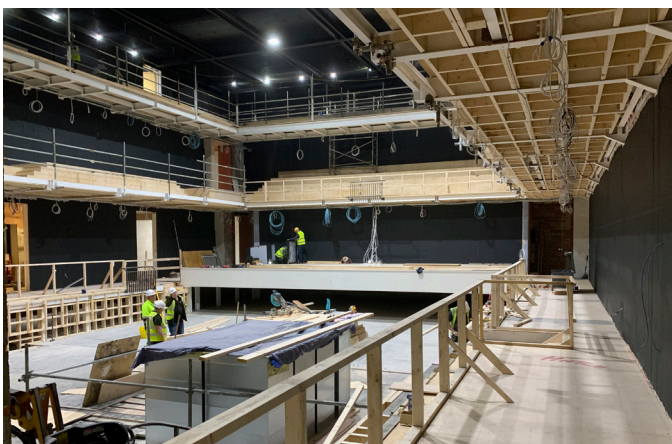


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NEWSLETTER



INTRODUCTION

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS



Directors - Jonathan Yates (MD), Elisa Berry, Keith Handy, Neil Turner & David Pickersgill

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter. Its six months since our last edition and time for an update on the summer period for the practice.

We move towards the end of the restrictions with a confident air in the practice and a wide selection of projects currently being undertaken.

We have been back in the studio since May last year and have served our clients since with no disruption to the quality of service and design skills. We now look forward to having all our staff back in the office from this September.

The newsletter looks at current projects in the various stages of development and some recent new commissions that we have won during the last 6 months. We have also provided an indepth look at some of the work being carried out by our Building Surveying Department. We are busy across a wide spectrum of sectors and continue to support clients in their development plans. Our strength comes from being able to offer a multi-disciplinary design service across Architecture, Interior Design, Conservation, BIM, Design Project Management and Building Surveying services.

The newsletter demonstrates this range from Churches, schools, conservation projects, to our

increasing presence in the green industrial projects working with Durham County Council at Morrison Busty Depot and Sunderland Council at Parsons on exciting capital projects that seek to make these local authorities at the fore front in the use of green technologies.

Our expertise in medical work has seen estate strategy work in London alongside new commissions for medical facilities in the Northwest and Yorkshire.

Our conservation projects have seen the completion of Grade II* Neville Hall in Newcastle and projects on site for Durham University and Durham School on the Peninsula with Grade I, II* and II Listed buildings.

We have an exciting workload and have expanded our team with some strategic new appointments to further enhance the skills our teams across our multi design disciplines.

So, it has been business as normal at Howarth Litchfield and if you need any advice, please do not hesitate to get in contact with one of the Directors to discuss. Feel free to arrange to come across for a coffee.



Neville Hall - Wood Memorial Hall

NEVILLE HALL, NEWCASTLE

HL is delighted that the restoration work at Neville Hall has been successfully completed and the building was handed over to The Common Room in January 2021.

HL has been working with Brims Construction and G&T to carry out the essential conservation works to one of Newcastle's truly landmark buildings which was once the headquarters for The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers. The newly upgraded building will now become a hub for innovation and home to aspiring young engineers of the future.

The project itself not only involved the restoration of the buildings stained glass windows, stone and wood features to Wood Memorial Hall, but the sympathetic incorporation of modern facilities into a new modern central core which preserves the buildings originality. The central core contains a new lift, staircase, toilets with upper-level offices. Utility upgrades were also completed to the heating system along with mechanical and electrical refits ensuring the building meets modern fire safety standards.

MO MOWLAM, REDCAR

HL are pleased to announce that the Mo Mowlam Academy in Redcar was completed and handed over to the Horizons Specialist Academy Trust in February 2021. The new facilities cater for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs and provide a dynamic and inspirational learning spaces for up to a 100 (30 primary and 70 secondary). Internally the school offers modern staffing and administration accommodation along with teaching facilities offering pupils access to ICT-rich classrooms, a sensory room, soft play area, small and medium group rooms, a food technology room, library, science, art rooms, calming rooms, breakout spaces, sports hall and medical room. Externally both primary and secondary pupils benefit from access to horticultural gardens, hard-standings for outside classes and a central multi use games areas.

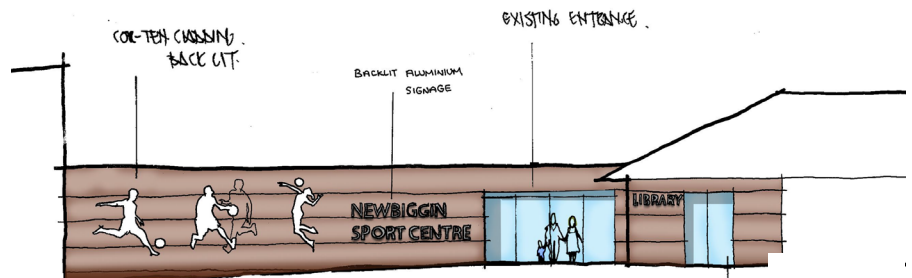
This project along with the Discovery Special Academy in Middlesbrough, which is just about to start on site, adds to HL's already extensive specialist education portfolio.



Mo Mowlam, Redcar

NEWBIGGIN SPORTS CENTRE, NORTHUMBERLAND

We are working with Advance Northumberland and Northumberland County Council for the upgrades to the Newbiggin Sports Centre. The project is currently being tendered and we hope to be on site with the successful contractor shortly.



Proposed North Entrance Elevation - Newbiggin Sports Centre



MACQ - Stage Area

SUNDERLAND MUSIC, ARTS AND CULTURAL QUARTER THEATRE

Works are progressing well at Sunderland's new Music, Arts and Cultural Quarter Theatre in the City Centre. The new theatre will open towards the end of the year. HL have been working with Brims Construction and Flanagan Lawrence to deliver the venue which will provide an audience capacity of up to 800 and access to outdoor space for socially distanced performances.

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PLANNING APPROVAL SUBMITTED

BARNARD CASTLE SPORTS PAVILION

HL has been working with Barnard Castle School for a number of years on a number of redevelopment projects including their new sports pavilion.

The school's ambitious design and plans have now been submitted for planning approval to Durham County Council which will see the new standalone building set in the sports fields. The building will offer modern changing facilities for staff, pupils and visitors at ground level with a 360 degree viewing area for up to 200 people available at first floor level. Other facilities within the design include a reception area and office space along with accessible changing and separate toilet facilities.



Sports Pavillion Visual

MORRISON BUSTY DEPOT, DURHAM

Planning approval has been granted for Durham County Council's climate change project at their Morrison Busty transport depot. The ambitious £8.3million project aims to deliver the UK's first truly carbon-neutral depot.

To achieve this, the depot will benefit from the introduction of thermal upgrades to its buildings, the installation of solar farm panels, battery storage and EV charging points. This will reduce the depot's energy consumption and the ability to generate its own green clean electricity.

Find out more about the project at www.durham.gov.uk



European Union
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Development Fund



St Georges Church Extension Visuals

ST GEORGES CHURCH, WASHINGTON

Exciting plans to build an annexe at St Georges Church in Washington have received planning approval from Sunderland City Council.

This project will allow the church to increase its ability to cater for its community by the introduction of a modern single storey extension wrapping around the Victorian Church, incorporating a new entrance foyer, multi-functional space and community café supported by kitchen and toilet facilities.

PROJECTS BACK FROM TENDER

DAME ALLAN'S SCHOOL, NEWCASTLE

HL is currently working with Dame Allan's Schools in Fenham to deliver their new £8million development of the North End of the Schools. The new two storey building will provide a multi-functional art exhibition space, 16 classrooms, three new physics laboratories, as well as staff offices, storage and toilet facilities. Contract tenders have now been returned with a planned start on site date of July 2021.



Dame Allan's School Art Room Visual

PROJECTS STARTING ON SITE



Durham School

DURHAM CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SUMMER WORKS

The merger of Durham School and Choristers School has seen the redevelopment of the Choristers site with construction due to take place over the Summer on the Grade I, II* and II buildings to update and renovate the facilities ready for the new children in September.

THE HL BUILDING SURVEYING DEPARTMENT

HL's award winning Building Surveying department continues to grow from strength to strength led by Company Associate and Chartered Surveyor, Andrew Wilson who has been with the Practice since joining in 1998. Increased workload over recent years has seen the growth of the department with fellow Building Surveyor, Joseph Lythgoe having recently joined providing a welcome addition to the Practice. Joseph is currently undertaking his APC, working towards also becoming a Chartered Surveyor.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

All buildings require surveys, refurbishment, alterations and maintenance during their life. Our building surveyors are trained in the structured and methodical inspection of buildings and the built environment. They provide a full range of specialist building services including: Full Building Condition Surveys, Schedule of Repair Inspections, Quinquennial Surveys, Specific Defect Inspections, Expert Witness Reports, Access Audits, Six Facet Surveys, and Terminal Schedules of Reinstatement, Dilapidation and Wants of Repair Inspections.

CASE STUDY

Whilst HL's Building Surveying Department work on buildings from all different sectors, over recent years they have specialised working on historic and listed buildings specialising in conservation repair works. HL have three of their current conservation projects that will be carrying out construction works during the summer months of this year on Durham's World Heritage Site with works being undertaken to Durham Castle and Divinity House, situated directly off the Palace Green, both for Durham University and to the existing Chorister School site for Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation.

Andrew has undertaken building condition surveys of each of the buildings and prepared a schedule of repairs for the backlog maintenance defects to each of them, prioritising those works required immediately to those required over the course of the next five years in order to prepare a planned maintenance programme for the future. The first phase of such works are planned to commence at Durham Castle later this summer whilst works have already commenced at Divinity House and for Durham Cathedral School. At (Grade II* Listed) Divinity House acoustic upgrade improvements are being made to the existing rooms to improve the performance teaching spaces for the Music Department of Durham University. The merger of Durham School and the Choristers School, (in becoming known as Durham Cathedral School), will see the redevelopment of the Choristers site with summer improvement works to the Grade I, II* and II buildings to update and renovate their facilities ready for the new children arriving in September 2021.

With these such projects, along with the many other commissions already planned for the rest of the year and beyond, the future of HL's Building Surveying Department looks bright.



Chorister School, Durham



Durham Castle, Durham



Divinity House, Durham

WELCOME TO HOWARTH LITCHFIELD'S NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS

Following a buoyant start to 2021 HL has taken on nine new team members and is looking to fill further Architectural Technologist/Architect roles.

Daniel Jones has joined the team as an Associate Architect, Joseph Lythgoe as a Building Surveyor, Olivia Chisholm and Sophie Evans as Interior Designers and Martin O'Connor as a Senior Architectural Technologist. They are joined by a further two Part II Architectural Assistants, Hannah Angus and Ashleigh Peacock, and two Part I Architectural Assistants, Callum Harker and Rachel Moberly.

Throughout the Covid pandemic HL has been able to adapt its office space and working practices quickly to support both homeworking and office working. This has not only ensured HL has been able to meet the increased demand for its services but has also meant it has been able to grow its team. It is hoped that all staff will be back in the office by September following a phased return.



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