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Team update

2012 has brought with it some changes in the William Birch team.

Simon Potter has been promoted to the role of Construction Manager, Phil Beverley has relocated to Head Office in York and we have welcomed Ben Thomson as QS to the Leeds Office.

Mick Braithwaite and Stuart Peace were promoted to Assistant Contract Manager and Project Manager respectively.

We have also wished David Holden, John Hutchinson and Malcolm Tootell a very long and happy retirement from the business.

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Bucking the construction trend

At the end of the first quarter of 2012 William Birch reported a 100% increase in the level of enquiries compared to the last quarter of 2011, this was encouraging and conflicted the gloomy outlook the media and the Bank of England were reporting in their national summaries. We are pleased to report a similar trend has continued and we have been encouraged by this confidence from our customers. Enquiries have turned to orders and we are starting to bear the fruits of this renewed optimism on a local level.

Recent project wins include the restoration of Sewerby Hall for East Riding of Yorkshire Council (see below), refurbishment of the maternity services at York District Hospital and the next two phases at Knavesmire School in York following the completion of phase one.

Alistair Birch, Finance Director of the business commented "There certainly seems to be more confidence from our customer base that now is the time to start investing in their buildings and constructing new facilities. It is still proving a challenge to secure opportunities with competition high in the region but our record of performance as a contractor and our financial robustness is why customers are choosing William Birch"

Sewerby Hall restoration project...under way



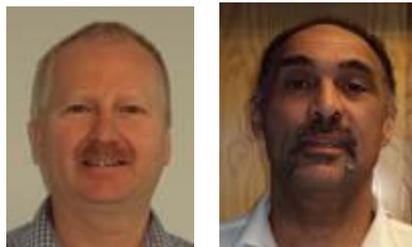
A £2.6 million restoration project of one of the area's most historic stately homes, Sewerby Hall and Gardens, described as the jewel in the East Riding's crown, has begun.

In May, the council was successfully awarded just under £1 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to restore the interior of the Grade I Listed hall to how it would have been in the year 1900.

The council has appointed experienced contractor William Birch and Sons for the first phase of the development. The two-phased development is expected to take around 30 months to complete. Works on phase one include the conversion of the laundry block into two classrooms, a new estate office and visitor orientation room and new toilets in the stable block all under construction.

Chris Birch, Managing Director of William Birch & Sons said: "we are delighted to have been selected as the main contractor for such an exciting project and we look forward to restoring an important part of Bridlington's history for the benefit of the local community and visitors to the area."

Movember!



You may have noticed one or two of the William Birch team sporting moustaches in support of 'Movember', the charity which aims to raise vital funds and awareness of men's health, specifically prostate cancer.

Paul Goyea, Construction Director at William Birch is one of those taking part in the sponsored event by cultivating a handle bar moustache for the month.

Paul said "As an employer with a high percentage of male employees we strongly support the Prostate Cancer Charity and the work it does to raise awareness of the disease. I was desperate to have a shave but I've held out for December so I can raise as much money as possible!" If you would like to sponsor Paul Goyea or Paul Turner then please contact Diana Outing on 01904 411 411 or by email at info@williambirch.co.uk.