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Feature Story

Houlton are scaling new heights at HRI

Work is currently being undertaken on the South, West and East elevations of the tower block on Anlaby Road, Hull.

Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust are investing over £8 million to provide new windows and an external façade for the160ft tower block on the Hull Royal Infirmary site. This will not only improve the look of the building, but, it will also make it more energy efficient and structurally safe.

The scaffolding will be removed by March 2014,

leaving the tower block boasting a sleek, dark grey finish with blue glass and a complimentary lighting scheme.

As well as giving Hull Royal this much needed facelift, the works have also boosted the local economy, with over 90% local labour employed by Houlton on site.

Meanwhile, on the inside of the building, work has recently completed on the £2m second phase of a major reconfiguration project to improve the accident and emergency department. A total of £7m will be spent by the Health Trust on extending the department space to double its current size and allowing for 18 treatment areas instead of 5.

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There will be separate areas for children and people with minor and major injuries, meaning patients can be treated more efficiently.

The hospital was originally built to treat about 50,000 patients each year, yet staff currently cope with 120,000 a year.



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The Social Enterprise Investment Fund provided CASE with funding which has allowed them to completely renovate the interior and exterior of the building with new room layouts, a lift and full disabled access.

CASE's aim is to create a 'Learning Disability Centre of Excellence' by making the building larger with better facilities and to incorporate the NRS building next to CASE. All of the windows have been replaced, making the building look better from the outside, whilst the inside has a modern, welcoming feel to it.

CASE has improved the refurbished building further with a completely new layout,

better access for disabled people and more flexible rooms, accommodating more people in modern surroundings.

CASE was founded in 1985 by parents and carers of adults with learning disabilities and is dedicated to the improvement of life choices for these people through the provision of high quality training, support and employment opportunities.

<u>United</u> Biscuits <u>Stand Tall</u>

The United Biscuits main UK distribution centre at Ashby-dela-Zouch is tasked with ensuring the right products go to the right customers in the right place, every time. With this in mind, the centre has greatly benefitted from its extension to the existing highbay warehouse and associated external works completed by Houlton.

- United Biscuits main UK distribution centre hub is at Ashby-de-la-Zouch where it provides around 2,000 jobs.
- The biscuit, cake and snack manufacturer makes brands including McVities, Jacobs and McCoys.
- Pallets are stored 12 high with run lengths of 100m, which are being extended into the 38m long extension.
- One of the tallest distribution centres in the UK with the top pallet at 18.5m.















New House to Meet High Levels of Sustainability

Houlton are proud to be working on a new house designed by Native Chartered Architects of York. The house is a traditional 4 bed with a modern, minimal impact on the environment.

The current owners wanted to live in a comfortable and sustainable home for the foreseeable future, whilst minimising their carbon footprint. The high specification of renewable energy sources is designed to meet the client's wishes for the environment and their own comfort.





New £6m Art and Design Centre at the Grimsby Institute



Building work has commenced on a new state of the art £6m Art and Design Centre at the Grimsby Institute, featuring a theatre, recording studios and a dance studio.

The Grimsby Institute's Block C building is set to receive a full refurbishment with a 1,600 square foot extension to accommodate the new facility.

The current Art and Design building on Westwood Ho will change its focus to animal care studies, even incorporating a cattery.



Sue Middlehurst Principal

"We are really excited about it. The state of the art building will be used by around 200 of our art and design students. Block C, which is being refurbished in the build, was in the former Grimsby Institute building and is empty at the moment because they have all moved into the new University building."



Claire Foster Head of Arts and Media

"It will ensure students will train in 21st Century surroundings to make them fit for employment and self-employment. It will better reflect the industry with a brand new theatre, special effects and craft-based rooms. It will be great because the students will be in the main campus, too."

Keith Gilson

Houlton Commercial Director

"We have a great deal of experience working on

educational premises, including busy college and University environments. We have 40 staff on the build, and the exterior of the old Block C building will be transformed with new cladding. The block is empty so we won't disturb teaching. We will give the block new windows, plumbing, electrics, carpets, ceilings and walls. We have taken down some trees on the former staff car park to make way for the extension and then we will construct the foundations and piling.'

Esteem BSF School Girls Mum's Unit



Houlton have been trading for more than 130 years in the City of Hull and we were proud to be asked by the Hull Esteem Consortium to deliver our first BSF project - a £360,000 renovation of a specialist centre providing support and education for young Mothers aged between 13 and 18.

The School Girl Mums Unit is based in Boulevard, West Hull which was a seven week scheme undertaken during the summer holiday period of July – September 2012.

Once the facility was completed, Houlton were invited to start work on the relocation of Hull Trinity House Academy.

Hull Trinity House Academy

After the great success of Houlton's first foray into the BSF programme, Hull Esteem Consortium wanted the family company to also deliver the £10m relocation of Hull Trinity House Academy.

Although Hull Trinity House Academy is proud of its rich history and excellent track record, it became apparent the existing buildings simply were not adequate to cater for students. The decision for the school to move to Derek Crothall Building was made after careful deliberation. The building, acquired by Hull City Council, is set to be remodelled internally, enabling the doubling of the current number of students to 600. The outside of the building will be reclad to create an energy efficient structure. The work, which began in September 2012, will be completed in time for Hull Trinity House Academy to relocate at the start of term September 2013.

John Leggot College Canteen Extension

John Leggot is a Sixth Form College with over 40 courses on offer to over 2000 students ageing from 16-19 years.

Houlton has recently successfully completed its first project with the College. A total overhaul of the previous canteen and surrounding areas has seen the removal of paths and flowerbeds. Sheet piles and a concrete raft have been installed to support and reinforce the foundations of the existing canteen and work has also seen the erection of a superstructure steel framework and block work structure.The college half term allowed builders the chance to complete interior



work such as electrical and mechanical installations, replacement of windows in the kitchen, replacement of the suspended ceiling, opening up of the area between the new and existing canteen, plastering and decoration.

The work completed with new paving, lighting and an external rendering canopy in the College corporate colours.



Hull University

Houlton's teams had another busy summer at the University of Hull's main campus on Cottingham Road, Hull. Six lecture theatres were completely stripped and refurbished ready to commence the new term in October 2012.

This successful relationship between Houlton and the University of Hull continues to flourish with the construction of the new £4.1m Allam building.

The new building will house two research centres. One of which will focus on cardiovascular and metabolic research, the other, on cancer. A donation of £1.5m from



leading Hull businessman Dr. Assem Allam has made the Allam building a possibility and will significantly strengthen the University's Interdisciplinary Clinical Biosciences Institute by bringing academics from the Chemistry and Biology departments together with colleagues from the Postgraduate Medical Institute and the Hull York Medical School.

Calie Pistorius University Vice-Chancellor

"This is a very exciting development as health-related research is such an important area for the University. The building, and the associated developments both on campus and at the local hospitals, will create a unique research infrastructure, strengthening Hull's position as a worldleading institution in biomedical research."

Paul Dickerson

Managing Sirector

"Houlton has worked with the University for many years and we are delighted to be in a position to contribute to its continued development as a well-respected, world class educational institution."

Holderness Learning Centre – Withernsea School

Houlton have added a new vocational learning centre facility to Withernsea School for East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The Chairman of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Councillor Chad Chadwick officially opened the The Holderness Learning Centre which was followed by a Service of Dedication by the Archbishop of York, The Most Reverend and Rt. Hon. Dr. John Sentamu on 28th September 2012.





ERYC Re-Roofing

Houlton were appointed by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to re –roof 127 properties in Patrington, Patrington Haven, Hedon, Withernsea and Preston as part of its ongoing maintenance programme of housing stock.

Works ranged from stripping existing roof coverings to repointing chimney stacks and removing asbestos soffit boards.



Refurbishment and Rebranding for Ernst & Young's Hull Office

This £350,000 Design & Build project followed a stringent tender competition and an intense design development period. The aim was to deliver an interior that reflects the Ernst & Young brand that will help communicate what they are about to their people, clients and visitors and support their business. The scheme was completed in early 2013.

The works involved the creation of a new exciting high quality environment for global professional services firm Ernst & Young to allow them to relocate its Hull operation. The 4,600 square foot office refurbishment was carried out at the city's prime development complex at Marina Court, Hull.





Reckitt Benckiser Heavy Goods Vehicle Docking Facility



The £380,000 scheme comprised the construction of a New Warehouse Loading Docks facility to the KWE Warehouse, Reckitt Benckiser plc, Dansom Lane, Hull.

The works encompassed the installation of 3 No. HGV trailer docking positions, new concrete HGV vehicle ramps, the relocation of the forklift charging facility, installation of 3 No. airlocks for forklifts and the relocation of racking within the warehouse.

It was essential the construction process was phased and caused minimal disruption to the needs of a very busy operational warehousing facility.



Technikraft

In 2003 Houlton relocated Technikraft from their existing leased premises on the M62 trading estate to a new 1,716 m² office and production facility at Britannia Road, Goole.

Our continuing relationship with Technikraft, resulted in Houlton being entrusted with the next phase of their company's development of a 880 m² warehouse and production facility adjoining their existing site at Britannia Road.

Technikraft produce a range of industrial products for use in the food, catering, health care and vehicle manufacturing sectors including industrial solvents and lubricants.

The £237,000 project was carried out within budget and was completed on time to a 22 week programme with little disruption to the existing manufacturing process. The project included piling, foundations, concrete floor slab, structural steelwork, sheet cladding and drainage.

The completion of this project has allowed Technikraft to develop new products and increase their production facility to supply the whole of the UK.





Humberside Police Service Contract

The Building & Maintenance Team is now fully committed with the Humberside Police Maintenance Contract, procured through YORbuild.

The £1m per annum contract has seen over 2,600 separate orders placed during the last 18 months. The contract includes a 24 hour call out/reactive maintenance service with the requirement to attend to site within set specific response times.

Consequential repairs following service visits are also carried out. Minor works up to a value of £20,000, priced on the PSA Schedule of Rates, are carried out within the

Humberside Police property portfolio, with approximately 80 sites covered within the geographical area with locations stretching from Cleethorpes to Bridlington and Goole. Recent minor works have included the relocation of an automatic gate from the Training Centre to the newly constructed Clough Road Police Station and dilapidation works at the former Property Stores at Bontoft Avenue.

The contract also includes periodic inspections testing and maintenance of their asset register including items of plant such as lifts, generators, gates, UPS equipment etc. Service provisions for window cleaning and grounds maintenance ensure that the buildings and surrounding areas are kept in a presentable condition. During the winter months we are on call to clear snow and to spread grit to keep the police stations operational at all times.





Lifestyle Winners

Daisy Chains crowned Lifestyle 2012 Champions!

Bridget, Chloe, Maisie, Shannon and Aimee were crowned Lifestyle 2012 Champions by Chief Constable Tim Hollis at the stunning Humberside Police Lifestyle Awards held at the Hull City Hall.

The Daisy Chains raised awareness of sun safety to an incredibly wide audience as well as creating a fantastic sensory room at Cottingham Pre-school and much more! They were rewarded for the fantastic work with a holiday of a lifetime to Florida.

Andrew Kingston

Lifestyle Major Supporter from Houlton

"Judging the Lifestyle project for the first time this year was personally very inspiring. All of the teams showed commitment, enthusiasm and enterprise. The final decision was exceptionally close, but Daisy Chains claimed the overall prize because of the sheer scope of their project. They linked businesses and schools in a skin cancer education campaign, they ran a community stall at 'Cottingham Day', designed an educational website, raised significant funds and their sensory room will be a Lifestyle legacy for years to come. They fully deserve their top prize."

YORbuild Framework Extended to November 2015

Extensions to the YORbuild Contractors' Framework Agreement – all 4 areas.

The YORbuild contractors' Framework Agreement commenced in December 2009 with an initial agreed duration of four years. This also included an option to extend the agreement by a further two years. Houlton are pleased to announce that the YORhub board has given approval to grant this two year extension. The board renewed the rationale included within the original OJEU notices relating to a possible two year extension and concluded that the reasons stated were still relevant and valid. This will mean the current framework will run until the end of November 2015 and arrangements for a replacement framework will not commence until mid to late 2014.



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Houlton Win 2012/13 Health & Safety Award



Houlton has been awarded first place in the Hull Building Safety Group's Principle/Main Contractors award for 2012/13 thanks to the hard work of all of the project teams.

Houlton achieved the award despite stiff competition from other contractors in the East Yorkshire area. The award was accepted on Saturday 16th March at the Willerby Manor Hotel in an event attended by over 170 representatives from companies associated with and members of the Hull Building Safety Group. Accepting the award, **Mr Andrew Durant,** Houlton SHEQ Manager, said:

"This award is a resounding achievement for our site teams and recognizes their commitment to health & safety and I am proud to accept this award on behalf of all the employees at Houlton which reflects the hard work and desire to achieve within our business."

Houlton team up with Indicoll to launch new website

As part of its continued expansion, Houlton has invested in an advanced new website at houlton.co.uk designed and developed by Beverley-based technical web specialists Indicoll. The website has been centred on the company's extensive portfolio of high quality construction, regeneration and development projects. Web visitors can explore a huge number of builds from a full range of sectors, which are all illustrated with case studies and high quality photography. The sophisticated site also features responsive web design, so that it can be effectively viewed on a full variety of mobile phones and tablets. Beverley-based Indicoll specialise in the creation of bespoke, technically advanced websites and web applications for businesses in every sector.

Paul Dickerson Managing Director

"We're really pleased with the new website – it provides a fantastic platform to showcase our innovative buildings and flagship developments from across the Humber region and further afield to potential customers. We needed a web partner who could deliver leading-edge mobile web design, and a site that would work in the real world."





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