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NEWSLETTER FROM WHITFIELD & BROWN

Housing Activity Accelerates

DID YOU KNOW?

IN 36 MONTHS, WE'VE DELIVERED 156 UNITS TO THE SUM OF £21.2M CURRENTLY LIVE WITH £8.5M

Above: Bradshaw Street with PRP Architects - Design and Construction of 42 dwellings comprising of: 9 x 2 bed bungalows, 16 x 1 bed flats and 17 x 2 bed houses

Whitfield & Brown Limited has seen significant growth in the housing sector across the North West in the last 12 months. The company's involvement within the residential realm straddles a variety of tenures including shared ownership, affordable housing, build to rent, outright sale and specialist care, working with renowned leading profit for purpose organisations, reputable registered providers, NHS Trusts, charities and developers.

Whilst the teams continue to cultivate relationships with existing clients, there has been increased activity elsewhere in the housing market. This has included firefighter accommodation for Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and special needs accommodation with a number of local charities. The latest contracts awarded include £1.7m Cherwell Village Apartments with PossAbilities www.possabilities.org.uk, a social enterprise that supports vulnerable people, mostly with learning disabilities and young people leaving care or with dementia. The team has also embarked on their 4th contract with Laurus Homes, part of Trafford Housing Trust at Baker Street, Timperley.

CLIENT: POSSABILITIES **ARCHITECT:** AFL ARCHITECTS
QS: THE VINDEN PARTNERSHIP **VALUE:** £1.7 MILLION

CLIENT: LAURUS HOMES **ARCHITECT:** AFL ARCHITECTS
EA: SAVILLS UK **VALUE:** £6.5 MILLION

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CLIENT: STOCKPORT MBC
ARCHITECT: AHR BUILDING CONSULTANCY
VALUE: £1.2 MILLION

Grand Central

As part of a £2.8m investment programme from Stockport Council, the Grand Central Leisure complex has upgraded its facilities for the benefit of the local community.

Phase 1 comprised of the full refurbishment of the gym changing and shower facilities along with the creation of a 'health spa' inclusive of a

sauna, steam room, hydrotherapy pool, aromatherapy room and a special relaxation area.

Phase 2 saw the children's fun pool and slides replaced with all associated refurbishment works in the area giving the leisure centre a new modern and contemporary finish.



CLIENT: THE RESERVE FORCES' AND CADETS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND AND THE ISLE OF MAN
ARCHITECT: PADDOCK JOHNSON PARTNERSHIP
VALUE: £1.5 MILLION

Altcar Training Camp

Whitfield & Brown Limited has been appointed by The Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for The North West of England and the Isle of Man to create a new £1.5m Head Quarter office block at their training facility in Hightown.

Altcar Training Camp is owned and managed by The Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for The North West of England and the Isle of Man and is one of the UK's premier facilities for small arms marksmanship training. The site is used extensively by regular, reserve and cadet units from all three Services for military and civilian activities and training.

The camp lies at the estuary mouth of the River Alt, towards the southern end of the Sefton Coast sand dune system, twelve miles north

of Liverpool in the village of Hightown. The estate covers 620 acres of range and dry training areas, and 500 acres of beaches and sand dunes which are available for training.

The new two-storey building is being constructed on a design & build basis with architects, Paddock Johnson Partnership, Employers Agent, AA projects Limited, The Davies Partnership as building services engineer and Curtins Consulting Limited in the role of structural engineer. The new building will provide open plan offices over two floors with meeting space and amenities. The scheme has been designed to achieve "BREEAM Excellent" rating and will comprise of, piled foundations, steel frame, pre-cast concrete floors and a sedum roof. The building has been designed to sit sensitively against the backdrop of pine trees and adjacent dune grassland, with a louvred glazed box at first floor level cantilevered above a solid brick plinth.

The project duration 40-weeks and will be completed in July 2020.

Bewsey and Dallam Community Hub

CLIENT: WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
ARCHITECT: WALKER SIMPSON ARCHITECTS
QS: BAKER MALLETT LLP **VALUE:** £3.5 MILLION



Work is officially under way on a new £3.25m hub aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of people in Bewsey and Dallam. The works, located on Longshaw Street in Warrington, forms part of the Council's wider regeneration plans for the area.

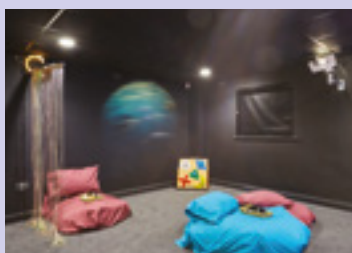
The dementia-friendly hub will be approximately 950m² in size, spread over three storeys. The ground floor will host a learner / hydro-therapy pool, changing village, social zone, digital wellbeing suite, small library and community room. The first floor will be home to a new fitness suite, changing facilities and multi-use room, with the second floor containing a multi-purpose studio, kitchen and community store. A range of supporting, integrated services and training programmes will also be run, including mental health training courses, training for volunteers, cancer awareness and general support. It aims to be a hub for residents to interact, grow and learn in a supportive environment.

Warrington Borough Council's executive board member for leisure and community, Cllr Tony Higgins, said: "The Bewsey & Dallam Community Hub is a hugely important facility, which will make a real difference to local people's lives. That's why we've remained fully committed to the

project, despite some of the challenges we've faced in its delivery. "I'm absolutely delighted that these obstacles have now been overcome, and that the scheme is now on-site and moving forward. It will provide a much-needed community facility and support our vision to improve leisure, learning and wellbeing opportunities for people throughout Bewsey and Dallam." The hub - which is being delivered through combined capital investment from Warrington Borough Council, Sport England, Better Care Fund and Torus - will be located on Longshaw Street, opposite the existing playing fields and next to an existing children's play area. It is placed between Bewsey and Dallam with a view to serving both communities. The scheme will take approximately 13 months to construct and is scheduled to be open to the public in summer 2020.

For more information about the hub, please visit:
www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201085/culture-community-and-health/2486/bewsey-and-dallam-community-hub

If you have any questions, please email:
WarringtonPartnership@warrington.gov.uk



Pensby Wood Day Care Centre was given a £1.1m cash boost by Wirral Council which has gone towards expanding and improving the existing day care centre. The centre in Pensby offers support for people who have a range of disabilities and provides a variety of sensory experiences to enable inclusive participation.

Work comprised of internal demolition, stripping out and replacement of partitions, ceilings, fittings and fixtures with installations including a



CLIENT: WIRRAL METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
ARCHITECT: TACP ARCHITECTS
QS: WYG **VALUE:** £1.2 MILLION

Pensby Wood Day Centre

high-level water tank, air handling units and existing floor mounted pool. A new extension to the front of the building has formed a new entrance hall.

Now complete, the centre boasts a spa experience, interactive books that bring stories to life, sports including football, interactive cookery, textiles and chill out zone. A new sensory garden has been partially funded by Tesco with donations from their bags for help campaign and includes a specialised swing.



CLIENT: ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
ARCHITECT: AHMM **QS:** PT PROJECTS
VALUE: £1.4 MILLION



The Alder Centre

The Alder Centre at Alder Hey Children's Hospital is a unique, national centre of excellence providing bereavement and grief counselling with care and education for anyone affected by the death of a child. The provision of these services is soon to be relocated into a purpose-built facility within the evolving health campus in Liverpool.

The £1.4m project, due for completion in March 2020, has already been recognised at the World Architecture Festival, winning WAF Award for Health (Future Project) 2018 WAFX Award for Ageing and Health 2018. Following extensive dialogue with counsellors, users and bereaved parents, the building has been designed like a "big house" with a large communal space in the centre that is 'the heart' with a lounge and kitchen from which seven counselling rooms unfold, each with their own private garden. There is also a flexible training room and office. Once open to the public this will offer a whole host of new and varied therapeutic services to bereaved families and hospital staff.



Anyone in need of support can contact the centre between the hours of 9am and 5pm on 0151 252 5391.



Addressing the Skills Shortage

Both Jack & Reece are Apprentices working with Whitfield & Brown and being supported by our supply chain partners: Barlows Electrical and MMJ Joinery.

Reece is the "Ambassador" for the Bewsey & Dallam Project and currently attends Warrington & Vale Royal College. Jack attends Hugh Baird College and is following in the footsteps of his Grandad, Dad and Uncle who have worked in the construction industry for over 53 years.

Whitfield & Brown Frameworks

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