Hub South East Picks Up Scottish Property Award

A major property award has been presented to Hub South East for the Galashiels Transport Interchange.

The £5.2million scheme was named Town Centre Regeneration Project of the Year at the Scottish Property Awards in Glasgow this month and we were proud to celebrate on the night with colleagues from Scottish Borders Council and our supply chain.

Paul McGirk, Chief Executive of Hub South East, said:

“We are delighted to have received this recognition at the Scottish Property Awards, which is a tremendous endorsement for the collective team responsible for delivering the Galashiels Transport Interchange.

“Hub South East is proud of its involvement in delivering this new facility and this award is not only a reflection on the quality of the project, and the impact it has made on the regeneration of the local area, but also underlines the benefits and strength of the Hub model, which has partnership at its core and delivers real community benefits.”

Royal Edinburgh Campus Recognition for Hub South East

The shortlist for the 2016 Partnership Awards was recently announced and we are excited that the Royal Edinburgh Campus project has been recognised in the Best Healthcare Project category.

In its 18th year, these awards celebrate the best in Public Private Partnership Projects, so we are honoured to have been shortlisted for this project with NHS Lothian.

In addition to this, Hub South East nominated NHS Lothian for Procurer of the Year - in recognition of the way the organisation embraces the Hub model and the ethos of partnership working on the Royal Edinburgh Campus project - and this nomination was also shortlisted.

Fingers crossed for the award ceremony in May! We’ll keep you posted in a future issue of Hub News.

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Brief Updates

Blackhall Gym Officially Open

The new gym hall for Blackhall Primary School, delivered by Hub South East in December 2015, was officially opened last month.

Head teacher Arran Finlay was joined by Dr Alasdair Allan, Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland’s Languages and Paralympic silver medallist Sam Ingram at the opening event.

Ms Finlay said: “We are delighted to have this wonderful new gym hall at our primary school, not only for the children and staff, but for the whole Blackhall community. For the first time in many years, we are able to deliver two hours of PE to all of our 450 pupils and we are now able to come together as a whole school for events, which is fantastic. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped to make this happen!”

Prestonpans £2m Health Centre Extension Plans

Final proposals for a £2 million extension and refurbishment of Prestonpans Health Centre have been submitted to East Lothian Council for approval.

The plans will see the building increase in size and will provide purpose-built spaces for patients and staff. As well as reconfiguring the current health centre, the extension will include three new treatment rooms, a community consulting room and two larger health care assistant rooms.

Hub South East is delivering this facility on behalf of NHS Lothian.

ROYAL EDINBURGH TOPPING OUT

A topping out ceremony was held last month to mark a key milestone in the construction of the new £48 million first phase redevelopments at the Royal Edinburgh Campus.

One year after visiting the site to mark the start of construction, Health Secretary, Shona Robison MSP, returned, to celebrate reaching the highest point of the new development.

The vast programme of works at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital campus, which started in January 2015, will see the entire site transformed over the coming years with modern and fit-for-purpose facilities. Phase one redevelopments include new accommodation for the adult acute mental health inpatient service, older people’s mental health assessment, Intensive Psychiatric Care Service (IPCU) and the new Robert Fergusson National Brain Injury Unit.

Representatives from NHS Lothian, Hub South East, and appointed contractor, Morrison Construction, welcomed the Health Secretary. Young apprentice bricklayers, Dean Morton (20) and Martin Boylan (21), were also on hand to discuss their experience of working on site.

There are 16 apprentices gaining valuable training opportunities on the redevelopment, demonstrating that as a Hub project, there are a range of benefits being delivered beyond the construction of the new facilities.

Vital Community Link Open in Wester Hailes

A safe and wheelchair-friendly path to a state-of-the-art health centre in the west of Edinburgh has been officially opened. The new Harvester’s Link underpass to the Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre was delivered by Hub South East for the City of Edinburgh Council following a campaign by local users.

The Centre, delivered by Hub South East on budget and 11 weeks early in 2013, is home to the Wester Hailes Medical Practice and the Wester Hailes Health Agency, offering services such as social work, dentistry, speech therapy and community health.

John Aitchison, chairman of the Community Council, said: “The opening of the new Harvester’s Link is already a very popular and convenient pedestrian route between the shopping centre and the health centre.

“This is now much more accessible and safer than before, and we’d like to thank the many local people, organisations, councillors and politicians who have helped us with our campaign since it began over five years ago.”
WORK BEGINS ON NEW HIGH SCHOOLS

Following the Scottish Government announcement at the end of 2015 giving the green light to progress projects which were affected by a European funding ruling, the Hub South East team, in partnership with public sector Participants and our supply chain, has worked hard to ensure that we could reach Financial Close on Kelso and Newbattle High Schools as quickly as possible. We were able to do this in February and as a result, work has now started on site on both projects...

The Newbattle Centre

Pupils, staff, councillors, Hub and the construction team donned hard hats and boots to make history on Friday when the turf was finally cut for the long-awaited Newbattle Centre. The school community celebrated in style as we were piped into the site and treated to music from the school band.

The new state-of-the-art community hub and high school will provide high quality facilities for the local community, teachers and pupils. The building, being delivered by Hub South East, and its appointed contractor, Morrison Construction, is expected to open in 2018 and will hold up to 1200 pupils.

The building on the site of the Mayfield Complex will be 15,714sqm. As well as a high school, local people will benefit from a new library, gym, swimming pool, sports facilities (including all weather pitch) and a range of community facilities on campus.

Richard Park, Operations Director, Hub South East, said: “It’s fantastic to reach the major milestone of construction in the development of the Newbattle Centre and we look forward to working with Midlothian Council to deliver a first-class, modern new high school, designed to meet the needs of pupils, staff and the local community. I’m especially excited to see this Hub project is already delivering community benefits such as work placements and training opportunities, and I’m delighted that these are benefiting local people in the Midlothian area.”

Kelso High School

Work on the new £22.5million Kelso High School is now underway.

The High School’s current Head Boy Charlie Bisset and Head Girl Katie Best jointly carried out the sod-cutting ceremony. They were joined at the Nethershot site of the new school by 12 pupils from the six primaries which make up the Kelso High cluster area pupils who will attend the new school.

Local press turned up for the event marking the start of construction, interviewing the key players in the project. It was particularly great to see young people (including Kelso High pupils), from Voice of My Own (VOMO) filming on the day for their local tv station’s weekly news roundup.

The new High School is expected to be completed by autumn 2017, with the official opening to follow.

The building will be able to accommodate 780 pupils, with a wide range of modern facilities for students and the community. These include 3G sports and 2G hockey pitches as well as grass playing fields, a 100 metre sprint track, long jump pit and netball court.

An eco-garden pond is included in the plans alongside space for an orchard, allotment, outdoor classroom and an arts and craft garden. A new library and gym will also be part of the new school project.
As part of Scottish Apprentice Week, Annabelle Ewing, MSP visited one of our sites - Royston Care Home - a project being delivered in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council. The Minister for Youth and Women’s Employment spent the morning hearing from a number of young female apprentices employed by our Tier 1 Contractor GRAHAM Construction.

GRAHAM Construction is a member of the “5% Club”, an organisation consisting of companies committed to ensuring 5% of their workforce over the next five years is comprised of young people on structured learning schemes.

It’s fantastic to see the good work our contractors are doing to encourage young people into the industry and we are proud that Hub projects throughout Edinburgh, the Lothians and Borders, are allowing these opportunities to be realised.

CASE STUDY: APPRENTICESHIP IN ACTION

Karen Jeffrey is 20 years old. After leaving Lenzie Academy High School, Karen studied Building Surveying at Glasgow Caledonian University. She decided to leave university at the end of her second year to seek an alternative career route into the construction industry. Karen was keen to gain on-the-job training and qualifications at the same time so an apprenticeship seemed to be the most suitable route into her chosen career of becoming a Site Engineer.

Karen started her employment with GRAHAM Construction in August 2015 as a GRAHAM Academy Technical Apprentice Site Engineer. She currently attends a Civil Engineering HNC course at Edinburgh College one day a week. The rest of her working week she works as part of GRAHAM’s regional site engineer’s team on various projects delivered through Hub South East Scotland. Karen was employed to work on Hub South East’s Rosemount Court site and is now currently working on our Royston Care Home Project in Edinburgh. This has allowed Karen to achieve her desired route into the construction industry as well as “earning and learning” at the same time. As part of Karen’s continuous career development she has already completed a number of training courses and has a Career Development Plan which identifies further opportunities.

EAST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL - PLANNING APPROVED

East Lothian Council’s Planning Committee recently granted planning permission for the building of a new community hospital at Roodlands in Haddington. The project, being delivered by Hub South East on behalf of NHS Lothian and the East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership, will deliver a modern new hospital for local people, bringing more services back to the county which are currently located in other areas.

The Outline Business Case for the project is now being finalised and this will set out exact costs, hospital services and timescales for the project. This will be submitted to the Scottish Government for approval later in 2016.

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Hub Staff Changes
This month we said goodbye to our Office Manager and Chief Executive’s PA, Denise Laing, as she moves onto pastures new.

We wish Denise all the best in her new role and welcome Fiona Tracey to the team.

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