

A business update for clients and the industry from Jones Building Group

December 2016

Work begins on **six affordable homes** in South Cadbury for Yarlington



Yarlington Housing Group joined Jones Building Group at a spade ceremony to mark the start of a project that will bring six new affordable homes to Chapel Road, South Cadbury.

The development will provide much needed affordable homes in this rural location giving local people the opportunity to get on the housing ladder through Yarlington's Shared Ownership scheme or access homes that are more affordable to rent.

Once completed the site will consist of three 3 bedroom houses, one 2 bedroom house and two 1 bed apartments; four of the homes will be for rent and two will be shared ownership properties.

Jones Building Group Managing Director, Mark Porter, said "We have worked with Yarlington on a number of projects across an array of our services so it is fantastic to be able to extend this relationship further and work in collaboration to build these new homes in South Cadbury."

Yarlington's Executive Director of Growth & Development, Stephen Lodge, added "The price of rural homes, to buy or rent, in small village locations can mean that local people are priced out of the market. It's great to be able to undertake this development, which will offer affordable homes for local people.

This is the first new build site that Yarlington have appointed local builders Jones' as the key contractors for and we are looking forward to working with them."

As part of a 10 year contract Jones' currently provide property services and maintenance in a number of Yarlington homes across the South West.

The Chapel Road development is scheduled for completion in summer 2017 when the properties will be handed over to Yarlington Housing Group.

Our **community spirit** exemplified by sponsorship of local sporting clubs

Our commitment to encouraging and supporting community development initiatives has allowed the advancement of the youth and ladies set-up at Yeovil Rugby Club.

We are very pleased to continue our sponsorship of our local rugby club and especially the development of the youth brand of the club.

Local sport has proved an effective way to encourage youth development in the community and the promotion of a healthy and active lifestyle.

By financially supporting the main club it allows them to maintain their facilities so that many local young boys and girls can take part in a more active lifestyle on Sunday mornings."

Yeovil Rugby Club has 15 teams from age group Under 7s upwards including 2 ladies teams. There are around 50 ladies and 281 young members playing at the club regularly with several players being selected to represent County teams.

Stuart Froude, Chairman of Yeovil Rugby Club, said "we are very grateful for the support that Jones Building Group brings to our club and the development this allows in our youth and ladies set-up".



Jones Vans Miles per gallon **targets exceeded by 15%**



Jones Building Group vehicle policy set out targets to increase miles per gallon by 10%. Due to an ongoing vehicle replacement programme, we are proud to say we have achieved an increase of 25% miles per gallon across our fleet over the last 5 years.

Our new fleet of vans now totals 84 Jones vans and 6 tippers driving around the South West featuring our 'brand man'. This puts us ahead of our renewal programme with only 20 'old' vehicles due to be retired.

We take pride in our vans and do what we can to minimize the environmental impact, including but not limited to ensuring our drivers are driving economically, maintaining vehicles properly, not overloading vans and planning their week to avoid unnecessary trips.

A message from **Mark Porter**, Managing Director



Welcome to the December Edition of our client update. As you will see from the many articles inside, we have had a very busy year.

What is pleasing to see is the number of projects that we have started with new clients as well as continuing to widen our work with existing clients. This is very important to us as our mission statement is **'to be recommended'**.

Our work within the social housing and local authority sector is still our core business and it is great to see that we are now starting new building housing projects with these clients. Martin Higgins' team already have an order book to deliver over 40 housing units in 2017; well on our way to our 2020 target of delivering 100 homes per annum.

By the time you have read the features, I hope you will feel the strong focus on our community development and our people. Supporting communities and our people are at the heart of our core values and we will continue to do this during 2017. If the financial support and funding was not made available to local clubs, they could not continue and children would not get the chance to partake in sport. I can't explain the pride I feel when I see local children regularly partaking in sport at grass roots clubs.

I would also like to thank all those staff who have continued their skills and training development during 2016. In total we have over 12 apprentices at various stages of their career which we will continue to support.

2017 will be another challenging year for all Somerset contractors as the Hinkley C development starts to ramp up. We need to be ready to step in to the void that will be created as they draw in local resources to the project.

May I close by wishing all our staff, clients and their families a happy and prosperous New Year.

Enjoy the festive break.

Social Housing Partnerships Update



We are now over half way through our contract with Yarlington Housing Group and planned works continue well.

Jones Building Group are completing, on average, six kitchens, two bathrooms and up to four wet rooms per week. We have also recently begun planned works for the replacement of 220 hot water cylinders in October.

We continually receive positive feedback for the quality of works and the positive attitude of the workers involved.

The Hastoe team continue to work hard meeting the needs of the day to day responsive works.

Amongst other planned works for Hastoe, Jones Building Group are completing, on average, 50 responsive calls per week. We provide an out of hours service for resident emergencies and continue to gather good resident feedback.



Support continued for **Bristol Rugby** for their premiership campaign



Jones Building Group are proud to retain their position as the main club sponsor for the 2016/17 Aviva Premiership season and continue this association having supported Bristol Rugby during the promotion campaign.

The Jones Building Group logo features on the new home and away strips.

"Jones Building Group are synonymous with Bristol Rugby's memorable promotion season," Bristol Sport CEO Andrew Billingham said.

"It's a partnership that continues to grow and we're delighted Jones Building Group will increase their exposure with front-of-shirt branding in the top flight of English rugby."

David Jones, CEO of Jones Building Group, added: "We were proud to back Bristol Rugby in the Championship, so we're delighted to see the team back in the Premiership."

"There's a great spirit and atmosphere around Bristol Rugby – on and off the field – and we're excited about what the new campaign will bring."

Work starts on **Design & Build** project as part of Bedminster regeneration

Jones Building Group have started work on a modern Design & Build project in West Street, Bedminster as part of the regeneration of this area.

The client has worked closely with a local re-generation group and designed the project which comprises of:

- * 2 retail units with storage
- * 8 one bedroom flats
- * 1 two bed maisonette
- * Enclosed parking for 4 cars
- * Rear enclosed court yard area

The project is due to take 49 weeks; watch out for updates on this project periodically throughout the build.



Donations to Salisbury Road Primary following **successful roofing works**

Jones Building Group made donations to Salisbury Road and Plymouth City Council on the completion of a successful roofing project at the school.

150 High-Visibility jackets and £500 worth of books were donated to the Salisbury Road Primary by the Plymouth team after the project. The Hi-Vis jackets can be used to ensure pupils are safe when walking off school premises and the books will be added to the library collection and provide new reading material for all ages and interests.

We would also like to thank the students and staff at Salisbury Road Primary for their warm reception and patience during the job. The team were humbled when the students sang a 'thank you' song at the end of the project — take a look at our Facebook page to watch the video.



Well Done!
you fixed our roof,
Well Done!
You kept us safe,
Well Done!
Congratulations,
You deserve the praises!



Well Done!
You changed the tiles,
Well Done!
You're the best by miles.
Well Done!
Congratulations,
You deserve the praises!



Well Done!
from all the school
Well Done!
From one and all,
Well Done!
Congratulations,
You deserve the praises!

Environmental impact reduced through huge savings and offset policy

Jones Building Group have made changes to operations which has allowed huge savings to the companies environmental impact.

Our water consumption has decreased by a massive 56% since last year and our electricity consumption has reduced by 11%. As explained on page 1, our vehicle policy has ensured our miles per gallon are increasing considerably throughout the past 5 years.

We have a process of measuring our carbon footprint, reducing our emissions and offsetting any remaining emissions using high quality carbon offset projects. Our staff voted for the projects we would like to partake in to offset our emissions. Due to a majority split, we chose to **plant 26 trees in the South West region of the UK** and **plant 38 trees in the Great Rift Valley, Kenya.**



We are building better futures with Inspired 2 Achieve

Inspired to Achieve (i2a), an employment social enterprise and subsidiary of Yarlington Housing Group, has been working closely with Jones Building Group to support Yarlington residents into work experience placements and apprenticeships.

As a result three young people have undertaken work experience with Jones' and two have been offered apprenticeships. Each individual has been fully supported through the process by i2a Employment Co-ordinators – from the initial CV advice and encouragement to interview tips and in-work support.

Yarlington Housing Group resident Rob was one of those successful in securing an apprenticeship. After a number of temporary jobs Rob was keen to secure full time employment in a role which he felt passionate about, and industry which he saw a future in, so approached i2a for advice. After tailored 1-2-1 support he identified that he would like to secure work in Painting and Decorating.

As part of its service offering i2a builds links with local employers to expand the opportunities they can offer their clients. As a result an effective partnership had been established with Jones. Jones embraced the chance to support Rob and offered him a work experience placement with the painting and decorating team.

Nigel Gillett, Jones' Contract Manager said 'During the two weeks Rob was very enthusiastic and eager to want to learn. When I talked to the painters with whom Rob had worked they gave me really positive comments and I saw a future for him at Jones.'

As a result Rob was offered a Painting & Decorating Apprenticeship with Jones Building Group through Bridgwater & Taunton College.

Rob said "I'm really enjoying my apprenticeship and thankful for the opportunity I've been given. Before gaining my apprenticeship I felt at a bit of a loss whereas I now feel I have something to wake up for - it's great to be working in a job I enjoy."

Jones Building Group Managing Director, Mark Porter added "We are currently working with Yarlington Housing Group on a number of projects and are half way through a 10 year contract providing property services and maintenance in their homes across the South West.



"As a company we see the value of investing in the community; providing workplace skills and experience to local people is an important part of this. Most of the work experience placements we provide are on our Yarlington contracts and projects so that young people inside and outside of Yeovil have the opportunity to get involved as the placements can be co-ordinated to be in the town or village in which they live.

"We have been pleased with the candidates that have joined us so far and are working closely with i2a to find further opportunities for Yarlington Residents."

I2a Employment Manager, Lee-Anne Hodges, concluded "It's fantastic that Jones' have been able to provide Yarlington Housing Group residents with work opportunities. Work experience helps develop vocational knowledge and skills alongside building confidence and raising aspirations. It's an invaluable step for residents who are returning to the job market or wanting to try new occupational areas.

The fact that two residents secured apprenticeships shows the success of both those individuals and of the partnership working between i2a and Jones in helping young people to secure work."

Yeovil Town Ladies have record breaking season

We are very proud to be main sponsors of Yeovil Town Ladies FC, who in a record breaking season for the club achieved promotion, were WSL 2 Champions and were voted the FA WSL 2 Club of the Year for the second year running.

Yeovil Town Ladies have achieved huge success with promotion to the top flight of women's football and winning the FA Womens Super League Two title.

Yeovil Town Ladies have also broken records off the field when the FA WSL 2 attendance was the highest it had ever been with 1483 fans attending Huish Park to watch YTLFC beat Sheffield Ladies FC. The Lady Gloves average attendance was also higher than 3 FAWSL 1 average attendances.

Becoming a 'Sister Club' has also massively increased girls participation in local clubs, which the club are very proud of.

The Club of the Year Award received at an awards evening at Wembley Stadium recognises achievements on the pitch, excellence in club management and administration and community engagement helping to deliver increased participation and fan engagement.

To win the award, Yeovil would have had to have delivered high standards on and off the pitch, with strong areas of administration with talented staff and volunteers, have an effective business and marketing plan, good financial awareness, a high quality coaching infrastructure and player development pathways.

The club would also have had to demonstrate its work in community engagement and in supporting and delivering FA programmes that drive participation and fan engagement.

We are very proud to be a part of the Yeovil Town Ladies family and are certain that there is further success ahead as we all 'Achieve by Unity'.



Safety first assembly for pupils as work starts at St Michaels' Academy



As statutory fire safety compliance works begin at St Michaels Academy, Yeovil, Jones Building Group have ensured that all the pupils think safety first as the works are being carried out in school term.

Mark Porter and Nicola Telford took an assembly the week before the works began, focusing on the importance of understanding safety signs and how to be safe on a site.

The pupils responded positively in the interactive session, with Mr Rowland and student Mel willingly volunteering to model the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to demonstrate what each item is used for.

The pupils were asked to design their own safety signs as part of a competition set up by Jones Building Group to continue engagement on this important topic after the assembly had finished. A winner was chosen from each class and their signs are displayed around the site alongside the site signs.

Yarlington Resident Feedback

99.14%



Kitchens

99.60%



Bathrooms

99.60%



Wet rooms

Recently completed works The Crescent and the Villa | Bristol

This project entailed the cleaning of the external façade of the building including the painting of various areas along with the general maintenance and any other works identified during the project.

The cleaning was carried out off of MEWPs. The render coat is a plastic system which also brought its own problems; low pressure and no heat. Therefore careful scrubbing of heavily soiled areas was required. On completion certain areas were identified and painted.

All works were completed within the timescale.



Work begins on construction of Sports Complex in Lockleaze, Bristol



Jones Building Group have started work for Bristol & District Rugby Football Combination and Bristol City Council who are joining together to develop a modern 21st Century Sports Complex on two rugby grounds in Lockleaze. The new facility will replace the current underutilised and out of date pitches and changing rooms.

Phase 1 of the plan is for a facility with two all-weather pitches, one for rugby and one for football, along with a two storey clubhouse with modern changing facilities. Also the current grass pitches, three rugby and one football will be upgraded and there will be an outdoor Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), a trim trail, safe cycling routes and adequate parking.

Jones Building Group won the contract for the buildings and during the building phase, approximately one year, parts of the facility will be open for the current users.

In 1948 the Combination purchased 16 acres of land on the edge of Lockleaze for use by its member clubs - the sixty year old facilities are now not only in urgent need of replacement but a new Sports Facility in Lockleaze will have huge benefits for the local community by widening the range of activities available, be much more socially inclusive and bring both significant health and employment benefits. This scheme will provide rugby, sport in general and the local

community with a facility which will become a home for sport and community activities in Lockleaze and the surrounding area for many years to come.

Multiple Awards for Managing Director, Mark Porter

Mark Porter, Managing Director of Jones Building Group has been awarded the Western Gazette prize for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual and was Highly Commended for his individual training achievements at the Building Safety Group Health and Safety Awards. Congratulations, Mark!



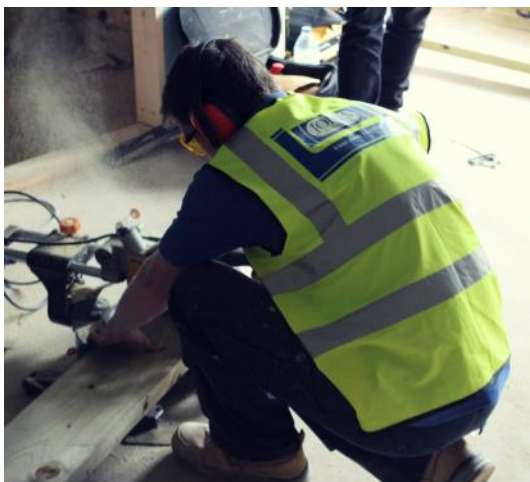
Our commitment to combatting the industry skills shortage

It is estimated that around 182,000 jobs in the construction industry need to be filled by 2018 to suit demand, however due to the dramatic decrease in the number of skilled workers available over the last 8 years in this sector, occupying these positions seems evermore unlikely.

Since the recession in 2008, around 400,000 people have left the industry, and as a consequence, up to 27,000 construction projects will suffer from a lack of suitably trained workers. The recession has impacted the number of new skilled workers entering the industry and many existing construction workers have transferred their skills over into other industries, meaning there is now simply not enough people available to cover the growing demand within the construction sector.

Many state that the key to overcoming the skills shortage is to train millennials in this sector. In 2013-2014, there were 8,000 apprentices within the construction, planning and building environment, however, in 2008-2009, the number of completed apprentices exceeded this by 10,000, showing a 55% decrease since pre-recession statistics. These figures are slowly starting to increase again with there now being approximately 14,000 apprentices in construction, nevertheless, this is a long way off the 36,000 currently being required.

A Government survey showed that the overall appeal for a career in the construction industry is low, scoring an average of 4.2 out of 10 among 14-19 year olds. The Government has begun working closely with further education institutions and has invested over £1 billion into their apprenticeship and training schemes.



In an effort to encourage more young people to pursue a career in construction, Jones Building Group has been active in giving career talks in schools and colleges, has an active apprenticeship scheme, is working closely with local colleges to provide work experience and apprenticeship programmes.

Jones Building Group also uses its projects and contracts to provide opportunities to those looking to enter the industry. In partnership with Inspired to Achieve, a Yeovil based employment social enterprise and subsidiary of Yarlington Housing Group, Jones Building Group are providing young people with the skills and training they need to help them access work and training. Three young people have undertaken work experience with Jones and two have been offered an apprenticeship through this scheme. As part of Inspired to Achieve's service offering, it builds relationships with local employers to expand the opportunities they offer to their clients.

Jones currently employ 12 apprentices training in: Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Carpentry, Business Administration and Quantity Surveying around all of their offices.

Support of Bristol Rugby extended to sponsor local scrum half Andy Uren

Jones Building Group have extended their support of Bristol Rugby by sponsoring scrum half Andy Uren for the coming premiership season.

Andy is a local player who attended Hanham High in Bristol, before going to SGS Filton College for post-16 study. Andy then signed professional terms with the Bristol Rugby in 2015, but represented Bristol in a B&I Cup game in 2013 whilst still a student at SGS Filton College.

Andy is the last of three brothers to have played for the club. This is unique for the club and emphasises the local spirit of Bristol Rugby Club.

Last season, the scrum half scored versus Bedford in the play-off semi-final at Ashton Gate.

Tom White, Business & Service Manager, Jones Building Group said "Jones Building Group are proud to support local talent and as I now live in Hanham, the area Andy grew up in, it has been nice to get to know him and discuss the exciting season ahead.

"Andy is a young player with a great future ahead of him."

We are looking forward to seeing Andy in action this season in Bristol Rugby's premiership campaign.



Work starts on major development of 14 apartments in Clifton

Following the initial work that began last December to prepare the space for conversion, Urban Creation has now appointed Jones Building Group to carry out the transformation at Beech House, in Clifton, to develop 14 new stylish apartments.

Jonathan Brecknell, who is director at Urban Creation and has many years of experience in converting historic Bristol buildings, said: "This is a beautiful, historic building in a fantastic location and will provide homes with a modern look and feel, but also a touch of Victorian grandeur."

Jones Building Group Construction Director, Adrian A. Davies said "Beech House is an important development within the area as it will provide much needed accommodation for the local residents and Jones Building Group is very proud to be playing such a key role in its delivery.

"We are looking forward to completing the works on the site and being able to bring our considerable local knowledge to construct Beech House for Urban Creation".

Refurbishment works are expected to take seven months to complete, with the accommodation to be made available by mid-2017 to the private rental market.



10 Years of Davey Roofing



Davey Roofing was formed in 2006 in Yeovil working out of an office located in the garage of the Davey family home in Yeovil. Since then, our company has grown year after year which has meant we are rapidly gaining a respected reputation throughout the roofing industry in the South West. With a combined work experience of over 4 decades amongst the management team and with no senior management change in its history it is no surprise that Davey Roofing has based its core business around the pitched roofing sector with particular focus on slating and tiling with success. The tradesmen from Davey Roofing have fitted many thousands of square meters of tiles and slates specified from different manufacturers by architects, house builders, housing associations and construction companies throughout the South West.

Our clients include – **Homes In Sedgemoor, Exeter City Council, Yarlinton Housing Group,**

CG Fry's Ltd, Morrish Builders, Kier Construction, Mansell Construction, Midas Construction and many, many domestic clients.

Over the past 12 months we have tendered, won and completed many projects including the following notable successes:

Yarlinton Housing 2016 Re-roofing programme – 90 properties throughout Yeovil and District including the removal of 60 chimney stacks.

CG Fry's – Ongoing phases at the North East Quadrant of the world famous Poundbury development in Dorchester. Further to our ongoing relationship with CG Fry's we have recently become the only roofing contract at Poundbury due to successful tenders for both Morrish builders and Zero C.

Davey Roofing are multiple award winners, including the following:

- * Multiple winners of the NHBC pride in the job awards for CG Fry's, projects in Poundbury, Chickerell and Balidon Square in Yeovil.
- * Western Gazette Young Business of The Year award winners in 2015
- * Lee Davey won the Student of The Year award for the Institute of Roofing in 2011

Building on our past results, Davey Roofing expect a turnover approaching £4.0 million in 2016, with an increased net profit allowing us to build towards the future from a healthy financial position.



A CLIENT'S VIEW

Bristol Community Land Trust | 303-325 Fishponds, Bristol

Stephen Bendle, Bristol Community Land Trust, gives his views on the project undertaken by Jones Building Group at 303-325 Fishponds, Bristol

Bristol Community Land Trust is a voluntary-run organisation, aiming to provide affordable homes for people in the Bristol area. Our aim is to secure land from the local authority and to build the homes on the basis that the future owners will participate in the final stages of their construction, earning £5k to £10k of additional equity if they are buying under a shared ownership lease or securing a lower rent if they are planning to rent.

The scheme of 6 new houses and 6 1-bed "duplex" homes in a converted building at 303-325 Fishponds was our first. Because BCLT are a new organization without financial reserves it was important to have a fixed price. We also favoured the approach of a design & build contract under which we had employed an architect to undertake a design and secure planning for a relatively small fee, leaving the contractor free to use his knowledge and experience to make adjustments to the design and specification to minimise build cost and other on-costs such as fees and surveys.

A substantial further requirement was that we wished to select the future residents for rent and part-ownership homes at start on site and to enable them to earn equity and improve the affordability of their home by, through their own labour, installing kitchens and bathrooms and undertaking tiling, internal decoration and external landscaping. This required a contractor who would be flexible enough to allow unskilled labour on site alongside their own skilled labour and to accept the omission from the contract of those elements identified for self-finish.

Tenders came back higher than expected at a time (October 2014) when the Bristol contracting market was overheating. Jones Building Group tender was the lowest and, with their assistance, savings were found to make the scheme viable. Jones also offered to provide half of the kitchens free to make a further saving and help the self-finishers.

Jones took on the challenges associated with self-finish and came up with a method of working where the refurbishment would take place first allowing self-finishers to start work while Jones completed the new build. There would thereby be options for skilled workmen to help to train and teach the self-finishers while the refurbishment and new build proceeded in parallel.

Work started in Spring 2015. Serious delays arose because of false claims that bats were seen leaving the existing building (which had already been surveyed and shown to be free of bats!). An asbestos pipe was also found unexpectedly. Jones revised their contract programme to retain the initial completion date (failing which BCLT would have suffered serious and unaffordable borrowing costs) but the self-finish element was as a result curtailed and reduced to a final 6 week period.

Jones agreed to negotiate and settle a final account before completion to give BCLT certainty about the consequences of the bat delay.

Despite the shorter period available and partial reduction in the self-finish element, self-finishers will each earn £5,000 from their contribution and have been able to individualise their finishes in a range of imaginative ways. All are very pleased with their new homes.

Jones provided substantial support in dealing with this unusual contractual situation especially in relation to guarantees, liability insurance and building regulations.

The contract also included photovoltaic installation. The Government announced a new deadline for the existing level of feed-in tariff which for a time was 15 January. Jones adapted their programme to install and connect the PVs the day before the new deadline.

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Liaison and communication with Jones has always been effective.

Unfortunately, the savings made had to be reinstated when the planners refused the proposed changes, leading to extra costs. There was also a lack of clarity about the revised specification after the savings were made. BCLT would lay the blame equally for this on all parties – itself, the employer's agent and Jones – and has learned lessons for the future. There were more snags to be dealt with as practical completion was approached and passed; and they took some time to resolve. However BCLT wished to keep to the original handover date so taking handover despite the snags was to BCLT's advantage. The subcontracted electrician adopted some odd layouts and positioning. In future BCLT would build into the employer's requirements a requirement to agree these before installation.

The scheme is widely regarded as a success. Despite the cost increases referred to above, the scheme's finances have worked well.

Bristol Community Land Trust would be very happy to recommend Jones Building Group services to others.





YTFC Get Pedalling's toughest ride yet

This year the YTFC Get Pedalling event, which Jones Building Group has supported for a number of years, saw 44 amateur cyclists pedal from Durham to Yeovil over the course of 4.5 days in time to cheer on the Yeovil Town Ladies.

Not only did we support the ride but we had a team from Jones Building Group cycling as well. Darren Robins, our Regional Director, was one of the Jones team who took part and summed up the "toughest ride yet".

This year the event was in aid of a community initiative which is to be organised by the Yeovil Town Ladies FC that will see members of the team visit schools around Somerset giving assemblies and coaching sessions, encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle. Jones Building Group sponsor and support the great work that Yeovil Town Ladies FC are doing on and off the pitch and this ride has helped raise awareness and highlight this.

Somerset Care and Repair project assists training of long-term unemployed



Jones Building Group have teamed up with Somerset Care and Repair, a not-for-profit organisation that supports anyone requiring extra help to live independent and fulfilling lives.

Somerset Care and Repair took over the old Millford Inn in 2014 and since then have been working on site to convert the whole premises into 6 new flats. Upstairs are two, three bedroom flats which were completed in 2015 and subsequently rented out. The four ground floor flats are still undergoing conversion and are on track to be completed by the end of the year.

Somerset Care and Repair have been using the Millford Inn as a training and education centre for the long term unemployed in order to gain valuable onsite skills as well as providing local trainees the opportunity to complete parts of their apprenticeship modules on site and showing their development within the trade.

Jones Building Group have been providing assistance with the project not only in terms of skilled labour but also practical expertise and advice. In turn Jones are using the project as an opportunity to give our apprentices site experience in a different environment and allow the apprentices to complete parts of their qualifications at the same time.

Chris Snell, Contract Manager at Jones Building Group said "We are really pleased to be working with Somerset Care and Repair. Not only does Jones get the opportunity to contribute to an important community project and help others, but this project gives some of the Jones apprentices the chance to complete parts of their apprenticeship modules in an on-site environment and allows them to fulfil their development within the trade."

In July, Jones Building Group provided two qualified carpenters to attend the site with two of their carpentry apprentices. The team worked like clockwork to erect a number of door linings, build and erect stud walls and plaster the surroundings areas. The team's hard work has really helped push the project along and given the Jones apprentices a chance to practice some of their skills in a different setting.

19 rooms decorated per week for Exeter University student accommodation



We have recently completed works for Exeter University in their student accommodation, Kingdom Mews.

The project was to complete the following in a six week period:

- * 12 bathroom suites;
- * 12 WC rooms;
- * 12 kitchens;
- * Complete upgrade of the electrics; and
- * New carpets throughout communal areas.

The project was extended to include the decoration of 78 rooms in a four week period, averaging 19 rooms per week. All work was successfully completed on time and within the clients budget.

Donation made to St Margaret's Hospice on completion of works

Jones Building Group have donated £400 to St. Margaret's Hospice following the completion of internal refurbishment works in the Yeovil Hospice.

St. Margaret's Hospice provides vital care to patients and their families facing a life-limiting illness across Somerset. With two hospice sites in Yeovil and Taunton, St. Margaret's is dedicated to delivering high quality care to all those in the community that need it.

Jones Building Group Managing Director, Mark Porter said "St. Margaret's Hospice is well known in the area and has touched many people's lives in various ways across the region.

"We were very proud to have the opportunity to carry out the internal refurbishment works and as well as enjoying an internal bake sale raising £47.98, we have chosen to make our donation up to £400 by adding £352.02 towards the hospice.

"This is our way of giving something extra back to a charity that is central in the community in which we work."

Joy Milliken, Clinical Director at St. Margaret's Hospice added: "The time patients spend at the hospice is always precious, and cherished by their families. We're fully committed to ensuring that we continue to provide a comforting and friendly environment – something which St. Margaret's is so well known for".

"This refurbishment project has been in the planning stage for over a year, and we're delighted that the works have now been completed. We're really pleased with the results, which will provide a much brighter, and more welcoming environment for patients, and their families and friends, when visiting the ward. We've already received a number of positive comments from patients and their loved ones."

Jones Building Group have committed to delivering added value to the communities in which they work, whether that is through community events and sponsorship, charity donations or added social value on projects being worked on.

The internal refurbishment works have now been completed and Jones Building Group are proud to make a donation to such an important cause to our community.



Recently completed works 56-68 East Street, Bridport



Jones Building Group has completed external painting and repairs, replacement fascia/soffit boards with upvc including rainwater gutters to seven units at East Street, Bridport for Magna Housing.

The project objective was to replace existing timber fascia and soffit boards with upvc and renew the rainwater gutters and down pipes. Carry out external painting to all previously painted timber windows and doors.

Works were completed within the agreed programme of works and to a good standard without any defects from the client.

Project Update Cheshire Drive , Bournemouth



This project is the construction of five 2 bedroom new build properties. Current update on the project is as follows.

Plot 5 is progressing well and has brickwork up to wall plate level and we are awaiting delivery of trusses with the aim of completing the roof before Christmas.

Plots 1, 2 and 3 are also progressing and at the time of writing have installed the 1st floor joists and flooring.



Building a Better Bournemouth

Work progressing on 20 dwellings in Taunton

Considerable progress has been made on 20 dwellings at the old Tone Vale Hospital, Taunton.

The hospital building is being converted into 10 dwellings. The structural alterations are nearing completion and the first fix mechanical & electrical installation has started.

The ballroom to the rear of the building has now been demolished and the foundations are beginning for the 10 new build properties that will stand in its place.



Case Studies University of Exeter | Exeter



Two projects at Northcote House; the re-roofing and re-pointing works and refurbishment of the central section of the first floor whilst the building was fully occupied.

Initial project was to strip out, create a new door opening and refurbish all office spaces within the first floor. This was followed by the stripping off of the existing chippings, copings etc prior to installing new insulation and roofing products to the south wing in tandem with the re-installation of copings thereafter and the re-pointing of high level brickwork.

A further project to full refurbish the Peter Chalk Centre, both in the teaching areas and the café area to create a contemporary facility for the use of the University, its staff and students.

102 sliding/folding panels were dismantled and removed from site for refurbishment, whilst a full audio visual installation, mechanical and electrical upgrade took place. New ceilings, decorations and floor finishes works were carried out, allowing the panels to be re-installed at the end of the project, to create fully functional teaching spaces which can be arranged into 12; 9; 6; 2; or 1 rooms depending on the University's requirements.



New three year **partnership** agreed with Yeovil Town FC

Jones Building Group has been heavily involved with Yeovil Town for more than a decade, and was the main sponsor from 2009 to 2012. Before that the company was youth team sponsor for a number of seasons as well as occupying one of the executive suites throughout this period. Last season Jones Building Group became the main sponsors once again after a three year absence.

Commercial Manager at Yeovil Town FC, Dave Linney said: "This is another great chapter in the history of Yeovil Town Football Club, and we are delighted to have secured this main partnership/sponsorship for three years.

"This shows tremendous loyalty to our club by Jones Building Group, and we thank Dave Jones and Mark Porter for their continued support.

"Commercial partners are the lifeblood of any sporting organisation these days."

Mark Porter, Managing Director of Jones Building Group, said: "We are delighted to extend our term as main club partner and sponsor of Yeovil Town.

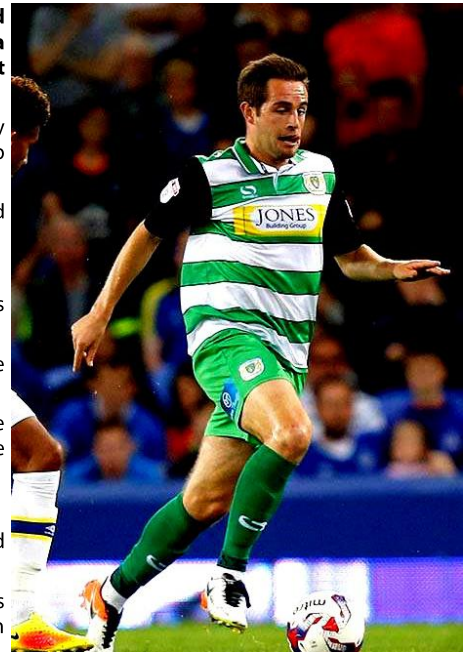
"A good number of our employees are Yeovil Town fans. Our company started here in Yeovil, and we now have offices in five locations. But home to us is still Yeovil.

"Our sponsorship is all about helping Darren and his management team to rebuild and climb the football pyramid. With the Yeovil Town Ladies knocking on the door of Super League One we are hoping that both teams can continue to promote the Yeovil Town brand with pride.

"We are looking forward to some good times ahead as the main club partner and sponsor."

Club chairman John Fry said: "We have worked with Jones Building Group for a number of years and they have been brilliant sponsors and supporters of Yeovil Town Football Club.

"We have always had a happy relationship with Dave Jones and his company. It is nice to have them as main club partners/sponsors for the next three seasons and we appreciate the faith they have shown in our club."



5 Star Decent Homes **Contract Update** | Homes in Sedgemoor



Decent homes works involve the planning and programing of works to replace key elements of the properties.

We have undertaken the replacement of all major elements including, Roofs & Rain water goods, Facia & Soffits, Kitchens, Bathrooms, specialist Wet Rooms, Gas fired and Electrical Heating Systems, Electrical Rewires, Composite Doors and PVCU windows.

In relation to the 2016/17 contract we have completed all the kitchen, roofs and RWG, 90% of the Bathrooms and Wet Rooms, 85% of the Heating Systems.

On this contract we are dealing with people, so we set the program by using both historical data and a knowledge of the local area, this incorporates school holidays, and local events such as the fair and carnival, in addition we need to match this to the availability of both directly employed trade teams and our sub-contractors, this allows us to tailor the work streams to maximise productivity and minimise disruption to residents and the wider community.



Training success for Contracts Manager, Nigel Gillett

Nigel Gillett has successfully completed Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Construction Site Management – Building and Civil Engineering through Bridgwater College.

Nigel joined the business as a painter/decorator in 1990 and has developed through the company to his current position as Contracts Manager, managing the painting and decorating division in the Yeovil Head Office.

Jones Building Group look to develop staff from within with training and development opportunities. Not only does a qualification of this kind ensure our staff are backing up their knowledge and expertise with formal recognition but it also allows Nigel to have a better and broader understanding of his current role.

Nigel commented, "to do this qualification you have to have at least 5 years' experience as a manager. The qualification is evidence based as we were looking to recognise what experience I have already gained through working at JBG.

"I'm grateful to the clients that provided statements of my capabilities and that the company have supported my desire to continue to learn and solidify my knowledge and skills."

Mark Porter, Jones Building Group Managing Director, added "Nigel is a long-standing and valued employee to Jones Building Group having joined the business in 1990.

"We were keen to recognise the development of his skills and support his efforts and ambitions to achieve NVQ Level 6. Congratulations, Nigel."



"We have a continued relationship as Jones Building Group are committed to providing apprenticeships in the local area and we are looking forward to working with them to help with their training needs.

Jones Building Group were **flexible and open** with their approach [to the construction skills centre] which **created a strong culture of trust**. The construction centre was a successful project and **Yeovil College would be very happy to recommend Jones Building Group to others.**"

- John Evans, Principal of Yeovil College

"Just a note to say thank you. I've recently had a new kitchen fitted, I feel very lucky and I am absolutely chuffed to bits with it. Thanks to Dave who coordinated the job; loads of thanks to Gareth and Darren the fitters who were very friendly, **professional, tidy and very talented guys**. Also the rest: the electricians, painter, flooring guys. All were so professional and friendly. Thanks so much again"

- Hastoe Housing Association Resident from Lees Meadow, East Devon thanks the Hastoe Team.

"I would **highly recommend** Jones; they all went **out of their way**, were very polite and they left my home very tidy when the works were complete."

- A Yarlington Resident from Chard thanks the Property Services team for her new Kitchen.

"Jones Building Group will be starting our fourth project with them in December 2016. The company offers a multi-purpose service from advice to turnkey finish. The staff team are **professional, friendly and the service offer is excellent**. We have contracted several architects for our diverse projects and they have all complemented Jones Building Group on the quality and support of the commission from start to finish.

Our projects have ranged from listed building work, to new build within a school premises. Our latest project is a mixed use residential and shop project on a main road this has involved consulting with the local community. Jones regularly liaise with all of the outside agencies necessary to allow me to continue with the day to day running of my business. Sign off has been smooth; handover packs and information is of a high standard and I have been suitably impressed with follow up questions that have needed to be answered for surveyors etc.

I am delighted to recommend Jones Building Group as our contractor of choice."

- Samantha Packer, SCJM Holdings Bristol

"From the day I was informed of the commencement of the work to be done on my kitchen, I was informed on a daily basis of the works to be done the following day. The **men's workmanship was second to none** and on the day of completion my kitchen was left immaculate! I am **utterly delighted** with my fabulous new kitchen. Thank you to everyone."

- An East Devon District Council tenant thanks the Exeter team for their work on the modernization of her kitchen.

"I am writing on behalf of my mother to thank you for the kindness and **professional service** shown to her. Your coordination of the work was second to none and really moved things along. Would you please thank the builders for their promptness, skill and **pride in the work they carried out.**"

- A resident's son thanks Steve Mannell and the Plymouth team for their hard work on the completion of level access shower remedial works which was done through a disabled facilities grant via South Hams DC.

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