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No matter how diverse the Sewell Group business has become over the years I will never lose sight that our foundation is in construction and the pursuit of customer delight in the creation of facilities.

It's great when different divisions of the Group come together to create a seamless service for a customer, as our Construction and Facilities Management teams did this summer to support the growth of Endike Academy in Hull. The school now has new facilities for the children and staff to enjoy in an exciting new year for them.

Using both of these disciplines along with Sewell Investments, I'm pleased to share that we're working hand in hand with NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group and Citycare to deliver the long awaited new Integrated Care Centre.

We're extremely proud to be involved in another regional first that will play a key part in shaping the future of health care.

As the UK City of Culture reaches begins its 100 day countdown, the complex work at Hull New Theatre together with the adjacent new University Technical College continues in the heart of the city centre.

Further afield, you'll read in this edition how our team is continuing to build relationships and work with some of the top further and higher education providers across the North of England.

Having 'grown our own', it's pleasing to see our talent pipeline transporting our culture and skills elsewhere. It is so rewarding to see our people moulding their own futures whilst delighting our customers.

We are grateful and privileged to be involved in such exciting projects across the county, but we appreciate that it's one big team game with designers, consultants, clients, end users, our supply chain and the community all as stakeholders in each project.

That's what makes success and that's what makes it satisfying.

On a more personal note, I am delighted that our sister company, Sewell on the go, has been awarded UK Forecourt Trader of the Year for the development of South Cave service station, in the East Riding. We have invested in and developed this site and day one quality is maintained by Sewell Facilities Management.

I take pride in this being a Sewell Group award as it highlights the benefits of our diverse business.

Best Wishes

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MAJOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FOR YORKSHIRE



 **YORKSHIRE ENERGY PARK**

Three companies have been unveiled as the businesses behind the potential development of a unique business park.

Although plans are in their infancy, the Yorkshire Energy Park could bring energy, data and education together with businesses in a first for Yorkshire.

The scheme is earmarked for a former aerodrome site within the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Sewell and telecommunications company MS3 Networks have partnered Chiltern Group, who have delivered multi-million pound projects of this scale elsewhere with the likes of E.ON and IBM.

Working hand in hand with planning consultants GVA, Sewell is leading on the development of the scheme, with a second round of public consultation scheduled for October and an outline planning application submission expected for later this year.

Early proposals outline the delivery of:

- A mixture of space for businesses operating in key strategic sectors for the region;
- A further/higher education space and associated accommodation, connected to the renewable energy and technology sectors;
- An energy centre providing private wire electricity to the wider Energy Park; and
- A data centre.

This major strategic development would be underpinned by affordable energy and data security provided by the energy and data centres. Innovation would be at the heart of the park, driven by the synergies expected between the occupiers of the education and business spaces.

If planning permission is granted for the scheme, it will generate a significant number of employment opportunities for local people and attract new investment to the region.

Rob Cawkwell, Project Director at Sewell, who is leading the scheme on behalf of the consortium, said:

“It’s an exciting project, but there is a lot of work to do and we want to do it in the right way. We’re extremely mindful of the sensitivities of the site, so we want to make sure we engage with as many groups as possible to feed into the development of the master plan.

“We are in it for the long haul. All partners involved are determined to work together to support the economic growth of the region.”

SEWELL GROWS TALENT ACROSS THE REGION



The Leeds team: Josh Donnelly, Mark Dodgson, Patrick Stainthorpe & Steve Dam

Following the recent opening of our West Yorkshire office at Marshall's Mill in Leeds, the total Sewell workforce now stands at almost 500, with 75 members of staff securing promotion within the business and climbing the career ladder in the past 10 years.

The company continues to encourage and nurture talent from within to enable business growth.

Steve Dam joined Sewell in 2011 as a pre-construction assistant. Five years on the 29 year old is a key driver in the Leeds set up and is a shining example of how hard work and attitude can determine your career progression at Sewell.

Steve said:

"I didn't think I would get to this point in my career as quickly as I have, but I knew if I got stuck in, I could go somewhere at Sewell. Rewards are there for hard workers, but you've got to be flexible and carve your own career.

"There is a lot going on across the North of England and there is a market for the hands-on company that we are.

"The projects we have been looking at have come in organically. We also have the ability to be flexible, adapting to what the client needs and being responsive to that."

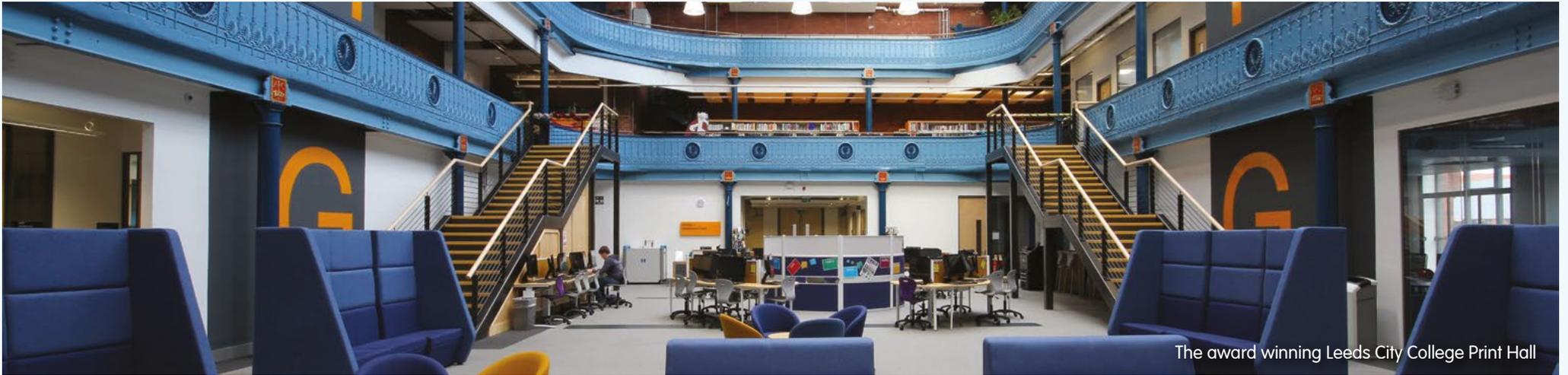
The West Yorkshire team has recently completed a year-long refurbishment of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Leeds and secured two awards for their work on Leeds City College's Print Hall.

The scheme has bagged a prestigious Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Award, followed by the Committed to Heritage and Refurbishment Award run by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), just three weeks later.

The project is now in the running for the coveted Project of the Year prize at the Grand Final of the National RICS Awards in October.

Building extensions are also underway at Cranswick Convenience Foods' site in Barnsley, Greenhead College in Huddersfield. The team is completing a second phase of the Sheila Silver Library refurbishment at Leeds Beckett University and carrying out ongoing construction maintenance work at Drax in Selby.

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The award winning Leeds City College Print Hall

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The most recent project to start on site is a £4.5 million extension of Athelstan Community Primary School in North Yorkshire, which will see the school double in size in a 60-week programme due to housing developments in the surrounding area.

Josh Donnelly joined the team as a Development Manager a year ago and said the company's approach to business ensures it stands out from the crowd.

Josh said:

"Our success or failure is very much down to our supply chain relationships.

"We're developing strong relationships through working hard on the little things - properly engaging the supply chain and treating them as stakeholders. These sound really obvious details but it makes a big difference."

Sewell Group Managing Director Paul Sewell said concentrating on growing the team from within the business and having teams based in the communities they serve is essential.

He said: "It's vital to have good relationships with everyone we work with and, with talent coming through the business, this means we continue our culture throughout.

"We're growing a team from within the Leeds area and with relationships already established, it's a nice blend.

"Supporting our staff to grow is also protective of our culture. You build a certain DNA in a business, and people hence share those values.

"The pipeline of talent is really important to our business in ensuring people know there are real career progression opportunities. If you have this pipeline and people know you are valued, you have a home for talent, and that can only be a positive as we grow across the region."



Athelstan Primary School

CREATING HEALTHCARE ESTATE OF THE FUTURE



CGI of the completed Integrated Care Centre

A new £9 million Integrated Care Centre (ICC) will play a key part in shaping the future of healthcare in Hull, helping people to live independently for as long as possible.

The ICC will be built on a former School site in Hull and is a new generation of our highly successful NHS LIFT programme.

It aims to reduce waiting times for treatment and allow people to remain in their own homes, rather than in hospital, by providing care in the community.

Sewell Construction has been appointed to design and build the facility, which aims to reduce waiting times for treatment and allow people to remain in their own homes, rather than in hospital, by providing care in the community.

As an integral part of the design team, Sewell is feeding in Construction and Facilities Management best practice to ensure a buildable and affordable scheme.

Sean Henderson, Director of Operations (Sewell Estates), said: "Sitting in the heart of a residential area, community engagement is going to be key to this scheme.

"It is also important to think now about the whole lifecycle of the building, making sure the best value for money is achieved long term."

The ICC will provide support to patients who have long-term health conditions and illnesses associated with older age, bringing specialist diagnosis services into the community and helping people to live healthy, independent lives for as long as possible.

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service will also have a base on the site.

Erica Daley, Director of Integrated Commissioning at NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said:

🌀 The centre will bring specialist diagnosis services into the community, supporting people to be healthy and live independently for as long as possible. 🌀

STUDENTS MOVE INTO THE UK'S BEST 'HOME FROM HOMES'



Here's a preview of what is set to be some of the best student accommodation in the UK.

The £30 million complex at the University of Hull will house 560 students in eight and four bedroom flats, alongside studio and wheelchair accessible accommodation.

There will also be communal and learning space and students will move in phases over the coming weeks.

Trudi Vout, Director of Campus and Accommodation Services at the university, said:

“Our aim is to provide an outstanding student experience, as they are at the heart of everything we do, and this new accommodation highlights our commitment to ensuring that happens.”

We must ensure our estate is in line with our academic and business needs in order to be competitive in higher education and be well placed to attract quality students and staff from across the UK and the rest of the world.

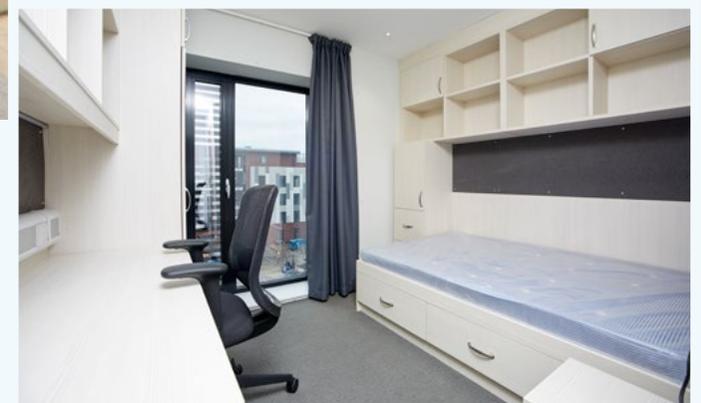
This is incredibly beneficial for our future here at the University of Hull and our students will have first class accommodation. ☺☺

Sewell Construction started on site in June 2015 and students are setting up home in the new residences in phases.

Steve Gibson, Construction Managing Director said:

“This will be world class accommodation and something really special for students at the University of Hull.

“It's a scheme we'll be proud to have on our CVs for years to come.”



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT THE HEART OF NEW THEATRE PROJECT



To help get into the City of Culture spirit, Sewell commissioned local company Spray Creative to paint a Kingston Square timeline artistically onto the hoarding, incorporating historically important milestones and figures connected to the area.



Tours of the Grade II listed Hull New Theatre are encouraging community engagement and interest from high profile groups as the scheme progresses.

The original 1930's building is being conserved to its former glory, along with complete demolition of the original fly tower to make way for a state-of-the-art replacement.

The summer saw piling of the foundations to the new fly tower, with specially-selected methods chosen to keep vibration to surrounding buildings to a minimum. The team is now progressing with the incredibly complex new extension which will incorporate a new modern cafe and bar to improve the visitor experience.

Sewell Construction Project Manager [Mark Boothby](#) said: "We've continually host tours of the theatre, providing an insight into the exciting work in progress.

"We are getting interest from various high profile groups, such as Opera North, which is great. But we are a local business and we also want to encourage local engagement, bringing the community along with us as the scheme progresses.

"It's an incredibly exciting time for Hull and we're delighted to be working on two major projects in the Kingston Square area.

"As proud sponsors of Hull UK City of Culture 2017, we see this as a flagship scheme that will ultimately help to revive the theatre culture in Hull and entice tourists from all over the globe.

Ian Start, Beverley Musical Theatre committee member, is among those who have toured the theatre.

The amateur group of singers and actors and perform one major show at the theatre each year. He said:

“We were interested in seeing what was going on at the New Theatre. It was the cleanest and most organised building site I have ever been on, and I've been on plenty.”

"It can only be beneficial to involve the community in the work which is going on, to give theatregoers and performers hope that we will soon have a revived spectacular venue within which we can entertain and be entertained."

Internally, the Sewell Construction team has started remodelling the theatre basement, with mechanical and electrical tradesmen fitting primary pipe runs for the new heating system, along with new hot and cold water services.

ENABLING GROWTH AT ENDIKE ACADEMY



The competed nursery space

Pupils and staff at Endike Academy started the new school year with brand new nursery space, supporting an increasing demand for places.

The nursery currently has room for 26 children at any one time, but this will increase to 52 with the additional space.

Sewell Construction and Sewell Facilities Management worked hand-in-hand alongside partners at Endike to ensure a smooth return to school for pupils and staff.

Both teams were on site throughout the summer holidays, ensuring all maintenance, statutory checks and decoration works were up to date, alongside extending the nursery building and enhancing provision for early years.

Linda Burrows, Headteacher at the school, which has 450 children including the nursery youngsters, said the extra nursery places will mean the school can offer its younger children five terms on site before they begin full time education. She said:

“The extension is absolutely amazing. It’s made a difference to the whole area, as it’s so much lighter, brighter and more welcoming to the whole space. The staff are thrilled with it.”

The children came back and the parents were very impressed too. I’m astounded it was done in the time frame because it was a big ask, but they did it and we couldn’t ask for more.

With Sewell Facilities Management and Sewell Construction working together, it could only benefit the school and result in a good job. We have a very good relationship with Sewell. They are very responsive and they listen. It’s a true partnership.

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Sewell Project Manager [Carl Sarel](#) said:

“We built the school and Sewell Facilities Management look after the building. To be involved in building and maintaining shows what we can do as a full business and what we can provide.

“Construction and Facilities Management go hand-in-hand and it means you have the same teams consistently delivering quality work across the board.”

[Martin Stead](#), Sewell Facilities Management Managing Director, said the partnership with Endike Academy is positive for all involved.

He said: ““We have a strong relationship with the team at Endike and they are willing to work in partnership with us. We understand what they need, so we work around them and vice versa.”





12 MONTHS TO GO UNTIL THE RON DEARING UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE OPENS

In just 12 months' time, hundreds of students will begin their learning journeys in the brand new £10 million Ron Dearing University Technical College (UTC).

Hull City Council is coordinating the development to ensure the UTC is ready to open in September 2017, while Sewell Construction is project managing the design and build.

The project is being delivered through Hull Esteem Consortium, the council's pre-procured regeneration framework which was responsible for the delivery of 21 schools as part of Hull's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme, of which Sewell is an investor.

The UTC will specialise in digital technology and mechatronics, a combination of computing and engineering, in addition to traditional academic subjects such as maths, English and science.

Sewell Construction Project Manager [Mark Boothby](#) said work is already progressing well.

"We've had archaeologists on site to uncover foundations of the Old Christ Church, which sat beneath the car park," he said.

"Their work exposed all of the original brickwork that has been underneath the car park for decades and it was all recorded before we dug out the foundations.

"The college will be made up of two blocks with a central conference centre linking them.

"The foundations have been finished on the north block and we're now on with the second block.

"The steel erection to the north block is almost complete, then we'll move onto the south block and the new conference building.



Progress on site

"Over the next few weeks, we'll also be putting up scaffolding to enable us to start laying the floors, which will take about five weeks."

Funded by the Education Funding Agency (EFA), the UTC is backed by Spencer Group, Siemens, Reckitt Benckiser, Smith and Nephew, KCOM and the University of Hull, and will teach up to 600 students aged 14-18.



STAFF GO THE EXTRA MILE TO ENSURE MINIMUM DISRUPTION

Students and staff at Leeds Beckett University faced minimal disruption to their studies after construction team gave a helping hand to library staff.

Sewell Construction is back on site at the university to complete the second phase of the Sheila Silver Library refurbishment following phase one last year.

As work involved closing the library floor for three weeks, members of the team worked hand in hand with the University to learn how to operate the library book system, logging books in and out and making sure students who had requested or returned books experienced business as usual.

Ann Nash, Customer Service Team Manager in Libraries and Learning Innovation at the library, said it was a great support while the work was carried out.



Ann said:

“It’s been great and Terry Horner, who knows the system, is always on the end of the phone. He came every day to collect the list of reserved books and got them from where it was cordoned off.”

“He knows where all of the books are and it’s been a huge help to us because it meant we could keep the service running. The disruption to students has been minimal and it’s looking good.”

Sewell Construction Site Manager **Carl Hurdus** said some of the refurbishment work was completed out of hours during the first phase of the project to ensure staff and students were not disrupted.



He said: “We carried out penetration and noisy work at 4am or 5am before the library opens, leaving the non-invasive work until opening hours. We have built up a really good relationship with the team here.”

“It’s a lovely, super modern floor space and a great area for students.”

VALUE ENGINEERING FOR CRANSWICK

Work on a new dry goods store extension is helping to create extra space for one of Britain's largest food producers.

Additional storage space at Cranswick Convenience Foods' Valley Park site in Barnsley is set to help ease pressure during peak times such as Christmas.

From artisan cooked meats and fresh pork to gourmet sausages and continental fine foods, Cranswick Convenience Foods' products span retail shelves and restaurant menus across the country, as well as internationally.

Ian Parry, the business's Chief Engineer at Valley Park, said the work, which is being carried out by Sewell Construction, is part of an ongoing site upgrade.

Ian said:

Following a selection process, Sewell Construction was chosen for their positive approach and ability to deliver the project in a very tight timescale, while working in a self-contained area to avoid disturbing the day-to-day activities of a busy site.



At the interview stages and at subsequent meetings, Sewell demonstrated a very competent and professional approach, which showed me they are the right company to undertake the project.

The extension to the dry goods store comes on the back of increased service levels for customers. ☞

Work began on August 1 and comes after Sewell's long term relationship with one of Cranswick's factories in Hull, Benson Park, which saw the team build a three-phase extension.

Sewell Construction Development Manager Josh Donnelly said:

"We have adopted a single team approach on this project, working closely with our supply chain and utilising their expertise to optimise the design to an affordable position.

"Our approach has helped to reduce construction costs for the client by about 30%. Work is due to finish on October 31."

Josh said Browne of Leeds had been instrumental in helping Sewell to secure the project.

"They helped us to develop a ground solution which sits within the client's programme and cost parameters," he said.

"It's a fast track construction period, which will see the extension developed and completed in 12 weeks."

Martin Langhan, Project Engineer from civil and structural consulting engineers Adept, said the company was pleased to join forces with Sewell Construction once again.

He said:

After collaborating successfully on the Printworks campus for Leeds City College, Adept are thrilled be working with Sewell again on this extension. ☞

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS COMPLETED



A year-long programme to transform a former geography building into a first class learning environment for students has been completed.

The £7.6 million School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies at the University of Leeds has undergone a complete refurbishment.

The building is now fully operational for the start of term as students return this month.

Paul Cook, Project Manager in the University Estates Service, said:

“This has been a thoroughly rewarding project.

We are incredibly pleased with the significant transformation of the original building to what it has become now, which is a modern environment that will enable the school to become a leading centre for art, heritage and critical humanities and culture in the UK.”

Abigail Harrison Moore, Head of the School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies, said everyone was “delighted” with the building.

She said:

“The sympathetic restoration of this historic building, linked through its architect, Paul Waterhouse, to the architectural style that formed the beginnings of the University of Leeds 100 years ago, has enabled the development of a School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies ready for the next 100 years of excellent teaching and research.

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Our students are excited to be starting or continuing their degrees in the amazing new studio, workshop and teaching spaces.

Studying in this impressive space for art and culture at the heart of the campus will enable them to continue to benefit from the unique inter-disciplinary approaches to the subjects that our school is celebrated for nationally and internationally.

We are very grateful to the teams of builders, architects and engineers who have turned our ideas into reality, and to the Estates team that have made this possible. ☺☺

Sewell Construction Project Manager [Mark Dodgson](#) added: "We are delighted to be able to create a state-of-the-art learning environment for students of the future."



SERVICE STATION DEVELOPMENT BECOMES UK NUMBER 1



An East Yorkshire service station has become the first in the UK to be awarded a full 5* rating in an independent spot check, along with winning the prestigious Forecourt Trader of the Year Award 2016.

The Forecourt Trader visited the £1.5 million South Cave site in August and awarded a 5* rating across all 10 categories for the store and forecourt. This was followed by the national top prize.

The service station is situated on the M62 corridor and is the first to hit full marks in every category in the last 10 years.

Sewell Construction designed and developed the new site, working hand in hand with client and sister company Sewell on the go. Patrick Sewell, MD of Sewell on the go explained how the store was completely reimaged.

He said:

“We’ve transformed the 1960’s garage to a world class forecourt.

“Access has been greatly improved and the new facilities make full use of the land. The canopy and store have been repositioned to make best use of the land and improve access.

The store itself has tripled in size and now includes a COSTA area, subway, kitchen facilities and much larger retail space.

Merril Boulton, Editor of Forecourt Trader, which is the leading authority in the industry, said

“It isn’t just that it’s a lovely forecourt and a good development, when you walk in the shop there are lots of nice touches and it’s well thought out with good innovations.

It’s a nice, complete package for customers. I have seen it and we all said ‘wow’.

Patrick continued:

“Our facilities are a huge part of our offer. We’re really pleased our vision for South Cave has become a reality and its being so well received by customers and the industry.”

The site was designed using market leading Building Information Modelling (BIM) technology, guaranteeing cost control, design accuracy and buildability. It has also increased efficiencies in asset management, with all details stored within the Group’s computer aided facilities management system.



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