



THE HARRIS PARTNERSHIP

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LIFT OFF FOR BLACKBURN WING

This radical wing shaped building designed to celebrate the achievements of Yorkshire aviation pioneer Robert Blackburn, marks something of a departure for us. Set in a woodland embankment of the Leeds green belt and in context of the Grade II listed Bowcliffe Hall near Bramham, The Blackburn Wing re-imagines the traditional treehouse as a contemporary events venue that creates the extraordinary impression of being suspended inside a wing.



The structure is a simple combination of curved glulam beams encapsulating a space clad in copper, all supported from a steel column and tensile structure below. The wing cantilevers out 30 meters to admire the valley view from some eight meters in the air. A simple yet elegant structure with minimalist materials all designed to age with the surroundings and go some way to putting a local hero finally on the map.

The project had to demonstrate special circumstances to be granted planning

permission in the green belt (largely accredited to the important aviation reference) and its completion in August represents a significant and, hopefully, award-winning achievement for Harris.



Robert Blackburn 1912



The Blackburn Monoplane



WELCOME TO OUR LATEST BLUE SQUARE UPDATE

It has been some time since I could confidently state we're 'back building' with a vengeance with a string of projects on site and many recent project completions to celebrate. It is a sign that market confidence is increasing as evidenced by our strong pipeline of exciting future schemes including an extension to the Civic Quarter at Doncaster for Muse and a similar scheme in Sittingbourne.

This, of course, is our 30th Year in business and it is noticeable how the type and quality of work we do has changed from the early days. Simple "wiggly tin" sheds for industrial and retail markets were the norm back in the 80's!

Today we have complex schemes such as the Meadowhall refurbishment and masterplanning South Shields town centre. Today we operate out of four regional offices; we have specialist interiors and landscape divisions and work nationwide on high profile commercial projects across many sectors.

So what does the future hold? Well, we are investing heavily in Revit technology and many of our projects are expected to be processed in this format over the next few years. We are also strengthening our interiors and presentation arm, Vector, with new appointments as this is a valuable in-house offering for our clients when presenting to planner, prospective tenants and funds. So all to play for.

And since we have all this good news to shout about, we have appointed a new PR manager, Mark Sebright from Imagen PR. Look out for more news articles in the press and online at www.harrispartnership.com



Paul Mitchell
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TOP RETAILERS

FLOCK TO FLEMINGATE

Work has started on the long-awaited £70m commercial element of the Flemingate regeneration scheme in the heart of Beverley near Hull, one of the largest masterplanning schemes that we have worked on and one particularly close to Paul Mitchell's heart.

Client, the Wykeland Group, has already announced that Arcadia, one of the UK's biggest names in retail, is the latest to sign up to the scheme joining Topshop and Topman, H & M, Wilkinson, Premier Inn and the anchor retailer Debenhams on the 10-acre development which is due to be open before Christmas 2015.

Flemingate will also offer a range of restaurants, a five-screen digital cinema complex and multi-storey parking for more than 500 cars alongside the new Beverley campus for the East Riding College and 130 new homes which have already been built on the adjoining residential site.

The development and planning process for this former tannery and chemical works site began way back in 2005, so it is great to see such an important scheme delivered at last, not least for Paul who grew up in Beverley and had his first summer job on the Flemingate site; though he hasn't said exactly what that was!



CLIFTON MOOR PHASE ONE

Phase one of the circa 75,000 sq.ft. £10 million Clifton Moor shopping centre redevelopment at York has been completed with client British Land announcing the new extension is now fully let with tenants including DFS, Oak Furniture Land, JYSK and Wren.

Planning consent has been obtained and works are on site for phase TWO involving refurbishment of existing terrace area and demolition on the existing corner tower area, with completion expected end of November 2014



TESCO OPEN



The new Tesco Sustainable Concept Store format 25 opened on 5th June 2014 in Swaffham.

Having run the gamut of our offices after first being dealt with by Wakefield in 2007, then transferring to Milton Keynes for construction with planning details coordinated by the Reading office. The 36,750sqft store benefits from an expressed hybrid timber and steel frame, full height glazing to the shopfront, larch cladding, rain water harvesting, high efficiency lighting, combined heat and power, and power points for electric cars.

The developers, Millngate Property, have worked with The Harris Partnership on a number of projects in the past and several sites are currently under consideration for development.

ALDI HARLOW ON THE CURVE

This new 16,835sqft Aldi food store opened in July 2014 following an extensive design and planning process in order to deliver the right final design for the site.

This non-standard Aldi store scheme allows for a prominent curved street frontage on a major junction with a crisp clean Anthracite canopy and full-height shopfront glazing sitting well with buff brickwork and rendered panels. The unit incorporates projections and subtractions from the standard rectangular format to provide interest to the external fabric and increases and reductions in building height to emphasis the unit's presence in this prominent location.



THE BEACON PHASE TWO COMPLETE

Following the successful completion of the 2nd Office at The Beacon, Hull, the site has once again been nominated for an award, this time for the Yorkshire insider 'development of the year'.

The building provides just over 10,000sqft of Grade A office accommodation on a key gateway into the City and is a welcome addition to the fast food restaurant and public house at the entrance to the development.

The architectural design intention for the office park element of The Beacon was to create a pedestrian friendly street scene environment.

This is achieved by the careful positioning of the buildings and the treatment of materials used for the new access road and hard/soft landscaping around the proposed buildings.



R-EVOLUTION WINS AWARD

Congratulations to Harworth Estates for winning the recent Yorkshire Insider Commercial Property Deal of the Year category for R-evolution Waverley.

The practice are proud to be involved in a scheme which entails two hi tech employment units providing over 50,000ft² of space we are also involved in masterplanning the remaining land at the Advanced Manufacturing Park (AMP) in the Sheffield City Region.



SELLY OAK



The First Phase of Battery Retail Park, Selly Oak has been completed for client Hammerson and comprises a stand-alone unit, one time B&Q, which has been taken over by Homebase, allowing them to vacate their current unit which is part of a terrace in the upper section of the retail park. The new unit is currently being fitted out for and will be opening on 1st August.

Phase 2 of the project has just commenced, involving moving Currys / PC world from their existing unit into a refurbished, subdivided unit, (3A) and the introduction of Maplins (3b) into the other subdivided unit. Written by John Clow, Reading

FORDTON RETAIL PARK

This former leisure centre site in Warrington has now been transformed to provide the local community with a mixed use hub including state of the art Aldi food store, family pub-restaurant, a drive thru Costa Coffee cafe and three small retail units. Although the units are independent of one another, a considered approach was taken to give proposed buildings a collective appearance, helping to galvanise the development and enhance the overall aesthetics making it a much more inviting destination.

COMPLETED WORKS

Other recently completed jobs include a new 27,000sqft shell for retail giant Tesco in Hoyland, Featuring a timber structural frame to the sales area, extensive glazing to provide increased natural lighting, external timber cladding, sustainable drainage design within the car park and rainwater harvesting all to achieve a BREEAM rating of Very Good.

Aldi works continue with stores at Cardigan Fields Leeds, Lincoln, Batley, Warrington, Oswestry, Fazarkerly, Gateacre, Blackburn, Bury and Harlow recently opening their doors. A new Costa coffee pod in Chester le Street has been recently completed as well as the new shop frontage for Vodaphone at St Stephens, Hull, Magnet Balham and Henry Schein industrial unit, Gillingham.



SOUTH SHIELDS ACHIEVES PLANNING

Planning permission has been granted for the new Market Place and Civic Square in South Shields.

Designed for Muse Developments as part of a wider town centre regeneration master plan, the scheme provides a new civic space with a partial covered market area. The scheme will form part of the first phase of the town centre regeneration scheme, and start on site early in the New Year. Future phases continue to gather momentum and a new bus and rail Interchange is currently being designed for phase two, which will be submitted for planning approval in February 2015.

THP PEOPLE

It's been a busy summer in terms of promotions and new arrivals across the THP group, a strong indicator of how increasingly busy we are nationwide.

Wakefield: Welcomed new Architect Andrew Bissett alongside Architectural Assistant Ross Harrison and Technologist Alex Gray with Amy Taylor joining our accounts department. Chris Ferguson joins Harris Project Management whilst Vector strengthened with the arrival of Interior Designer Andrew Moore, Graphic Designer Alex Morris and Graphic Designer-Sketchup Wizard, James Tasker.

Manchester: Ayesha Sumar joins as Architectural Assistant whilst Architectural Technologist Anthony Hodgkinson joins us this October.

Milton Keynes: Welcomes Architect Justin Griffiths, Architectural Technician Peter Wiltshier, Architectural Assistants Karen Lee and Jayesh Patel and Junior Architectural Technicians Emma Thurston and Christopher Wood.

Reading: Congratulations to Iain Church on his promotion to Associate. We also welcome Architectural Technician Ayo Dahunsi, Architectural Assistants John Griffin and Melek D'Alonzo, Junior Technician David Dawson and new secretary Ruth Brockley, whilst Senior Quantity Surveyor James Murtagh has joined Harris Partnership Management.

COMPETITION WINNERS



For this issue we have launched a new photo competition and **Simon Lawson** (Wakefield) is the overall winner with this entertaining picture of an employee taken on the opening of the new Aldi store at Kirkstall Road, Leeds. Simon has this month become a dad for the third time so the hundred pound cash prize will be gratefully received. An additional prize has also been awarded to **John Clow** (Reading) for his thorough set of information and photos of our recently completed scheme at Selly Oak which is featured within the newsletter.

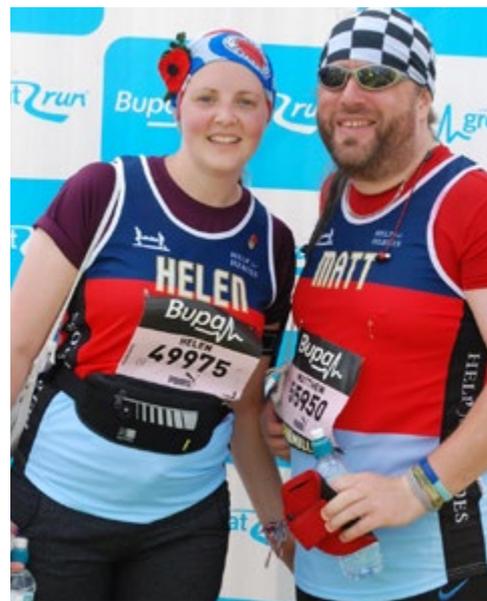
30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Staff from Wakefield and Manchester got together at the end of August for a 'knees up' to celebrate our 30th birthday at The Tetley, the centre for contemporary art and learning in the stunning art deco headquarters of the former Tetley Brewery in Leeds.

A great evening was had by all with excellent barbecue, drinks flowing and the band playing great hits, giving the opportunity for some to show off their best moves, however unwise!. Highlight of the evening? Easy; our founder John Harris giving a typically modest speech with Paul and Mike at his side.



HELEN'S GREAT NORTH RUN



Following our successful 25km Grand Union Challenge walk raising over £1000 between four of us for Help for Heroes, we were looking for a new challenge. Yet, in hindsight, I think we needed our heads seeing to when we signed up to take part in the Great North Run for Help for Heroes with only 8 weeks to go.

Training was going well until I got Shin Splints. I was unable to run for three weeks and with just two weeks to go and with heavily taped up legs, I restarted my training. I finished the course in 3hrs7 and my fiancé completed in 2hrs28. We had a great day, despite the sunburn. We have currently raised £370 for a great cause and I am still accepting donations on my Justgiving page www.justgiving.com/Helen-SmithGNR/.

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PROJECT REVISITED

DÉJÀ VU IN IMMINGHAM

The refurbishment of a former Gateway store in Immingham is a bit of a 'back to the future' moment for THP. This was the first supermarket the practice was commissioned to build almost 25 years ago, then for Gateway before being acquired by the Cooperative. Now we're back in our 30th year to transform it into a new Aldi.



Gateway Store 1987



Proposed Aldi 2014