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Health, Safety and Environment

Linden Homes in partnership with CorDev have implemented a new recycling initiative on their site in Barnstable.

Montbray in Barnstable will be the first of hopefully many Linden Homes South West developments to accommodate a baler for card and plastics and set the trend for other house builders in the region. The idea behind the introduction of a baler on site is to take their recycling to the next stage with the ultimate goals of reducing the number of exchanges on mixed waste skips, generating more recyclable and reusable materials and to reduce costs. A 12-yard mixed compactable skip costs £385.00 per exchange. The baler is £57.00 per week with free collections. A site on average has 2-3 mixed compactable skips per month.

CorDev has trialed the baler with a partner company of Linden homes and it had successfully reduced the number of mixed waste skips by almost a third of what they should have been.

Chris Braley, Site Manager at the Montbray development has placed a lot of emphasis on the desire to implement and achieve maximum recycling, really driving for this new recycling initiative on his site. Hopefully this will show other house builders the benefits of recycling and reducing the amount of waste either burned or sent to landfill sites.

It is encouraging to work with a group of people in the Linden Homes South west division who have all bought into all CorDev’s recycling initiatives, from the buying teams to site managers and operatives on site, CorDev would like to thank you for your continued support. Hopefully because of the successful partnership in South West CorDev

Continuing Personal Development

Our last CPD delivered by Eric entitled “Close that Cavity” was very interesting. I think all present agreed that they had learnt a little something new. We will publish a list of scheduled CPD’s within the near future for everyone.

Jeff Heath had recommended a BBC 4 program called “Ceramics – How they Work”. I was fascinated by the program to learn how Romans had discovered concrete and glass. The way the scientific content was presented made it very enjoyable and I found that I want to discover more about the history of our everyday building products.

I hope that everyone else has had the opportunity to watch this program and maybe it would prove to be a good topic of discussion in our meetings.

‘A Day in the Life’

Mike Lang has agreed to visit individual members once a month for this new feature. We all look forward to reading and learning about his first visit.

Upcoming events

We will be visiting the Rockwool factory on the 31st March which will be an all-day event. They will also organize a CPD for us.

We are trying to organize a BBQ in June on a Saturday for members and partners as the Christmas meal was a great success.

Note from our Chairman

This is a new feature that we would like to include each month. Please be advised that anyone that has been asked to contribute or would like to include information needs to send this to Chris or Eric by the 5th of every month.



*Alex Mabbott (Chairman)
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Memberships

Eric has created a mailshot and was sent out on the 10th Feb to existing members in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset to try and attract new active members to our chapter meetings. Hopefully this drive will help to achieve our target of 20 active members.

Ian Hayes has applied for membership and has his interview date is booked for the 23rd Feb and waiting to be confirmed

Chris Braley will be applying by the end of this month

In Memorandum

Nothing to report this month

News from Head Office

Conference 2017 Update – The conference will be held on the weekend of the 13th of May. There are not many spaces left and Alex, Eric and Jon are planning to attend.

Mates in Mind – This is a charitable program to improve and promote positive mental health in construction. They provide programs to promote awareness and understanding of mental health tailored to the needs of construction. Many house builders have rolled out the initiative within their companies. More information can be found at:
<https://www.matesinmind.org/>

CPD Records – Head office has contacted a few members of our group and requested copies of their CPD records for 2016 as an internal audit. Anyone needing help to complete please ask Eric Doel for his assistance.

ANNOUCEMENTS

New Year, New Challenges

By: Granville Jones

It is strange to finally gain the membership to the Institute after so long, as I was acting as a Clerk of works for about 9 years at least 15 years ago, but I am enormously proud to have joined such an illustrious body after all this time, it feels good to belong to an organization dedicated to improving standards in construction and having the ability to ask questions from a group of people with a wealth of knowledge gained over years

So here I am trying to get a new departure for me of the ground, it has taken a bit of soul searching as I have until recently been gainfully employed as a Clerk of Works for a social housing company and have had a regular wage coming in, but, me being me have decided that I am so much happier to be master of my own destiny (this does involve upsetting the better half though)

Happily, the company I was working for has taken me on for two days a week as a freelance Clerk of Works so there has been some money trickling in, also have found a company that will use me when they get too busy for their own staff to cope, but the majority of the rest of the week involves emails and phone calls to different consultancy's trying to get a foothold with them, I religiously send out at least one email or make one phone call every day trying to gain work. I am hoping that sooner or later it will start to happen!!I intend to grow this business as much as I can and fingers crossed I will be a millionaire soon!!!