORbuild is a series of collaborative Construction Frameworks for the procurement of building contractors to carry out new build and refurbishment works for the Yorkshire and Humber regions 22 Local Authorities and other regionally based Public Sector Bodies.

YORbuild consists of four sub-regional frameworks each with a number of lots dealing with minor and major works.

This has provided us with an increased volume of excellent work over a wider geographic area. We have now successfully completed 22 projects total value £39.1m, are on site currently with 11 projects value £21.2m and have been allocated a further 5 projects value £5.4m yet to start.

Doncaster Council House New Build Programme

Work is well under way with construction of 33 new properties on behalf of Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council in three areas of Doncaster - Askern, Cantley and Woodlands. The project consists of 6 house types on 5 sites, including 20 houses and 13 bungalows.

Houlton were appointed to design and build the proposed development following a single stage procurement and appointment process. The new properties are Code for Sustainable Homes 'Code Level 3' and the works also comprise the construction of external works, landscaping, fencing, drainage, statutory services installations and highways works to suit the orientation of the sites

Council House Re-roof Programme 2014

East Riding of Yorkshire Council are re-roofing approximately 600 homes over the next 2 years and our latest project for these works for 2014 is for 104 homes at Beverley, Flamborough, Huggate and Kilham.

Work includes renewal of roof coverings, installation of new uPVC fascia, soffit and barge boards, the replacement of rainwater goods, and the repointing of chimney stacks and all associated works.

It is another YORbuild project for East Riding of Yorkshire Council and continues successful previous council house re-roofing projects Houlton have completed over several years.

Extra Care Facility

Work has started on a £5.5m Extra Care sheltered housing scheme at Queens Road, Beverley, awarded to Houlton as part of the YORbuild Framework.

A quality build is fundamental to the success of a development and we have appointed Peter Barnicoat in his new role as Contract Manager to oversee the

project. The proposed extra care sheltered housing scheme has adopted the design standards highlighted in "Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: a national strategy for housing in an ageing society" and the ten design principles set out in the "Housing our Ageing Population: Panel for Innovation" (HAPPI) Report 2009.

It involves 7 weeks enabling works diverting services followed by a 55 week build period for the building.

Hull Royal Infirmary Emergency Department Alterations



Houlton started work in early July 2014 on the £3.5m third and fourth phases of the Emergency Department Reconfiguration scheme at Hull Royal Infirmary after successfully completing the new Adult Emergency Care area and the Children's Emergency Department which opened in May 2013. This YORbuild project also involves construction of new extensions at the rear and sides of the hospital as part of the re-development.

A total of £7m will be spent by the Health Trust extending the department space to double its current size. It will also have 18 treatment areas instead of five.

Construction works consists of demolitions, new extensions, alterations and refurbishments alongside mechanical and electrical installations, including 8 initial Assessment Cubicles, 10 Resuscitation Cubicles, 1

Paediatric Resuscitation Cubicle, 24 Major Cubicles and Ancillary Accommodation.

Work to redevelop the Majors area, where people receive treatment for life-threatening illness or injury and major trauma marks the final stage of the hospital's Emergency Department renovations.

Depending on the level of activity through A&E and the challenges of working next to a busy live operation we are looking for the emergency department to be fully complete later in the year. The team on the project are working double shifts and extra hours to try to get everything complete before the busy winter period.

Staff currently have to cope with 120,000 patients each year in a hospital that was originally built to treat approximately 50,000.

Highest ConCom Gold for Houlton

Houlton received the highest ConCom accreditation, the Gold Certificate of Merit in recognition of outstanding achievement in their last ConCom audit, achieving a score of 96%.

The award was presented by Steve O'Brien, Head of Methods & Reliability at Total Lindsay Oil Refinery and also the current Chair of CONCOM, to Houlton contracts manager Andy Johnson and SHEQ manager Andy Durant at a recent awards ceremony.

ConCom was launched in 2000 by a group of like minded Client companies who wanted to improve Contractors competency for those working on Humber Bank Client sites. Current members include Air Products, Arkema, Bluestar Fibres, BOC Industrial Gases, BP Chemicals, Centrica Energy, Centrica Storage, Cristal, Gassco, Greenery, Knauf, Lenzing, Nippon Gohsei, Novartis, Phillips66, Synthomer, Total and Vivergo Fuels.

Contractors are required to provide extensive information on their Quality, Environmental and Safety Management procedures for assessment by ConCom prior to accreditation.



Grimsby Technology Institute

Work is complete on the new £6m Art and Design Centre at the Grimsby Institute which will feature a theatre, recording studios and a dance studio. The Grimsby Institute's Block C Building has been fully refurbished in the build with a 1,600 square foot extension to accommodate the new facility.

It was a 37-week build at the Nuns Corner Campus and the exterior of the old Block C Building was transformed with new cladding, new windows, plumbing, electrics, carpets, ceilings and walls. The new extension is sited on a former car park area and includes a reinforced concrete piled foundation and steel framed construction covered with an efficient, modern cladding system incorporating graphics, illuminated at night.



MARFLEET ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY PARK



Following the successful refurbishment of the old Humbrol factory site on Hedon Road, Hull for new occupiers Nippon Gohsei and Neil & Brown another project has been awarded to Houlton by developer Warmale Ltd, a joint venture between ipace and Stoneferry Estates.

Unit 11, nearest to Hedon Road is approximately 3,730 sq m, including a dock leveller and Unit 10 to the rear of the site is approximately 2,700 sq m. Neill & Brown Global Logistics provider will occupy Unit 11 to allow them to continue their investment in serving companies with efficient, integrated supply-chain solutions.

Work involves the design and construction of two new warehouse storage buildings together with new car parks and service yards, etc. including roller shutter doors and dock levellers, fencing and gates.

Marfleet Environmental Technology Park is a 2.69ha (6.65 acre) employment site within the East Hull Employment Corridor, immediately north of the Port of Hull. The project is part financed by the European Union European Regional Development Fund.

Grotech Production

Houlton were pleased to be selected again by Grotech Production, Goole, to construct a new production and warehouse facility alongside their purpose-built 12,000 sqft factory that we constructed back in 2005.

Grotech Production, specialise in mixing and packing products for the agrochemical and general chemical sectors, is investing £900,000 to triple the size of its factory floor.

The expansion, which began at the start of January 2014, will increase the factory floor from 9,000 sq ft to 28,000 sq ft and was completed in June. This further design and build project will provide an adjacent facility 60m x 30m with an airlock link corridor to connect it to the existing factory. It will also incorporate amenity areas and roller shutter door access with a new entrance and exit yard.

The large development comes as a response to the increasing demand for the Goole-based company's mixing, packing and product development capabilities.

Food industry Specialists

Following successful completion of roof infrastructure works to stage one in Summer 2013, Houlton are again working closely with the KP Snacks team to continue the internal updating of their prestigious snacks plant in Teeside.

Works are progressing with roof renewal, wall improvements, service rationalisation, mechanical extract, sprinkler protection systems, new lighting, small power and industrial floor finishes continuing into the potato process and packing hall areas of the factory.



The same teams are working together with key subcontract staff to ensure the successful and problem free delivery of Project Spruce for early 2016, and we are very much looking forward to working with the project and process teams over the next two years.



£4m Campus Re-development for Craven College, Skipton

Houlton are proud to be involved in the development of exciting new facilities at Craven College.

This is another YORbuild project and is designed to provide first class new and refurbished accommodation for students and teaching staff. The project further consolidates the College on the Aireville site and ensures that even more students have the opportunity to easily access the full range of college services and resources.

A new building will be provided for the Construction and Engineering Facilities, whilst extensive refurbishment will take place to the Whernside Building and The Hub at the Aireville Campus.

The new building for construction and engineering will be constructed to a very high standard to ensure it contributes to reducing the College's carbon footprint, whilst working to reduce its longer term operating costs. This will allow it to maximise the resources available for learning and teaching.

The new buildings will be built to achieve a BREEAM 'Outstanding' rating and the refurbished building a BREEAM 'Very Good' rating.

The new facilities will be ready for use by students in August 2015.

When the project is completed, over £10m will have been invested in the Aireville Campus over a period of 4 years, with Houlton contributing over £4m worth of work.



New Starters:

Welcome back to Mark Goodwin who re-joined our construction team in December to work on the urgent flood damage repairs for Smith & Nephew, Hull, subsequently at The Lawns refurbishment for the University of Hull and currently as Project Manager on the new Emergency Department at Hull Royal Infirmary.

Welcome also to recent new starters including Helen Dron Construction Secretary and Helen Taylor Receptionist. Also Mark Bell who joined as Site

Manager at Marfleet Technology Park and now at Doncaster new council housing site at Askern, Tony Kirkham Site Manager at ERYC Extra Care, Beverley, Rob Maesen-Andrews Site Manager at HRI Emergency Department; Nick Holliday Assistant Site Manager at Askern housing, and Andrew Lord as Project Manager at Craven College contract. And in our head office Rob Mann joined us as Managing Estimator and Jessica Fullard was appointed Estimating Administration Assistant.

Promotions:

Over the last year our Building & Maintenance Division has made several important internal promotions;

Jonathon Collinson was last year promoted to Site Manager having been with Houlton since 2000 and over recent years has proven himself in the temporary role of site manager, or site supervisor.

Mike Johnson was promoted to Contracts Manager in October last year, having started as a joiner with Houlton in 2000 and has since progressed from a highly respected Site Manager. Over recent years he has also been increasingly involved with our apprenticeship programme and has been instrumental in choosing and developing our future joiners/bricklayers and potential managers of the future.

Helen Wilkinson, who will be well known to our telephone callers, was promoted from main Receptionist to Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support to ensure the best level of service of our reactive maintenance and facilities management contracts, the largest of which is our current long-term contract with Humberside Police Authority.

Richard Thompson was promoted earlier this year to Site Supervisor having started his career with Houlton in 1996 as an Apprentice Bricklayer and over recent years has proven himself in the temporary role of site supervisor/manager.

Andy Sharp is 'home-grown' having started his working career as an apprentice joiner with Houlton in 1997. He was promoted to Contracts Manager in April this year having progressed through the ranks to a well regarded Site Manager.

Apprentice News:



Once again a Houlton apprentice wins top award in bricklaying competition!

Josh Hunter 2nd Year apprentice claimed 1st prize on Friday 16th May 2014 at the Yorkshire region Guild of Bricklayers competition held at Calderdale College. Josh was the youngest person competing in the Senior competition and will now represent Yorkshire in the national finals.

Josh also received an award on Monday 23rd June 2014 at

the Hull College Construction Awards Ceremony for Best of Year Brickwork Apprentice on a NVQ Level Two course and also an award for the most outstanding apprentice in Construction. He then went on to win an award for the most outstanding work based learner in the FE College overall for the year at an annual award dinner on Wednesday 2 July 2014. All of which are an excellent reward for Josh's hard work and dedication both at college and at work.

Retirements:

John Marris, Business Development Manager for Building & Maintenance, retired at Christmas after 47 years service in various roles within the company.

Denis Clark, Construction Site Manager has recently retired this June after 14 years' service.

John Sizer, Driver has also just retired after 41 years and very many miles service for the company

Long Service:



Chairman Richard Houlton congratulated two members of the Houlton staff for completing 25 years continual service with the company.

Keith Gilson, Commercial Director and Lance Taylor, Leading Bricklayer were each presented with a watch to mark the occasion in early June.

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We have recently updated the website www.houlton.co.uk so it is linked to all of our social media channels. Have a look online and click through to see what you think!



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