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Congratulations

At our Annual Health & Safety Conference we introduced the Richard Carter Health & Safety Cup this year and the inaugural winner was Dean Lambert of our Worcester Office. The cup was presented in recognition to the individual within our organisation who has demonstrated the most commitment to good health and safety practice. The picture shows Dean receiving the cup from Mr Dermot Finnigan, Health & Safety Manager of Bovis Lend Lease, our guest speaker at the conference. ●

Cool Runnings Kid's Club Latest News

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to this year's chosen charity Cool Runnings. We have managed to collect a total of just over £664 so far, through quizzes, donations, cake sales and hope to amass even more before the end of the year.

Cool Runnings tell us they have been having a busy few months. They recently held a bake sale and have begun Breakdancing classes for the children. Their theme for November is 'Simplicity' the aim being to help the children to appreciate the simple things in life through stories and activities, perhaps we could all do with exploring that theme in view of the current 'Credit Crunch'! ●

New Contracts

Despite the challenging times, Carter Construction is delighted to announce the following cross section of new contracts:

Major Works

Contract: Refurbishment and extension to Yate Library

Client: South Gloucestershire Council

Contract Value: £1,100,000

Commencement: 5th January 2009

Partnership Housing

Contract: Anchor Road, Calne, Wiltshire
The construction of six flats and associated works.

Client: The Sovereign Development Consortium

Contract Value: £810,000

Commencement: January 2009

Contract: Durban Road & Derwent Close, Patchway School, Bristol.
The construction of ten dwellings

Client: Solon Housing Association

Contract Value: £1,046,029

Commencement: December 2008

General Works

Contract: Refurbishment of Wotton-under-Edge Library

Client: Gloucestershire County Council (as part of the Gloucestershire County Council Framework Agreement)

Contract Value: £130,000

Commencement: January 2009

Worcester

Contract: Franche Road, Kidderminster.
Demolition followed by construction of 12 bedroom new Care Hostel.

Client: Stonham Housing Association (as part of Stonham Framework Agreement)

Contract Value: £1,200,000

Commencement: January 2009



CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Looking forward

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our Company newsletter. Without doubt this is the most challenging introduction I have had to write. The 'credit crunch', the 'global economy' and the British recession are having a dramatic impact on all our lives and we at Carter Construction are not immune from the fallout.

Fortunately we are not over exposed to any one particular sector of the construction industry and we are particularly thankful for our framework positions, the resultant workload from which we trust will help sustain us through these challenging times. Competitive tendering is now at levels not seen since the last recession in the early 1990's and this despite the pressure that remains on raw material costs, energy cost and fuel. Greater emphasis on Health and Safety also requires more stringent (and rightly so) requirements for site set up, welfare provision and fencing and security, all of which have obvious cost implications. If we are to compete, which we must, it is incumbent on all of us to work at maximum efficiency and remove any vestige of waste from the construction process.

All is not doom and gloom. We are fortunate in that the company remains financially sound, we have a reputation to be proud of which means at least we are still receiving our fair share of tender enquiries. We have an incredibly hardworking and loyal workforce and shareholders of the business who are prepared to invest in the long term.



It is with regret that a number of redundancies have had to be made and we pay tribute to Paul Matthews, Phil Grumbach, Kelvin Oldfield, Mat Acock, Ralph Young, Tim Farley, Tom Smith and Tony Webb for their contribution during their time with us. Of particular note was the retirement of Tony Webb who had been working for the Company since the mid 1970's and took retirement at the age of 75! We wish him a long and happy retirement.

As we look forward to 2009 we do have a number of projects primarily from frameworks, around which we can build a profitable turnover. Endeavouring as we must to undertake this work without losing sight of the principles and ethos of the Company.

A quality of product and service provided in a co-operative and collaborative way and with a respect for people agenda. We must hold true to these values as we face the challenges ahead.

Together with my fellow Directors I take this opportunity to wish you a Very Happy Christmas and for a new year which brings better possibilities and prospects for us all. ●

Michael Carter Managing Director



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Anniversary celebrations for our Worcester Office



Above and left: Staff at our Worcester office celebrate 10 years of trading and year-on-year growth.

The Worcester branch of Carter Construction has celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Carter Construction celebrated 10 years trading for its Worcester office with a reception for employees and clients at the Old Palace in Deansway.

Carter Construction has always had strong links with the Worcester area and the regional office in Vincent Road was established in 1998 to develop those links further.

Since then the company has seen a year-on-year growth of the Worcester business to an expected turnover of more than £8 million in 2008.

The Worcester team has completed more than 360 contracts during these 10 years in all sectors of the industry for local authorities, corporate, ecclesiastical, housing associations and private clients.

One of the most prestigious was the construction of a new circular church hall and meeting rooms at St George's Church Hall in Sansome Walk, Worcester, together with the renovation of the adjacent existing shops, for which the company received a civic award from Worcester City Council.

The Worcester branch employs nearly 30 people and uses more than 100 local sub contractors and suppliers. It is led by regional manager, Dennis Nicholas.

Carter Construction was one of the first building companies to achieve the Investor in People award in 1998.

It currently has 13 apprentices and five management trainees at various stages of their development, in addition to an extensive NVQ programme.

Two of these apprentices and one of the management trainees are based at Worcester.

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Focus on - Worcester

Far Forest School

A project currently managed by Dean Lambert for Worcestershire County Council, Far Forest School commenced earlier this year with completion set for February 2009. The project with a value of £644,255 involves the refurbishment of the Head's Office and Staff Room, alterations to the Boys WC, New Classroom Extension and External Hard Play Area, Landscaping Works, together with Electrical and Mechanical Works.



St Georges New Church Hall

A project for the Birmingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust. This scheme included the construction of an award winning prestigious Church Hall adjacent to a Grade II listed church comprising of piled foundations with ground beams, structured steel frame with Ashlar stone and a zinc domed roof. The interior was particularly noted for its high quality finishes. The project value was £1,200,000.



Breaking News...

Carter Construction has recently applied for inclusion as a contractor with the 'Construction Framework South West'. This framework unites Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Gloucestershire to co-ordinate the procurement of a wide range of publicly funded construction projects.

This is the most ambitious framework we have applied for to date and, with thanks to the efforts of Peter Reynolds, have been advised that we are one of only twenty five construction companies who have successfully passed the pre-qualification stage and are being invited to progress to the 'invitation to tender stage'. The submission date for our tender is January 2009.

Focus on - General Works

Cirencester Library Alterations & Refurbishment

The aim of the project is to increase visitors and book loans by 35% at the existing library by providing an exciting newly refurbished library to attract new visitors who have not previously used the existing facilities.

The refurbishment has provided an improved children's library on the ground floor and maximises the floor area to increase space and flexibility.

The library was officially opened on the evening of 14th November 2008 by Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen. Carter Construction was represented at the opening by Dave Reeves (Site Manager for the contract), Darren Turl and Paul Dowle.



Above right & middle: The new look interior designs for Cirencester Library.

Bottom: Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen with Darren Turl & Dave Reeves.