



Summer 2021

# The Greatest Building Contractor in the South West



## Message from Darryl, Managing Director

Welcome to our summer 2021 newsletter, the sun is shining, and the weather is warming up. The first half of this year has been difficult for many with further restrictions and with the lockdown at the beginning of the year. Luckily, we have been able to continue to serve all our clients throughout.

This year sees myself celebrate 21 years at Melhuish & Saunders, where I started in June 2000 as a Plaster Labourer as a temporary stop gap before pursuing a career in sports and leisure, or so I thought... little did I realise at the time that my temporary position would not be so temporary.

During my time at Melhuish & Saunders, I have progressed from a Plaster Labourer, to Plasterer, to Contracts Management, to Contracts Director to now Managing Director. Over the years there has been numerous changes and improvements to the company and in the last 4 years since becoming Managing Director, I have been able to develop Melhuish & Saunders further with the help from a very supportive and dedicated team. One of the key drivers for me, in my Managing Director role is to get a great work life balance for my staff. I want my staff to enjoy coming to work and the challenges we face and deliver amazing services and products to all our clients. We want our clients to be excited to work with us and have their expectations exceeded with the level of service and the final completed project.

We have been implementing improvements and efficiencies to ensure we deliver the best quality service to our clients, this never stops, we are always looking to do better and where we welcome new staff, new guidelines and our own expectations heighten we continue to learn and grow as a company and as a team.

This year we celebrate the amazing milestone for Colin Jones, 19 years Colin has been part of the Melhuish & Saunders team and he decided this year was to be his last and he retired at the end of June 2021. I want to thank Colin for his loyalty, vast knowledge and experience and being a key team member of Melhuish & Saunders, we all wish you a long and happy retirement.

As we move into the second part of the year, the outlook is looking bright with many exciting and interesting projects on the horizon. We have been working closely with numerous clients on new projects due to commence soon, so keep an eye on our social channels and the website for updates.

Have a great summer all and enjoy the sunshine.

## New Faces..



Richard has joined us as our new Contracts Manager. Richard has a wealth of experience within the construction industry with a lot of knowledge within the education sector.



Robert has taking over Colin's position as our company buyer. Robert has been working as a buyer within the construction industry for many years and brings a huge amount of knowledge to the company.



Rachael has joined us as our new Financial Assistant. Rachael has extensive knowledge and years of experience and hopes to look at streamlining processes and making the business even more efficient.

## Some Excellent Feedback for the year so far...

*"Very easy to communicate with and have kept me informed 5\* Excellent"*  
**Marpool Primary School**

*"Progress on site appears excellent, were always kept well informed 5\* Excellent"*  
**Frank Timothy Associates**

*"Good progress on site and positive liaison as previously 4\*"*  
**Osmond Tricks**

## Monthly Customer Surveys Satisfaction Feedback

Results for 2021 to date

**86.7%**

**THANK YOU** to all our clients, architects, QSs and Project Managers for taking the time to complete our surveys. They are a great way for us see how we're doing and where we can improve, while giving us the opportunity to share positive feedback with the team!

# Projects *Updates*

This year has seen a great start with some fantastic new projects commencing and the completion of some of the projects from late 2020

## Lawrence Weston Medical Centre

### Alterations and Extension

**Contract Value:** £1.2million **Completed:** June 2021

It's been great to team up with **Osmond Tricks** and **Pioneer Medical Group** again to undertake another refurbishment and extension project. This project has been a full strip out and refurbishment of a 1950's medical centre, rooms have been reconfigured, the roof has come off and been replaced and new M&E installations have been installed throughout to name just a few of the works undertaken! The building also had a large extension added to the back creating seven extra consulting rooms for the practice. This was a long complex project, but our **Site Manager Paul Harris**, our team, and the team at Osmond Tricks worked so well together we managed to bring the project in a week early!



## West Hill, Portishead

### Construction of a block of 8 apartments

**Contract Value:** £1.2million **Completion due:** Dec 2021



This exciting project for **Alliance Homes** is being undertaken in conjunction with **NOMA Architects** and **Frank Timothy Associates**. We are constructing a block of 8 apartments to provide quality homes for the local community. The project is on a very tight and restricted site, confined by existing building and set over 2 levels so there has had to be a very close liaison with the local residents and to ensure the smooth running of the project. Our team are currently working on the second floor and are constructing the wall to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in preparation for the roof construction to enable the building to be water tight by early August. This project is being managed by our **Site Manager Rick Davis** who has been documenting the progress of this project with his drone, so checkout our website for some excellent progress images.

[www.melhuishandsaundersltd.com](http://www.melhuishandsaundersltd.com)

## Strode College

### Alterations and refurbishment

**Contract Value:** £307k **Completion Due:** August 2021

We feel privileged to be undertaking another project within our local community, especially such an important project for one of our education establishments, which will make a huge impact on our local young adults' educational experience.

We are working with **Strode College** and **NVB Architects** to adapt E block into state-of-the-art T-levels learning facilities for health and science students.

This simulated healthcare environment will include a four-bed ward, nurses call station, dispensary, changing area and staff room on the ground floor, while on the first floor we will be remodelling the area to provide a new science laboratory.



**HASSLE FREE  
SERVICE!**

**GREAT  
COMMUNICATION!**

**VALUE  
FOR MONEY!**

# Marpool Primary School

## Construction of a school building

**Contract Value:** £835k **Completion:** Early 2022

This is a design and build project for the school and we have been working closely with the school to develop the design. We have cost value engineered the project which has enabled the project budget to be met and funding to be sourced for the various stages, this project is phased to follow the release of funds available. Phase 1 involved the completion of the substructure and block & beam in a 5 week programme. Phase 2 is commencing in Late August which will see the completion of the superstructure and roof to create a watertight shell. The school are still fundraising for the internal fitout works and you can help by donating on their Go Fund Me Page.

<https://gofund.me/bbab890f>



## Dewey Waters

### Refurbishments of offices & commercial premises

**Phase 1 Contract Value:** £205k **Completion:** August

This is another design and build project, where we were recommended by a previous client in late December 2020 to assist the client to develop their project from the initial concept. We have been working with the client through the pandemic to develop their project and refurbishment of the existing 55,000 Sq ft factory and office into their new main head office facilities.

We are currently onsite completing Phase 1 of the works to enable the client to continue manufacturing in a section of the factory prior to commencing with Phase 2 which will see the refurbishment of the remaining factory and office facilities.



## New Projects starting **SOON!**

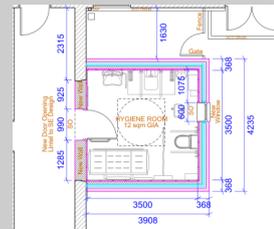
### Charfield Co-op

**Construction of a supermarket**  
**Value: £570k Architect: DJ&P**



### Holway School

**Extension to create a new hygiene room facility**  
**Value: £97k Client: SCC Architect: BPB**



## Repeat Local Business...

We have a great relationship with local businesses and schools, we have been able to secure numerous projects locally this year and thank them as they continue to support us...

### Brookside Academy

**WC refurbishment and drainage works**

**Contract Value:** £108k

**Brookside Academy** and **Futures for Somerset** are some of our most loyal local clients and we have undertaken many projects for them over the years. They have asked us to undertake two project for them over the summer, the refurbishment of toilets and improvement works to their drainage systems.

## Thank you...

To all our Subcontractors & Suppliers who have worked hard to keep our sites Covid Safe. We've all had a tough 18 months but we're continuing to give our clients the high quality service and products they expect from us. 

**ON TIME & ON BUDGET!**

**100% COMMITMENT!**

**HIGHEST QUALITY!**



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# Us and the...

# Community...

## Supporting local Charities

It continues to be a hard time for our local charities, though things are opening up these uncertain times means they need our support now more than ever. We continue to support...



**Somerset FA** are now getting back out on the pitch, and we are proud to sponsor the men & women's senior cup, and the junior cup.

[www.somersetfa.com](http://www.somersetfa.com)



Being a corporate sponsor of the Somerset Wildlife trust helps us to ensure that the environment is always at the forefront of our minds when it comes to commencing a project. This enable us to ensure that existing wildlife is protected, monitored and if require alternative habitats are created for them. On projects where suitable we install bird & bat boxes, and ensure that landscapes are developed to create new natural habitats for wildlife.

[www.somersetwildlife.org](http://www.somersetwildlife.org)



Ferne are another amazing local charity we sponsor, they are back open so check out their website to see when you can visit the animals.

[www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org)



We continue to be the main sponsor for the Glastonbury **Nub News**. This wonderful online platform is putting local news and community issues back into the hands of local people.

Checkout their website to find **your** local Nub News!

[www.glastonbury.nub.news](http://www.glastonbury.nub.news)

## Accreditations Successfully Renewed



## Supporting our industry!



**CESW Somerset Club** continue to support our industry and promote collaborative and supporting working relationships within the construction community

Find out how to join:

[constructingexcellencesw.org.uk](http://constructingexcellencesw.org.uk)



We are proud **Somerset** and **Bridgwater** Chamber members, and are thankful for the support and advice they've offered throughout the last 18 months, we're looking forward to meeting face to face again soon!

Local and want to get involved?  
Checkout how...

[www.somerset-chamber.co.uk](http://www.somerset-chamber.co.uk)

[www.bridgwaterchamber.org.uk](http://www.bridgwaterchamber.org.uk)

## Positions Available

- Site Managers
- Site Foreman
- Business Development & Lead Generator

Checkout our Careers Website page for more details...

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