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Notes from the CEO

Over the past year, Taylor Lewis has persistently pursued its mission to support the creation of sustainable, affordable housing and enhance the safety of the built environment. We've been busy reinventing the way we deliver some of our services to give our clients the best experience possible.



Despite the lack of clear support from our current Chancellor regarding the housing industry's essential needs and the unresolved issues of building safety and energy efficiency, we remain optimistic about the future. Our newly revamped Property Services Department is preparing to provide our Retrofit, Building Safety, and Stock Condition services nationwide, further solidifying our position as one of the leading consultants in the South West for advice on asset maintenance.

Our Surveying Team continues to expand. This year, we have opened a new office in Birmingham and are broadening our presence across South Wales and the Midlands. Our surveying team have also collected a few awards this year on projects we have been involved in, which further demonstrates the talent that we possess.

Our values continue to be the secret ingredient in our recipe for success. The team's stellar performance over the last year has been absolutely inspiring, with each member playing a vital role in our collective achievements. We are incredibly proud of the progress we have made, all thanks to our talented and hardworking team.

But it's not all work and no play! We have also made a big splash with our charitable initiatives this year. Hosting sponsored walks, golf days and our marquee event - 'It's a Knockout' day, all in support of various charitable causes. These events have not only allowed us to give back to the community but also brought our team closer together, building a sense of unity and purpose.

Here's to another year of growth, innovation, and making a difference, both in our industry and our community.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Robin Jackson
Chief Executive Officer

Ty Croes, Barry



A new housing development at the site of the former Crossways Methodist Church in partnership with Vale of Glamorgan Council and N J Hughes Construction Ltd was handed over in the autumn. This development offers 15 new homes for affordable rent, built to the highest energy efficiency rating EPC A to keep environmental impact low and energy bills affordable for residents in the long-term. The scheme received funding from the Welsh Government Social Housing Grant Programme to address the local housing needs in the area.

224 Youth Zone, South Bristol



In the summer it was great to see the progress of the 224 Youth Zone in South Bristol, being built on the land adjacent to Hartcliffe Way. 224 will open in Spring 2026, providing a dedicated, inclusive, and inspirational space for thousands of young people in South Bristol to feel safe, be themselves, and reach their full potential. Once finished, the state-of-the-art facility will provide thousands of young people with access to high quality youth work, sports, creative activities, skills development and wellbeing support, all under one roof. The site is being built with partners OnSide and Galliford Try, using £8.8m from the government's Youth Investment Fund, as well as contributions from Bristol City Council and St James' Place Charitable Foundation.



Ground breaking community-led development



We are delighted to be working in partnership with Brighter Places, Marshfield Community Land Trust Limited (MCLT) and Winsley White Building Contractors & Developers Ltd, on this rural exception site. The is made up of 10 social rent properties and 5 shared ownership homes. This scheme was led by a community initiative to deliver a small number of homes to meet an identified housing need. The homes are highly sustainable, using air source heat pumps to provide heating, and the affordable homes have been built to certified Passivhaus standards ensuring low energy bills for the future residents.



New homes in East Taphouse

Over the summer we saw the first aerial look at a development of 22 affordable homes in East Taphouse, Cornwall. Working with our partners Coastline Housing and Sureflow Building Services to deliver high quality homes that make a real difference. We are looking forward to seeing these plans come to life over the coming months.

Former Royal Manor Arts College

Royal Manor Place project has delivered 41 new modular homes on the redevelopment of the former Royal Manor Arts College. Working with Magna to deliver 27 homes for rent, featuring one, two, three and four bedrooms, and 14 two and three-bedroom homes available to buy through shared ownership. Modules are constructed off-site by partners Rollalong in controlled environments, reducing waste and maximising material efficiency.

The project has benefited from a £4.6m grant from Homes England, which specified the use of modern methods of construction, and £410,000 from Dorset Council.



New homes for local residents

The Corsley Heath development, consists of eight properties. Five of these are designated for social rent, while the remaining three are available for shared ownership. These homes were constructed using modern methods of construction by contractor Rollalong. Site preparation, including groundworks, was carried out by principal contractor Fisher and Dean.



We were delighted to join our partners in October to celebrate the official naming of Maud Davies Close. This naming honours her legacy and her connection to the village, celebrating Corsley's heritage while recognising her role in preserving its history.



New homes in Aberdare

Families have begun settling into their new homes at Gerddi'r Maes Bach in Aberdare, signaling an exciting new chapter for this community. The 15 four-bedroom homes were purchased by Trivallis last year after the original developer went into administration. Since then, the properties have been fully completed and upgraded to meet Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS), with assistance from PEC Project.



Ensuring your properties are compliant

Taylor Lewis offers independent Fire Risk Assessments and Fire Door Inspections to the following sectors:

- Industrial
- Office
- Retail
- Residential

At Taylor Lewis we understand that each sector has its own challenges but there is one goal – to make the buildings work for the people that use them. Our award winning team conducts comprehensive FRA surveys to ensure your property meets safety regulations. Trust Taylor Lewis for reliable fire door services that prioritise compliance and protection for your tenants and assets. Taylor Lewis brings 30 plus years of expertise across fire safety, project management, building surveying, energy assessment, and retrofit works. We can manage remedial programmes on your behalf using our trusted installers.

- ✓ Certified Experts with proven industry experience
- ✓ Detailed FRA Reports aligned with UK legislation
- ✓ Tenant-Focused Protection
- ✓ Transparent, Professional Service


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property services team



If Carlsberg did office views..!

Some of the Taylor Lewis Team have been travelling to the Isles of Scilly, to work on a project with Cornwall Rural Housing Association Limited.

Awaab's Law

In October a significant milestone for renters and landlords across the UK as Awaab's Law officially came into force. This vital legislation ensures that tenants will no longer have to endure unsafe living conditions caused by damp and mould. Registered Providers are now legally required to address these issues within strict timeframes,

"Awaab's Law Phase 1 has only just become Law (27 October 2025) and as a company we are already considering the impact of Phase 2 and how we may be able to assist our clients.

So, is this also about damp and mould?

No, it isn't, it is about much more!"

Rob Wakeham MCoS, BSc (Hons), FRI, FSI, FSI
Associate and Head of Technical

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safeguarding the health and wellbeing of residents. At Taylor Lewis, we understand the challenges this new law poses to property owners and managers. Our expert team is ready to support clients by carrying out thorough damp and mould inspections in your rented properties. With our detailed assessments and actionable reports, you can ensure compliance with Awaab's Law and provide safe, healthy homes for your tenants.

Recognised in Top 150 Consultants

We are delighted to have been recognised in the Building Magazine Top 150 Consultants for the third year running. Taylor Lewis continues to champion a people-first approach to business under the leadership of Robin Jackson and Ant Bassett.



"From the outset of my career, I've believed that the success or failure of any business ultimately hinges on its people. They are, without question, our most valuable asset. At Taylor Lewis, our strategy is rooted in restoring employee morale, nurturing a strong corporate culture, and genuinely engaging our team in shaping the future. These principles are central to our continued growth and success."

Ant Bassett - Managing Director

Regeneration award winners

We are delighted to announce that in November Plymouth Community Homes (PCH) won the Best Regeneration Project (501+ homes) Inside Housing Development Award for the North Prospect regeneration which completed in September 2024. The £130m, 12-year scheme was shortlisted for the award earlier this year in recognition of the incredible impact this regeneration has had in transforming an entire community of Plymouth. We are proud to have acted as Employers Agent on Phases 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The Inside Housing award win is the second major honour for the North Prospect regeneration this year, with the scheme scooping the Best Project and Best in Region awards at the regional Royal Town and Planning Institute Awards in June.



Team achievements

Huge congratulations to Tom and Dean on successfully achieving their Level 4 Diploma in Fire Risk Assessments. Dean, who is also a qualified firefighter now exemplifies hands-on firefighting experience with advanced risk assessment skills meaning he is covering both prevention and response. As part of the TL Team we are proud to have such dedicated professionals leading the charge in protecting people and property!



Stephanie has officially passed her Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) chartership. A well deserved milestone and recognition of her hard work and dedication.



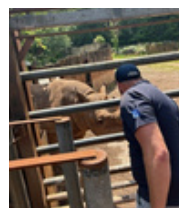
Ben has successfully completed his second year at university earning the right to now proudly call himself our Trainee Surveyor.



Rob Wakeham has achieved IMAPS status becoming an Incorporated Member of the Association for Project Safety. This professional qualification recognises Rob's commitment and expertise in design, and construction health and safety, especially in CDM-related responsibilities. It's a testament to his dedication to raising standards and helping create safer spaces across the built environment.

Giving back locally

Back in August two enthusiastic teams from the Cornwall office rolled up their sleeves to volunteer with our Charity of the Year, Cornwall Hospice Care. Whilst learning about the vital work the charity does both teams brought energy, passion and a flair for visual merchandising and supporting the Wadebridge and Truro shops where needed. It was a day of learning, lending hands, and making a difference for a truly inspiring cause.



On a warm summers day some of the Team helped move many wheelbarrows of sand, undertook the essential task of nettle pruning in the giraffe enclosure and cleared mountains of chippings ready for Mani the rhino to sleep on! Paignton Zoo's passion and dedication go way beyond daily care; they play a vital role in wildlife conservation, safeguarding endangered species, and protecting our planet's future. We look forward to more opportunities to support their community and make a positive impact.

Corporate Social Responsibility

As part of our ongoing commitment to Corporate and Social Responsibility and in the spirit of making a #positiveimpact we are proud to have provided the matchday kits again for Helston Athletic Grasshoppers U16s and Tregorrick Youth Football club U14s Girls this season.



Managing Director Anthony Bassett who also plays a key role in the coaching teams, shared: "Supporting grassroots football in Cornwall is something we're passionate about. We know many clubs face real challenges in funding kits and equipment, so we're glad to help where we can".



In addition, for the second consecutive season, we are delighted to have supplied equipment for the Rockbeare Rockets FC. Supporting young players at the grassroots level is something we truly value, and it's been fantastic to see the Rockets grow in confidence and skill over the past few years.

All teams have made a great start to their seasons, we are cheering you on and hope the new kits and equipment bring continued success throughout your seasons!



#grassrootsfootball



New Additions

We extend a warm welcome to our new members to the #TLTeam.



Retrofit Compliance Administrator
 Alice Bjerregaard



Retrofit Compliance Administrator
 Lauren Brown



Project Coordinator
 Chanel Morrison



Project Coordinator
 Szilvia Tucker



Project Coordinator
 Petra Bright



Building Safety Compliance Administrator
 Mark Kiley



Best Team Finalists

Well we didn't win at the Networking Networking The Notty's but Jules and H did become gloriously, fabulously, undeniably FINALISTS! We are over the moon that they proudly represented Taylor Lewis -thanks to a mystery nominator!

Reaching the finalist stage - we are told was no small achievement.

- 700 nominations
- 400 applications
- 15 awards
- 15 brilliant sponsors
- 380 people in the room

Huge congratulations for being recognised.



Inaugural Summit

In November the full TL Team came together for a Strategy Afternoon, uniting colleagues from across the UK into one room. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on our progress, share updates, promotions, and reaffirm our commitment to delivering the highest standards across all of our divisions and projects.

Our core TL Values guided every conversation:

Experts - bringing deep knowledge and proven expertise to every interaction, ensuring confident guidance and insight

Honest - communicating with openness and integrity

Trustworthy - earning confidence through consistency, reliability, and doing what we say we will do

Respect - valuing every individual and every partnership



Quality - holding ourselves to the highest standards, delivering excellence in every detail and outcome.

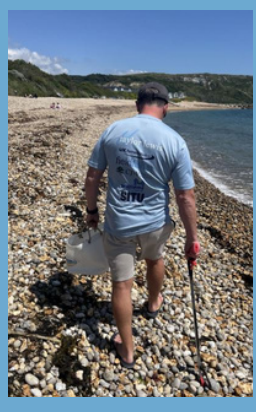
An afternoon of alignment and inspiration as we look ahead to 2026 and beyond!

Charity Roundup




An incredible achievement from everyone and those breathtaking views looks like it made every mile worth it. A perfect blend of challenge and beauty! Ant walking 14 miles alongside the incredible Coastline Housing Crew as they tackled their Marathon Challenge with heart and determination. Truly a journey to remember!



Huge congratulations to Nicholas Mullen and his Team of friends, family and corporate supporters for battling all of the weather elements the South West threw at them back in the Summer in support of Charlie's Beach School in Exmouth.

An incredible achievement walking 101 miles from Dorset to Devon, in honour of Charlie and raising £10,000 for this fantastic charity!

Celebrating the Golf Day's 20th year, Jules and H were incredibly proud to announce that along with the rest of the committee they raised over £20,000 to support the exceptional care and compassion provided by Hospiscare. This money will make a meaningful difference to support families in our community who need it most. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and helped make the day so special. Your generosity and enthusiasm continue to make a real difference.

Here's to great golf, great company, and an even greater cause.











In October we were delighted to have successfully renewed our Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) Ltd accreditation.



This is a vital reflection of our dedication to Health and Safety standards and provides clients and employees with confidence that we maintain a safe and compliant working environment. Beyond reinforcing our commitment and competence in H&S, it has also played a key role in securing tenders, streamlining operations, and delivering cost efficiencies.

Knockout Delivers Big Smiles



The event brought together 250 people from across the built environment for a day packed with inflatable obstacle courses, quirky costumes, and high-energy challenges designed to strengthen bonds and spark joy beyond the workplace.

The corporate day has become a staple in the Taylor Lewis calendar, growing in scale and spirit each year. What began as an event marking their 30th Anniversary back in 2022 has evolved into a full-blown spectacle of camaraderie, vibrant fancy dress, and meaningful connections.

Teams were encouraged to step out of their usual roles and dive into activities that tested agility, communication, and problem-solving. From relay races across inflatable tracks, to navigating the raptor course dressed in sumo type costumes, the challenges were as entertaining as they were effective. Laughter echoed across the field as teams tackled giant slides, wobbly platforms, and water-based puzzles, all while cheering each other on.

Julian House



Beyond the fun and games, the event served a deeper purpose: reinforcing the values that underpin Taylor Lewis' success. "We believe strong teams build strong projects," said Executive Director and Co-owner Anthony Bassett. "This day is about celebrating our people—their resilience, their creativity, and the way they support one another every day."

Huge congratulations to WMS who scooped the winners trophy on the day.



60 seconds with

Andy Jordan

Senior Surveyor



Where were you born?

The good old City of Exeter

Tell us about your career path

I initially pursued a different path at college, but soon realized it wasn't the right career for me. I decided to switch to a construction course at Exeter College, and while studying, I worked in retail as I searched for opportunities in the construction industry. My first role was with Midas Homes, followed by Taylor Lewis, and then Barratt Exeter in its early days. Later, I was invited to return to Taylor Lewis, where I continued to develop my career.

Did you always want to work in construction?

My career journey wasn't something I planned—it simply unfolded this way. After leaving school, I trained as an engineer and still enjoy doing some lathe work and welding as a hobby. I then moved into retail, where I progressed to Department Manager, before eventually finding my way into the construction industry.

Why did you want to join Taylor Lewis?

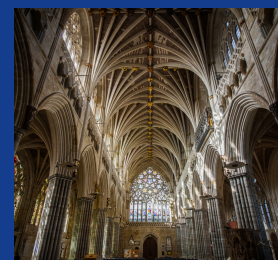
It felt like a welcoming place to work, free from the office politics often found in larger companies, making each day far more enjoyable.

If you could choose one other profession what would it be?

Something in the veterinary field (but my grades were just not good enough!)

What is your favourite building?

As an Exeter born and bred lad it has to be Exeter Cathedral. I've always been in awe of that building and its history.



What is your favourite ride at a theme park?

Probably the Pirate Ship!

What are you passionate about?

The only Exeter City Football Club – The mighty Grecians!

What would your entrance song be?

It's got to be Hue and Cry with their Labour of Love



Inspiring the Next Generation - Class of 2025

In July Building Greater Exeter and its Partners hosted a successful week-long, hands-on learning experience for Year 10 students from Ted Wragg Trust schools, as they took part in the 2025 Construction Work Experience Week. The program, designed as part of the Building Greater Exeter Class of 2025 initiative, aimed to introduce students to the diverse career opportunities in construction and the built environment. Over the course of five days, students had the chance to rotate through a series of practical workshops, team-building activities, site tours, and career talks, all led by industry professionals and educators. During the week, students got to try their hand at a variety of construction skills, including bricklaying, plastering, carpentry, dry lining, and roofing, with sessions provided by New Roots Workshops and Vistry Group. These activities not only gave students valuable hands-on experience but also supported the national effort to address the construction skills shortage and "Get Britain Building." A highlight of the week was the communal bench project, which students worked on together. By Day 3, they had completed the bench, which will be donated by New Roots Academy to Wynstream Primary School. Building Greater Exeter will continue to deliver more construction-focused work experience weeks throughout each upcoming academic year, providing more young people across the region with meaningful insight into the sector.





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