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Notes from the Managing Director

February 2021 has marked a seismic shift in management of Taylor Lewis. After 10 years at the helm, both Steve Foxon and Ben Couch passed the reins via a Management Buy Out to myself and Anthony Bassett. The first 8 months of this new regime have flown by, but as I look back over this period to see what has already been achieved; we have made great progress; an organisational restructure; a new Business Development and Marketing team appointed; rapid growth of our fire barrier team; and an office refurbishment!

Whilst Steve and Ben remain in Director roles, I wish to thank them for everything they have done for Taylor Lewis over the last 10 years. The business is in a very strong position as we move forward to the next chapter. Our Business Plan for the next five years centres around our current client relationships, making sure that they are as strong as ever as well as looking at new opportunities within the sector. The governments decarbonisation agenda is key for us at Taylor Lewis. We are creating new departments which will consist of Retrofit Co-ordinators, Retrofit Assessors and Building Surveyors to ensure that we can offer our clients expert advice in helping them achieve their carbon reduction targets and improvements in energy efficiency of their existing housing stock.

As a final note, I would just like to thank all the staff at Taylor Lewis. Their commitment and energy that I have seen through these difficult times has been exemplary. Every single member of the team, including those who have joined us through the Pandemic has contributed to the continued successful growth of Taylor Lewis and I am excited to be working with such an amazing group of people.



Charity Partners

Our partnership with our charitable partner the British Heart Foundation has now come to an end. We teamed up with BHF in 2018 and you have all played an amazing role in raising an incredible **£16,355** for this wonderful charity.

We recently invited our Team to nominate the charities they would most like Taylor Lewis to support this year. No easy task normally, however, given the last year it was even more difficult than normal.

This year, we've decided to partner with a national and a local charity, to help support and raise awareness for their amazing work. We look forward to supporting them both on our fundraising adventures over the next year.



Harry the Heart's travels!



Charity Fundraising evening at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter



Carole, Ant, Olivia and Sarah gave up chocolate for one whole month to raise money for the British Heart Foundation



To kick off the fundraising 15 of the TL Team are doing a sponsored Skydive in May 2022 for Hospiscare, please head to our fundraising page to find out more <https://www.justgiving.com/team/taylorlewisskydivechallenge>



35 donation bags given to the BHF Exeter store this week

Brabazon Phase 1, Filton Airfield

Works started on site with the clearance, in part, of the existing runway which is still in place today to the areas identified for the future phases. YTL have worked to ensure the material gained from the excavated runway is used in site civil engineering works.

Bromford have worked with YTL to secure the 46Nr Affordable dwellings, comprising Shared Ownership and Social Rented tenures. The design of the 18Nr houses include high ceilings and a vaulted ceiling together with premium building and finishing materials constructed in a modern, unconventional, appearance with subtle façade detail features. The 28Nr apartments are located in a single 5-storey block, one of the largest new build schemes for Bromford, which includes a community heating system.

YTL have worked with Fielden Clegg Bradley Studios to masterplan and detail this exciting scheme and Taylor Lewis are excited to be acting in the role of Employer's Agent for Bromford on this first Phase. This scheme recently won a Bristol Property Award.



YTL Developments
YTL GROUP

Bromford.



Second phase of new homes handed over at Jurston Fields in Wellington

The second phase of the affordable homes at the development in Wellington has been formally handed over to LiveWest.

LiveWest joined forces with developer CG Fry & Son to deliver 50 affordable homes on the current phase of this development. To date 19 affordable homes are occupied by LiveWest residents, with the remaining affordable homes due to be completed late autumn and winter.



Former Yeovil school transformed into housing

Leading housing provider Stonewater developed Park Gardens on land which was previously home to Park Junior School.

The new 24-home scheme has transformed the run-down plot after the old Park Junior buildings fell derelict following the school's move to the former Chilton Cantelo School, near Ilchester, in 2018.

Supported by £1 million Homes England funding, Park Gardens is a mix of flats and houses for affordable rent and shared ownership.

The scheme features a restored decorative wrought iron gate, private gardens, communal areas and parking for residents.



Stonewater worked in partnership with South Somerset District Council, building contractors Winsley White Ltd, surveyors Taylor Lewis and architects Boon Brown on the development.

Park Gardens comprises six two-bedroom flats, six two-bedroom and two three-bedroom houses for affordable rent, along with four two-bedroom and six three-bedroom houses for shared ownership.



Few recognise the challenges that the country faces in meeting the net zero commitment by 2050. We have worked on a number of retrofit schemes including the early Energiesprong pilot projects. To bolster our experience with industry leading qualifications, 3 of our senior team are currently studying at the National Retrofit Academy to be Level 5 accredited Retrofit Coordinators.

Acting on behalf of Coastline Housing Taylor Lewis assisted with the delivery of a total of 71 units on a green field site on the outskirts of Bodmin. The project completed in the heart of Cornwall by Vistry Partnerships will provide housing for local people consisting of 19 shared ownership, 14 rent to buy and 33 affordable rented properties.



Coastline
housing



Twenty new faces



Ben Griffiths
Technical Advisor



Chris McDermott
Technical Advisor



Clare Gwilliam
Project Administrator



Dan Singleton
Senior Technical Advisor



Alison McKenzie
Project Administrator



Guy Gagen
Technical Advisor



Gary Walsh
Technical Advisor



Helen Manning
Business Development & Marketing Coordinator



Jake Lloyd
Surveyor



Dani Barr
Senior Surveyor



Marc Fox
Senior Surveyor



Amelia Kubaczka
Project Administrator



Tom Spencer
Technical Advisor



Troy Abraham
Trainee Surveyor



Philip Brown
Technical Advisor



Dean Farnell
Technical Advisor



Grant Dymond
Graduate Surveyor



James Kingham
Technical Advisor



Michelle Harris
Project Administrator



Jules Phillips
Business Development Director

We were proud to have been shortlisted for two Exeter Property Awards

Taylor Lewis are finalists in the Civic Development category for our Fire Safety Projects and as Consultancy of the Year. The awards celebrate excellence within the sector across the Exeter area.



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But there's always something to learn, we've got recommendations and an action plan so that we can keep making changes, keep improving and keep moving forward.

Building Safer Future Charter

Taylor Lewis are pleased to become a Registered Signatory of the Building Safer Future Charter. We recognise that becoming a Registered Signatory is an important first step towards achieving the culture and behavioural change required in relation to the Charter's objectives around building safety.



LABC Award

The Quintrell Downs, Newquay site team proudly receiving LABC Warranty's Bricks Site Award on behalf of Mi-space and Coastline Housing.



Conversations with... Jules Phillips

Where were you born ?
Born and bred in Exeter

Tell us a little about your career path
I was given the chance to be an apprentice carpenter studying at Exeter College and "working in the trade" with Exeter City Council back in 1989! I was trained locally, and still work locally. I'm proud to have continued my career in Construction.

Did you always want to work in construction?
I had a real passion for woodwork so obtaining good grades in carpentry and joinery proved important. At the time, apprenticeships were under the YTS scheme, and offered some great opportunities so were very popular. You have to build your portfolio



brick by brick – whether through qualifications experience or networking.

Why did you want to join Taylor Lewis ?
I wanted to join a company with a great reputation in the marketplace, and a major bonus is working with some fantastic people!

If you could choose one other profession, what would it be?
I was quite a reasonable football player back in the day and was lucky enough to be part of the Exeter City Youth Team. So, it would have to be a professional football player!

What is your favourite building?
Everton's new football stadium!

What are you passionate about?
I'm passionate about making an actual difference. My best memory was working for the first year in the joinery workshop on Marsh Barton, with a team of joiners,

making windows and doors for installation at local council buildings. Carrying out the repairs and insulating the residents' homes gave me a sense of pride that I had made a difference and could see them enjoying their existing homes with new eyes. Few industries truly make a difference within the community, but the construction sector is one of those sectors.

What's your favourite ride at a theme park?
The bus journey home!

What would your entrance theme song be?
Happy by Pharrell Williams.





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All profits to **COMBAT STRESS**
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Away Afternoon

This years Away Afternoon in July was an active affair. Colleagues donned wetsuits and rashies to kayak and paddleboard from the Quay down the River Exe.

Once colleagues had dried off they made their way to the Double Locks for some much needed refreshments and face to face catch ups which after the past 16 months was a bit of a novelty!



Gina 30 Years

3 decades ago on 9th June 1991 Gina started her career journey with Taylor Lewis. Every company strives to have a "Gina" with an abundance of positive vibes, dedication and the confidence to get things done in a flawless manner.



Meet baby Lyla

Huge congratulations to Abbi and Adam on the safe arrival of baby Lyla. Born on 14 May weighing 7lbs 5oz.

Mum and daughter both doing brilliantly and look forward to coming in soon for cuddles!

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Jake and Georgi who have tied the knot at Tortworth Court in the Cotswolds on 21 August 2021.



Farewell

At the end of September we wished a fond farewell to our dear colleague Carole Smith who retires from the Taylor Lewis Family.



Robin turns 40

Celebrations were in order to mark this birthday milestone for Robin



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