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## Construction Progress



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We are now six months into our build program for this 80 bed residential care home. The superstructure is 80% complete with the windows and roof due to commence in mid September. The internal trades (plasterboard stud walls and 1<sup>st</sup> fix mechanical) are starting on the ground floor with floor screed due w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. The milestone dates for the next 6 months are: Scaffold drop in October. The external landscaping works in November – February. Soft landscaping (trees, shrubs and lawns) in March/April.

**You will have noticed** that we now have a tower crane on site. Some of you have also noticed that the jib of the crane moves/swings around when we are not on site, The crane is always left in a "free swing" setting (brake turned off) when not in use, which means the crane will always move in line with the wind. This is a safety setting in case of very high winds to reduce the stress on the tower.

**You may also hear** a voice coming from a loudspeaker on site when the site is closed; this will only happen when our security sensors have been activated by an intruder. The voice you will hear is our off site camera monitors talking to the intruder, this may in some cases result in a call to the police to investigate.

**We are pleased** to report that we are currently on schedule to complete our works, and hand the building over to our Client, in Spring 2012.

Senior Site Manager, Ian Roberts, (pictured top) has now been joined on site by Alan Cooke (pictured bottom).

Ian and Alan are in control of all activities on site. If you have any concerns or need some information about the project, please feel free to contact the site office on 01424 233605.



Site working hours are:

Monday-Friday: 7.30am - 6pm  
Saturday: 8am-1pm

# Considerate Constructors Scheme

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Leadbitter firmly supports the aims of the Considerate Constructors Scheme. All of our sites are registered with the Scheme, and regular visits from the Considerate Constructors monitor will help us to ensure that we continue to improve our performance in showing full respect for:

- ✓ Our neighbours
- ✓ Our workforce
- ✓ The environment
- ✓ The communities in which we work

We received our first visit from the Considerate Constructor monitor in June and are pleased to inform you that we received a score of 34.5 out of a possible 40. This puts the site in the category of 'a very good site' and is above the national average score of 31.



*Leadbitter is an Associate Member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme*

## Site Safety

Leadbitter was delighted to be given the opportunity to visit the pupils of nearby St Marks CE Junior School earlier this year to deliver a SPLAAT (Safe Play At All Times) presentation. This interactive presentation highlights the potential dangers that building sites can present.

Following this initial visit, we invited the children to use the information they had learnt to create safety posters to illustrate the 'Safe Play At All Times' message. We returned to the school for a presentation assembly where we awarded book token prizes and certificates to the pupils who created the best posters, before displaying these winning entries on the site hoarding.

A huge thank you to all the pupils who submitted an entry; it was a difficult task to pick prize winners. Thank you also to the pupils and staff for making us so welcome in their school.



Joe, Kyle and Laura display their winning posters



## Keeping You Informed

We understand you will want to know what is happening in your area. The site team are available to answer any queries or concerns you may have and are only too pleased to hear from you.

### Contact details

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Vicky Barker, your Community Engagement Coordinator, will keep you informed throughout the duration of the project.



### Newsletters

We will send you regular newsletters providing information on progress, community engagement activities and planned next stages.

### Community Open Days

We will hold 'drop in sessions' on the last Friday of each month between 11am and 12pm.

Why don't you drop in, the site team will be more than happy to show you the plans and the progress to date.

Our next 'drop in' session will be on Friday 26th August 2011, from 11am to 12pm.

Newsletters are available in alternative paper and electronic formats. Please speak to your Community Coordinator for further details.

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