

# WADYS NEWS

*This newsletter should have been issued earlier this year, but we were busy preparing new projects & then world events took over. So, although some of the content is a little bit old we thought we should still issue it to let our customers & supply chain know that we are still operating.*

*Luckily, we had the IT infrastructure in place including MS Office 365 plus MS Teams & The HiHi phone system as advertised on TV making the switch to home working almost seamless for our office-based personnel. As most of our sites have remained open the site staff have been amazing in adapting to the new site conditions.*

*The health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, customers, supply chain and their families has been our primary concern over the past few weeks and we'd like to thank everyone for pulling together at this difficult time.*

*Doug Wady*



*Graham Ward from Willmott Dixon and Doug Wady*

## WILLMOTT DIXON'S LEGACY AWARD GOES TO....

We were very proud to receive this prestigious award at Willmott Dixon's Supply Chain Event in November. This award was given for the investment we put into apprenticeships and the school visits by Dan Allison with Willmott Dixon.

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK 2020

During 3rd to 7th February Wadys celebrated National Apprenticeship Week 2020 on social media by sharing a little history, and some of the current apprentices that we are training. As a company we have been providing apprenticeships and working with Bedford College and others since 1961, and over the last 60 years we have trained in excess of 40 apprentices.

We are delighted to welcome Matthew Sampson and Rory Aldridge as they begin their apprenticeship with us, both are in their first year studying a City & Guilds Level 3 NVQ Electrotechnical Qualification. Matthew is studying at Bedford College and Rory at Oaklands College. Rory has also been working at Oaklands College on a new student accommodation project that we undertaking for Willmott Dixon so his college assessors have not needed to travel very far for their on site assessments.



Matt



Rory

## NEW PROJECTS SNAP SHOT

Last year was a bit quiet for us but this year we have some lovely projects now started:

**Educational** – New Primary School at St Neots, 83 Bed Student accommodation at Oaklands College (M&E) & Classroom extension at Edward Peake school.

**Health** – Medical unit at Bedford Hospital, 55 Bed Care home at Towcester

**Residential** – Just started 60 properties for M Rogersons in Papworth plus just about to start 158 dwellings for Hill Partnerships in Sawston & 55 Flats for Holland Build in Northampton.

**Commercial** – 1 large & 1 very large storage facility. The latter being our largest electrical only project to date.



## EVC INSTALLATION CASE STUDY

Electric Vehicle Chargers have taken off over the last few months and Wadys have worked on a number of Domestic and Commercial properties incl below...

*Case Study - Electric Vehicle Chargers*

### Willmott Dixon EVC Installation

Willmott Dixon now has the provisions to charge 4 electric vehicle's at any one time which are served by 2 stations, each containing 2 outlets. The units are also fitted with the Charge Online feature which allows Willmott Dixon to manage their own EV network from an online portal. From here they are able to manage users, monitor usage, amongst many other features.

Willmott Dixon approached us to install charging stations at their Hitchin office. We worked closely with them and provided a few suitable options from the vast Roace EV range to assist with selection in terms of budget, aesthetics and performance requirements.

*"Wadys produced an efficient quality installation of vehicle chargers in our car park, with advice on funding we gained a £2000 grant towards the installation under the Workplace Charging Scheme."*  
Steven Roberts - Willmott Dixon

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## NEW PPE FOR COVID TIMES

We have been looking at different types of PPE for the safety of our site staff and have purchased some hard hat visors courtesy of Ashe Construction, viral scarfs and to help with social distancing we've added the 2m rule to our hi vis vests.



## WE DON'T LIKE TO MENTION OUR CHARITY WORK BUT...

### NOAHENTERPRISE.ORG - New Opportunities And Horizons

We help Noah by performing Mock interviews and also donated some coats, sleeping bags & money as part of our Christmas gifts amnesty.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE CHANGING

Our two biggest Customers requested donations to food banks they supported instead of the usual Wine & Beer which is usually raffled off for charity.

We think this is a great idea and not sure why we haven't done this before but will continue as the "New Norm"

### SUPPORTING KINGS ARMS PROJECT

Chris, Aaron, Tish and Ashleigh took on Challenge Bedford!

This was a day of exciting activities to help raise as much money as possible towards the work of one of our customers The King's Arms Project.

It was a day of fun and excitement as teams competed in various challenges to win the title and get their team across Bedford in the quickest time.

The competition started at the Pavilion in the Park (Bedford Park) on Friday 5th October 2019 and ended at King's House for an afternoon presentation of the winners.



## END OF YEAR STAFF AWARDS



Our staff meeting took place at the Bedford Blues Rugby club and the following were awarded:

- Best Team.**
- Apprentice of the Year.**
- Site Employee.**
- Best Overall Performance.**
- Engineers Engineer.**
- Backroom Staff.**

Then we all enjoyed a slap up fish & Chip supper. Congratulations to the deserved winners.

