



L-R Tony Horsman, Morfitts, Andy Clarkson, Shepherd Construction, Chris White, Morfitts

WORKING AGAIN WITH UNITE

Shouksmiths and Morfitts have been selected to deliver a £500,000 'complete package' building services contract for the UK's leading student accommodation provider UNITE at Arch Bar, Manchester. Working with main contractor Shepherd Construction, this is the third project the company has worked on for UNITE, following the successful completion of The Plaza and Concept House developments in Leeds.

The five-storey, timber-framed building will provide 119 rooms for students at Manchester's universities as well as parking and a cycle storage area. Shouksmiths and Morfitts will be installing the full range of M&E services to the building, including lighting, emergency lighting, fire alarm, small power, CCTV and door entry systems. Also included in the project is the installation of ventilation, hot and cold water above ground drainage, an air source heat pump assisted hot water system and a low light loss external light scheme, all of which help with the buildings' BREAAAM rating.

Paul Baldwin, Morfitts' Divisional Director, said: "Our 'complete package' service enables us to deliver a skilled and fully integrated team, providing one point of contact for the client and a seamless approach to the whole project. This, coupled with our experience on the two previous UNITE projects, and our positive attitude with all parties including the main contractor and other sub-contractors, is proving invaluable to the successful completion of the Arch Bar contract."

Colin Sargeant, Shepherd Construction's managing director for the East Division commented: "We're pleased to be working with Shouksmiths and Morfitts especially as the company has the level of experience within the university sector that will ensure the right quality of building services are delivered."

The £4 million scheme is due for completion in July 2011. ■

NEW CONTRACTS MANAGER APPOINTED FOR YORK DIVISION

Shouksmiths' York Division has expanded its team with the appointment of John Goodall as Contracts Manager. Working closely with David Shouksmith and Phil Haigh, John will be responsible for the successful delivery of projects within the York Division including the company's current work on decent homes and social housing for a range of companies.

John has been involved in the building services industry since leaving school. Following completion of his plumbing/heating engineer apprenticeship, John went on to work on a wide range of projects in the domestic, commercial and industrial sectors.

Keith Bradley, York Division Director said: "We are delighted to welcome John to Shouksmiths and the Team in York. His experience and knowledge will be an asset to the company as we consolidate and enhance the management skills required to ensure we continue to deliver projects on time and within budget for our clients." ■

L-R John Goodall, David Shouksmith and Phil Haigh





SHOUKSMITHS

WELCOME

Thank you for taking time out from your busy schedule to read our publication 'Spectrum'. Twice a year we aim to keep you up-to-date with the types of projects we are capable of undertaking for you, and presenting examples of our work from across all our Divisions. We also aim to provide comment and information on a number of industry topics covering such areas as sustainability, training, industry trends and new innovations.

Another ongoing feature is our 'meet the guys who make it happen' section where we introduce to you in each edition an employee from one of our Divisions, and give you a flavour of their role in the business. In this issue however political correctness has caught up with us as on the opposite page we highlight our Estimator in Bolton, Hayley Booth – definitely not a guy. Sorry Hayley, but you know what we mean!

Please enjoy 'Spectrum', and as ever please contact either me or any member of the Senior Management Team on any topic you would like more information on. ■

Regards

John Miller
Managing Director



NEW PROJECTS FOR STRATA

A Strata street scene

Shouksmiths' Sheffield Division is hard at work on three new sites for leading property company Strata, namely the 'Mistral' development, Retford, the 'Time' development, Barnsley and the 'Impression' development in Huddersfield.

Utilising its considerable experience of domestic housing work, Shouksmiths is installing all the plumbing services to a range of new two to five bedroom homes on the projects, in contracts worth a total of £1.2 million. In addition to the traditional features of the work, a number of the properties on the Mistral site include the

installation of solar water heating and rainwater harvesting systems.

Keith Bradley, Sheffield Division Director, said: "We have rapidly established our reputation for delivering high quality work on projects such as this for Strata, where quality, timeframes, budgets and customer satisfaction are critical to both our and our client's success. Running three projects at the same time allows us to retain a nucleus of operatives who become familiar with these house types and further ensures efficiencies without compromising quality." ■



SHOUKSMITHS' REFRIGERATION

In addition to carrying out air conditioning and refrigeration installations associated with a variety of buildings, our Refrigeration Division has a significant involvement in the service and maintenance of this specialist equipment, which also covers retail refrigerant cooling cabinets and cold rooms.

Air conditioning equipment inspections, as

defined by current legislation, are also carried out by the Division. Accredited through the industry body REFCOM, all our employees carry the latest qualifications in refrigerant handling.

If you would like further information about our services, please contact Ken Green on kgreen@shouksmiths.co.uk or call 0113 397 0580. ■

TRAINING UPDATE



NATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES

SummitSkills, the sector skills council for our industry, has launched a National Skills Academy for Environmental Technologies, supported by funding from both Government and the industry itself.

The Academy will work with industry and training providers to ensure that companies who operate in new sustainable areas and technologies have access to an appropriately skilled and trained workforce. Areas covered include such things as the installation and maintenance of photovoltaic panels, ground source heat pumps and bio-mass systems.

It is proposed that during the first five years the Academy aims to deliver a significant number of training courses operated via specialist training 'hubs' and accredited training providers throughout England. ■



NEW QS FOR YORK AND SHEFFIELD

David M Turner has been appointed as Quantity Surveyor, covering both the company's York and Sheffield Divisions. David brings to the business 22 years experience in a variety of sectors that the company operates in. In addition to being responsible for all the quantity surveying requirements, David will also be responsible for the more technical duties on contract law and contract

conditions to help develop and enhance the company's risk management systems.

David said: "I am delighted to be joining Shouksmiths at such an important time in their development, and am looking forward to working with the teams in York and Sheffield. Whilst times are still challenging, the expertise, knowledge and value for money Shouksmiths offers its clients gives the company a solid foundation and I am looking forward to contributing to its continued development and growth." ■

MEET THE GUYS WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN



**Hayley Booth,
Estimator, Shouksmiths'
North West Division**

Hayley began working in the construction industry straight from school, when she took a job as an apprentice and studied Business Administration and then Building Studies at Bolton College on day release.

Joining Shouksmiths in 2007, Hayley plays an integral role in the North West Division Team, working with Contracts Manager Carl Turner and Division Director Michael Draper to prepare estimates and tenders for a wide range of clients throughout the region. Once contracts are awarded, Hayley also works with colleagues and suppliers on the materials lists she has devised for each particular project.

Hayley said: "Working for Shouksmiths has enabled me to grow and develop new skills not only in estimating but other areas of the company. Every day brings new challenges, on the estimates, tendering and also the ongoing contracts. One of the most rewarding aspects of the role is developing a good rapport and positive relationship with the main contractors and working as part of a team to deliver a great service."

Away from work, Hayley enjoys spending time at home on the outskirts of Bolton with her partner Craig and their three year old daughter Lily-ann. Going on family day trips and going out with friends fills any spare time she has, until Monday morning appears again! ■

NEW CLIENT FOR NORTH WEST DIVISION



Artist's
impression of
Radcliffe Park

Russells Construction, based in Manchester, has appointed Shouksmiths' North West Division to carry out the mechanical works on a new build, residential development in Salford. The six figure contract is due to commence in May on the projects' 62 apartments and 17 town houses. The work consists of installing the plumbing and heating services, plus whole house ventilation systems to the town houses, sanitary ware, water tanks and booster pumps to the apartments.

Michael Draper, Divisional Director of Shouksmiths' North West Division said: "We are delighted to have been selected to work on this new contract for Russells Construction. Our expertise in designing and installing sustainable solutions such as the whole house ventilation systems, plus our ability to meet the tight timescales demanded by such a project and our commitment to providing great value for money will all prove invaluable in our delivery of this contract." ■

MORFITTS' MAINTENANCE SERVICES SECURES NEW CONTRACTS



With over 50 years experience across a broad range of sectors, Morfitts' Maintenance Services offers the complete package of planned preventative and reactive maintenance throughout the life time of a building services installation. The service covers all heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, water treatment and electrical systems, plus offers a 24 hour emergency call out service. To compliment the maintenance team, there is also a Minor Works section, carrying out day to day reactive plumbing works along with small to medium sized projects.

The Division has recently secured new long term contracts for a number of leisure and retail outlets, including one for The Rank Group PLC, which it has worked with for a number of years delivering a range of maintenance services to their casino and bingo clubs across the country.

For a free consultation and quotation, contact Morfitts' Maintenance Services Manager, Mark Hannam on mhannam@morfitts.co.uk or call 0113 397 0500. ■

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS PROJECT FOR MORFITTS



Morfitts has started work on the new archive building at the University of Leeds, in a design and build M&E contract valued at £550,000. The prestigious new building will be shared with Marks & Spencer, which was started in Leeds more than 125 years ago, and will permanently house both M&S' full Company Archive and future expansion space for collections from the University library.

Working with the main contractor, Miller Construction, Morfitts' work comprises the plant room equipment, the full installation within the University archive, and the provision of services connections to the M&S section of the building. The design for Morfitts work requires that extremely tight environmental conditions within the archive

building are maintained covering both temperature and humidity. A further design requirement is that if the building is affected by a major loss of energy supply, the environmental conditions within the archive rooms themselves must be maintained for a period of 48 hours, with very little tolerance being allowed.

The project in sustainability terms is designed to give an excellent BREEAM rating for the building, and the M&E services contribute towards this rating with a gas fired CHP system, 120kw propane chiller, photovoltaic panels and other energy saving devices.

The building is scheduled to be complete by mid Summer 2011. ■

SUSTAINABILITY - THE GOVERNMENT'S AGENDA

With heating, lighting and cooling in buildings being responsible for some 60% of the nation's carbon emissions, the Government is looking to the built environment to contribute substantially to the UK's achievement of zero carbon status by 2060.

Government places significant importance on this target, not only for environmental reasons but also considering long term concerns over the provision and security of the nation's energy supply. These aims towards low and zero carbon technologies will be the subject of increasing focus in the years ahead and the Government is supporting its aims by the introduction of tighter building regulations.

Government has also introduced two further initiatives.

■ **The Green Deal Initiative** – which is expected to come into effect in the autumn of 2012, and is designed to fund energy and efficiency improvements in residential and commercial buildings by allowing customers to pay for the work through their energy bills across a 20 year period.

■ **The Renewable Heat Incentive** – this aims to increase the use of renewable technologies in heat generation from the current level of 1% to 12% by 2020. Government is currently considering the financial support it will give to this scheme and will further consider the benefits to building owners in terms of 'feed in' tariffs that will be available via the scheme.

If you would like further information about these items, please visit www.mech-elec.org.uk ■

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