



Melhuish & Saunders Ltd

Construction *focus*

Christmas 2017

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Message from the Directors

2017 has been a year of ups and downs, and during this time the ups have certainly outweighed the downs, pushing Melhuish and Saunders to learn, grow and move forward, as the company continues to expand across the Southwest of England.

This year has seen Darryl Mitchard, taking over the reins as Managing Director, along with promotion of Mike Garbutt to Financial Director. The recruitment of a number of new highly skilled professionals, through to trainees, joining the team, has helped Melhuish and Saunders to continue to be successful and hold onto our excellent reputation for high standards of works in the building industry.

We would like to thank all of the staff for their continued hard work and commitment over the last 12 months. We have been extremely successful with our continued good form and repeat business from numerous clients and design teams and we thank them for their continued support across an array of projects. Which in turn has made 2017 our highest value of projects won since taking over the company in 1998. This gives us a great start to our 20th year of owning Melhuish and Saunders, with having secured more than half of the year's turn-over to date for 2018 already.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Melhuish and Saunders Ltd.

Best Building Contractor in Somerset second year running



MELHUIH and Saunders Ltd fought off stiff competition to be one of three finalists at this year's [Somerset Business Awards](#) in the Business of the Year 26 to 50 employees category.

For the second year running the firm was the only construction contractor to make it through to the finals.

It is a fantastic achievement for the company, which also reached the finals of the British Construction Industry Awards, with architects Mitchell, Eley, Gould and structural engineers Hydrock Consultants, for the completed Cotswold Dogs and Cats Home in the Building Project of the Year (up to £10million) category.

New look for Mellies online

There's a new way to keep up-to-date with all the latest information from Melhuish and Saunders Ltd as we launch our new look website. The website, which will be live in time for Christmas will feature news from the company and blogs on the industry at large, as well as a run down of our projects and links to our social media feeds. It is a one stop site for all the information you need.

You'll be able to access the site via our usual domains www.melhuishandsaundersltd.com and www.mandsltd.co.uk



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The year in *focus*



IT HAS been a fantastic year for Melhuish and Saunders Ltd, with the company breaking all its previous records for values of orders received. We have been fortunate to work with exceptional architects, clients, subcontractors and suppliers in order to achieve this, and have seen the completion of a number of great projects, including the [National Catering Equipment Centre](#) in Avonmouth.

One of the keys to our success is through our work with repeat clients, such as the excellent team at [GVA](#), with whom we completed the new two storey [health centre in Trowbridge](#) for Adcroft Surgery, and are currently working with on a new surgery in Bedminster, Bristol. No matter what the works, or who the client, Melhuish and Saunders have the experience, and the team, to complete it. Here is a selection of just some of the projects which we have been fortunate enough to work on, and continue working on, this year.

Marksbury Road Health Centre— Bristol

Since starting in June the Marksbury Road Health Centre, with [GVA](#), has progressed well.

Once completed the £2.5 million project will see the creation of a new two storey health centre,

complete with pharmacy and specially designed custom facilities to ensure that the local area can be supplied with the very best health care through the [Wedmore Practice](#).

Incorporated into the works are hard and soft landscaping to ensure that not only is there ease of access, but also that the building meets the aesthetic needs of the surrounding area.



Lifeways Community Care—Taunton



Melhuish and Saunders Ltd work on projects varying in size, such as the works for [Lifeways Community Care](#), in conjunction with building consultants [Sanderson Weatherall LLP](#).

The works involve the stripping out and refurbishment of the existing unit to ensure that it is fit for purpose for the new occupants

Court Fields School—Wellington

Valued at a little under £400,000 the windows replacement project at Court Fields School represents one of a number of similar projects which we have carried out recently for [Futures for Somerset](#), which involves working on live education sites and liaising closely with the school to ensure all works are coordinated, and completed, on time to allow it to continue running with minimal, disruption.



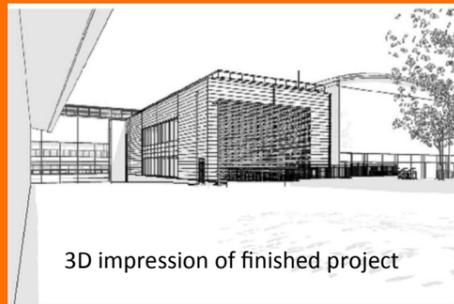
University of Bath Gym Extension—Bath

The extension to the [University of Bath Sports Training Village](#) will provide additional space for the university, which has recently been named as best for sports in the United Kingdom. Valued at approximately £2million the project, designed by [ADP Architects](#), will enhance the award winning facilities at the campus.

Melhuish and Saunders Ltd continued its drive forward this year by starting its first project utilising Building Information Management Level 2.

Whilst the works are being undertaken the existing gym will remain in use, ensuring that there is no loss of access to the world class athletes training there.

Additional exterior works are also being carried out as part of the project to ensure access to the newly enhanced facilities are second to none.



Shepton Mallet Motors—Shepton Mallet

Valued at £448,552, the remodelling of the existing [Shepton Mallet Motors Honda](#) franchise involved working in occupied premises to create a new showroom, as well as reducing the size of the workshop. New MOT facilities were created within the downsized workshop area to ensure that it didn't lose any of its practicality.

Working with Roland Shirley Chartered Architects, the health and safety plans for the works had to take into account that areas of the building would be in use throughout the works, which also included refurbishments to ground floor offices, stores and other areas of the building, as well as external works.



Marshall Way—Frome

Working with [ODL Consulting](#) Melhuish and Saunders is delighted to be carrying out the construction of this £1.3 million warehouse facility, with integral two storey offices constructed at one end.

The building is designed to match the existing occupied premises and will be constructed using a steel frame and steel cladding on the outside.



Orchard Portman Hospital—Taunton

MELHUISH and Saunders is developing a 12 bed extension to Cygnet Hospital in Orchard Portman, Taunton, along with refurbishing parts of the existing facility. Designed by [Aurora Partnership](#), on behalf of [Cygnet Health Care](#), the £2.2 million project also requires demolition of existing buildings, and construction of new parking and landscaping. Due to the restrictions necessary to avoid disruption for the patients and staff, these works are being carried out under careful supervision and working closely with the end-users to ensure that minimal disruption occurs during the construction, and that health and safety is kept at the forefront throughout.



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Hello and Goodbyes



We are delighted to welcome several new faces to Melhuish and Saunders Ltd as we continue to expand our team:



Andrew Hill—Site Manager. Andrew has worked on a variety of projects, including multi-million pound listed building refurbishments for the better part of a decade and a half. Holding qualifications spanning a range of construction skills, including plastering and carpentry, as well as site supervision, he brings a wealth of talent and skill to the team



James Gilson— Site Manager. With nearly 35 years of experience in the industry there are very few areas of construction which James hasn't developed an insight in to. From roles as diverse as a time served carpenter and joiner to contracts manager on refurbishments and new builds he has built up a detailed knowledge of all aspects of the industry, which he is now ably employing in running sites.



Dean Knights— Site Manager. Dean started in the construction industry in the mid 70's as an apprentice bricklayer, before moving into site management. In 2012 he started sharing his extensive knowledge of the industry with the next generation of construction professionals, as a college tutor. Melhuish and Saunders Ltd is now fortunate enough to have him back on site and showing the next generation of our team the ropes.



Daniel Trott—General Labourer. Melhuish and Saunders Ltd prides itself not only on the experience of its team, but on the companies record of training up new entrants into the industry. Dan joins us at the start of his career in the construction industry. We are sure that he will be an asset to the team and learn quickly from the experience of others.



Lawrence Veale—Quantity Surveyor/Estimator. Since starting as a junior surveyor in 1986 Lawrence has worked on numerous projects of varying size, including projects in excess of £5.5 million. Lawrence brings not only experience of the industry to the company, but also personal experience from having spent four years extensively renovating his own properties.

Third year's a charm for #melliesbeanies

#melliesbeanies is back for its third year. Tag your most imaginative picture, featuring a Mellies Beanie, to be in with a chance of winning £200 for charity and a hamper of goodies for yourself. Contact us to get your free beanie to take part or for further information visit [Mellies Beanies](#)



Come join us for pre-Christmas drinks, and meet some of the team

[CONSTRUCTING Excellence South](#)  [West Somerset Club](#) is hosting its annual Christmas drinks and networking event on December 13th at the Piano and Pitcher in Taunton. Tickets and first drink are free. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ce-somerset-christmas-drinks-networking-tickets-40092009279

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Current Vacancies

Melhuish and Saunders Ltd are always happy to hear from talented individuals looking to join our growing team.

Over the coming months we are looking to recruit Site Management and General and Semi-Skilled labourers

For more information on all available roles check out

[Melhuish and Saunders, Careers](#)