



## QEQM Emergency Department expansion completes

First patients treated as Phase 1 of the major remodelling and expansion works at QEQM Hospital, Margate completes

The first phase of our multi-million-pound expansion project for East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) was successfully handed over in November 2022.

We undertook extensive remodelling and expansion works at the exceptionally busy and 'live' hospital site, in partnership with 2gether Support Solutions and HMY Architects.

The project provides a brand-new children's emergency department, twelve new treatment bays for adults, dedicated mental health facilities, new waiting areas and a new Emergency Department entrance and reception.

This was achieved through the provision of a large extension to the existing building,

where we created a new construction access point through the middle of the hospital to access and then infill one of the original courtyards within the building.

A large steel frame structure was erected within the hugely constrained and sensitive site, with multiple new access points, extensive service upgrades and major M&E works undertaken to ensure the new hospital building was seamlessly integrated within the main hospital site, with no loss of services allowed at any point of the works.

Once complete, the site was fully operational within 24 hours of handover.

Jo Williams, Head of Nursing for Urgent and Emergency Care at QEQM, said: "We have worked really closely with the architects and construction partners to create fantastic

new treatment areas for our patients and dedicated areas to support staff wellbeing.

"We're really proud of the new department and it has been fantastic to welcome patients this week."

With no time to rest, work has already begun on the second phase of the project, with further major works being undertaken to the A&E department. This involves extensive renovations to create new treatment areas, including dedicated areas for patients with mental health needs.

Once this phase is complete, the project will culminate in a third and final phase to expand and renovate the resuscitation area, providing vital care services and facilities to help treat critical patients.





# Work continues for long-standing client Megger

We continue to work with Dover-based company Megger, with work currently on site at Building 4. This phase involves carrying out an extensive reconfiguration of the internal structure to part of the building, together with new windows, a reclad of the exterior and the addition of a new entrance porch.

We are also working with Megger to improve their green energy offering at the site, with the installation of a solar panel system and 20 electric vehicle charging points.

Previous work for this long-standing client includes a new build factory extension and other ancillary works.



## Refurbishment underway at Margate's Turner Contemporary

We are delighted to continue work with Turner Contemporary, the world-renowned art gallery in Margate.

To date, we have delivered a redesigned retail area to showcase products and artworks from the gallery's creative community, new and additional toilet facilities, installation of lighter doors to each of the galleries and faster Wi-Fi.

Now back on site, we are undertaking the refurbishment of the exterior of the building as part of the gallery's 10-year maintenance plan. The project, commissioned by Kent County Council, is scheduled to take up to 42 weeks with the gallery remaining open throughout.

## Work commences at Barnfield Road, Folkestone

Light industrial development of 30 units with associated parking, landscaping and infrastructure

This site is located within the Park Farm Industrial Estate, sitting on a parcel of land which had been vacant and underutilised for many years following the demolition of old dilapidated units.

With works commencing in Q3 this year, the project is one that has benefitted from the early involvement of our sister business WWM Civils, with extensive groundworks undertaken on the site.

Key to the success of the planning approval was the Local Authority recognising the need for industrial units of this nature. The completed scheme will promote economic growth and create employment in the area.

The simple, industrial-styled units are designed to be adaptable for a range of businesses.



# Partnership with Orbit Homes

We continue to work successfully with Orbit Homes at Melbourne Avenue, Ramsgate, following the completion of Cottington Gardens, Cliffsend in the summer of 2022.

Working in partnership with Orbit Homes, we have successfully identified and achieved detailed planning consent on two land-led opportunities, to deliver much-needed affordable new homes in east Kent.

The first scheme Cottington Gardens (shown above) successfully delivered 64 new homes across two adjoining sites, providing 41 and 23 new homes respectively.

Continuing this work, our team is now on site at Melbourne Avenue, Ramsgate where work to deliver a further 55 new affordable homes, offering a mix of two-, three- and four-bed properties, is progressing well.

The development, scheduled to complete in 2023, is situated on the site of the former Newington School, a parcel of land that had remained vacant for a number of years following the school's move to the adjacent site.





# Project Progress: North Kent Crematorium, Faversham

Work continues on site to deliver a new crematorium facility for our client Memoria.

The building is situated on the outskirts of Faversham in a calm and peaceful location, surrounded by woodland and extensive Kent farmland.

The initial phase of the works has progressed well, with the steel frame structure to the single-storey building now in place on site ready for the

installation of the flooring, external walls and roof in early 2023.

Extensive external works are also continuing at pace, with the formation of access roads and car parks being undertaken within the large site.

When complete, the new crematorium building and chapel will sit within a beautifully landscaped Garden of Remembrance.



## Project Progress: 10 The Precincts, Canterbury Cathedral

Following the successful completion of a refurbishment to 6-7 The Precincts in the grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, our Special Projects team are back on site, undertaking the extensive refurbishment of a nearby vacant and dilapidated residential property.

The property is in a sensitive location directly facing the main entrance to the Cathedral.

Our skilled craftspeople are implementing their experience and skills to sympathetically rejuvenate the existing Grade II listed building, using conservation materials to maintain its original period character.

## Contract Award: Altira Park trade units, Herne Bay

We are delighted to have been awarded the contract to build another phase of development at Altira Park, Herne Bay.

This contract, for our long-standing client Altira Park JV LLP, follows the two previous phases of industrial units that we have delivered in recent years at the same site in Herne Bay, located just off of the A299 Thanet Way.

With works commencing on site in late 2022, this phase of development will include the design and construction of four industrial trade units, together with all associated external works.



## RBLI Centenary Village Phase 2a completed

Striking new development for veterans successfully handed over to the Royal British Legion Industries

This landmark project for the RBLI marks their milestone centenary year, and delivers impressive new facilities to provide support to veterans.

Working closely with the RBLI and Clague Architects, our work on Phase 2A of the existing RBLI site in Aylesford, Kent involved the delivery of 40 high-quality housing units, comprising a mix of four family homes, 12 apartments

and 24 fully-supported living units, together with lovely communal and social spaces.

Centenary Village offers excellent wrap-around care, social facilities and services to help ex-service personnel and their families, creating a thriving intergenerational residential community.

## Project Progress: Broomhill Bank School, new sports halls

Construction work is continuing on our two sports hall projects for Broomhill Bank School.

A new contract secured in late 2022, this project will deliver new high quality, modern sport and teaching facilities at two sites in Kent.

At the 'North' site in Swanley, the works include the modernisation and refurbishment of the existing sports hall and the provision of a new building

featuring a main hall and lobby area, an air-conditioned fitness suite, two changing rooms and several new sports rooms.

At the 'West' site in Tunbridge Wells, a new sports hall will provide sports facilities containing larger internal pitches within the hall, an air-conditioned fitness suite, changing rooms and space for therapeutic interventions and teaching.





# Introducing green initiatives and new ways of working



The redevelopment of our offices at Dane Park Road over the last 12 months have provided the ideal opportunity to utilise renewable energy to provide a significant amount of the energy required to run our office.

The installation of Photovoltaics to our office is currently on target to produce 16,000 KWH of electricity per annum, which equates to a saving of over 3,000kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

We have also developed and implemented new project management software, utilised on our QEQM Hospital project in Margate.

The 'Construct CO<sub>2</sub>' system has allowed us to accurately record and monitor carbon emissions generated on the project in line with industry-recognised 'Scope 1' and 'Scope 2' levels.

Consequently, we have been able to put in place measures to reduce emissions in key areas and have also been able to offset significant levels of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through our business activities.



## Other initiatives and activities include:

### Promoting Biodiversity

We have introduced and delivered many wildlife projects on our sites to promote biodiversity and increase natural habitats.

### Introducing EV vehicles

We have made electric vehicles available to our staff as part of either our company car scheme or our staff initiatives scheme, to help lessen the impact of car journeys on the environment. To support this, we have installed six EV chargers at our office.

In addition, we partnered with KCC under their 'Low Carbon Kent' scheme to explore the potential of adding electric vans to our fleet in the future.

### WW Martin 'Green Team'

We have formed a 'Green Team' made up of representatives from across our business who collectively review new ideas and opportunities to apply best practice, new technologies and new methods as part of our commitment to Zero Carbon policies.

### Green Plaque Accreditation Scheme

To support our commitment to environmental initiatives, we have put forward our Melbourne Avenue project for independent assessment against a set of stringent environmental criteria, assessing our credentials for delivering to high sustainability standards. Once the accreditation of Melbourne Avenue is complete, more of our sites will be assessed.



### Bug hotels at RBLI

Eco-friendly shelters built using upcycled garden materials, providing insects with cooler, sheltered areas to nest and hibernate.



### Hedgehog holes at Cottington Gardens and Melbourne Avenue

Holes in fences to enable hedgehogs to travel the long distances needed to successfully forage for food.



### Bat bricks at Cottington Gardens and Melbourne Avenue

Bat boxes provide a secure habitat for Pipistrelle bats, replicating the type of environment they would seek in nature.



### Bird bricks at Cottington Gardens and Melbourne Avenue

Bird bricks offer small to medium size birds, including sparrows, swifts and tits, a suitable space for nesting and roosting.



## Folkestone College opens to students

**Expansion of the Folkestone College campus is now complete, following the successful handover of the site in October 2022.**

This new flagship building, designed by Lee Evans Partnership for East Kent College Group (EKC), provides exciting state-of-the-art facilities and increases the college's presence within the town.

Situated to the front of the existing campus and built using an in situ concrete frame structure, the building features extensive brickwork designed to match the surrounding red-brick Victorian buildings.

The new facility has been successfully integrated with other college buildings on site via a new pedestrian linkway.

The original chapel has been left intact and becomes part of the new building, providing an atmospheric and beautiful creative performance space.

Now open, the building provides EKC with excellent modern teaching environments, enabling them to deliver high-quality further education to over 1,000 full- and part-time students.





# Dane Park Road - before and after

The major refurbishment works to our former joinery workshop at our Dane Park Road site in Ramsgate are now complete, with the new office space providing a high-quality working environment for our staff.

As a business that was established back in 1877, WW Martin has been located on the same site in Ramsgate since the end of the 19th century.

With an excellent client base, a strong order book, and a consistent level of turnover of £45-£50 million, we continue to perform well and are very much looking forward to delivering many more exciting and diverse new projects.

We have grown our team in recent years to enhance the expertise and experience we offer. We still employ a large number of local staff in east Kent and pride ourselves on being part of the community. As such, when the time came

to expand our office space to accommodate the changing needs of our business, we were very pleased to have the capacity to do so in our original Dane Park Road building.

A large disused space on the ground floor and existing offices on the first floor have undergone major refurbishment work this year, as shown in the accompanying photos.

With all works completed in summer 2022, the refurbished building provides a high-quality modern working environment for our staff and clients visiting our offices.



We are proud to work in partnership with our local NHS Trusts, delivering vital healthcare projects throughout Kent

## Maidstone Stroke Unit nears completion

The construction of new treatment rooms and the refurbishment and upgrade of existing facilities for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

Works to form part of the Stroke Unit for the main hospital have been undertaken to provide an enlarged acute assessment bay and associated support spaces.

In addition inpatient and day patient ward areas, assessment areas, clinic / consultant rooms and support spaces have all been sensitively refurbished within the busy 'live' hospital environment.



## Operating Theatres at Kent & Canterbury Hospital



This project provides the hospital with two fully-refurbished operating theatres and ancillary facilities, including preparation and anaesthetic spaces, scrubbing-in rooms and post-operative observation areas.

Work began with the complete strip-out of the existing theatres, before we undertook the refit of all M&E systems, the provision and installation of extensive medical equipment including the supply of medical gases, hygienic wall and floor surfaces, and fully-fitted surgeon panels.



## Clinical Trials Unit, QEQM Hospital

A new Clinical Trials Unit at the QEQM Hospital in Margate, for East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

The project involved the conversion of an existing area within the large hospital site to construct and provide a new four-bed Clinical Trials Unit.

This new modern and high-tech facility includes a clinical preparation area, pathology lab, as well as research and innovation offices. It will be used to design, construct and publish clinical trials in the vital support of healthcare research.

A special note to highlight is that elements of the works were proudly supported by Hornby Hobbies, who raised funds through the sale of a limited-edition model Locomotive - the GBRF Class 66 'Captain Tom Moore - A True British Inspiration' in recognition of the work of NHS staff during the pandemic.

## Buckland Hospital, Dover

This refurbishment of Buckland Hospital in Dover was delivered over three distinct phases.

Phase 1 - the creation of a new external area offering a flexible space to serve changing needs - for instance, the space was initially used to house a mobile MRI Unit ahead of other works being completed on site.

Phase 2 - the previous pharmacy building was transformed into a state-of-the-art MRI suite, with a specialist lining installed within the walls to offer protection from harmful rays.

Phase 3 - an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) delivered in a previously under-utilised space providing increased capacity and a modern, updated environment.





# Charity News

## The Great Tommy Sleep Out

As construction partner for the RBLI on the new Centenary Village, Aylesford, Mike Darling and Ian Posnett donned their hats and thermals in early March to take part in The Great Tommy Sleep Out 2022.

This excellent initiative, which was held up and down the country, saw people taking part spend a night under the stars to help to raise funds for the RBLI to support the estimated 6,000 veterans that are experiencing homelessness in the UK right now.

With temperatures dropping below freezing, Mike and Ian dutifully completed the challenge and were proud to help raise significant funds for the charity event.



## Fridge donated to Marlowe Ward, Kent & Canterbury Hospital

We were delighted to donate a fridge to this renal ward to store specialist dietary supplements for their patients.



Well-attended Golf Day raises thousands for East Kent Hospitals Charity

We welcomed guests and esteemed colleagues from the construction industry to compete in a pro-am tournament, held in association with the Kent Professional Golfers' Association at Canterbury Golf Club.

Together we raised over £5,300 for East Kent Hospitals Charity, to be used to support the charities future initiatives in the newly remodeled Paediatric department at the QEQM Hospital.

When presenting the cheque, Mike Darling said: "As a Kent business we are always keen

We were very pleased to once again raise money for both MacMillan Cancer Support through their 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' and Save the Children through their 'Christmas Jumper Day'.

to support projects that benefit local people and communities, and we are delighted to support East Kent Hospitals Charity on this occasion."

Senior Charity Projects Officer Dee Neligan, said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Mike and Darren to the hospital and to receive the proceeds from their fantastic golf day.

"We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the golf day and to WW Martin for their ongoing support."



**BritishRedCross**

WW Martin staff raised almost £2000 this year, donating to the British Red Cross for their Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

## Welcome to the newest members of the WW Martin family!

We were delighted to share our best wishes and congratulations to the families who safely welcomed new arrivals this year.

- ♥ A son, Roman, for our Management Accountant Georgia White
- ♥ A son, Joseph, for Quantity Surveyor Luke Wheatley
- ♥ A daughter, Rose, for our Aftercare Co-ordinator Millie Casey



## Staff initiatives & benefits

A reminder to all employees that there are a number of excellent initiatives and benefits on offer. If you would like more details on any of the initiatives noted below, please contact hr@wwmartin.co.uk or speak to Angela Gardiner.

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| Electric car scheme  | Flu jobs                   |
| Cycle to work scheme | Eye test vouchers          |
| Tech scheme          | Financial wellbeing advice |

## Congratulations...

to Head of Finance Hannah Waller, and Buyer Luke Marsh, on their respective recent weddings

## Big Birthdays...

for Jack Posnett, Lucy Elvidge and Ben Green!

## Welcome...

to 2022's new starters Joshua King, Sandy Kentfield, Nicole Wilson, Zoe Gaze, Olly Gould, Alex Rogers, Jack Nesbit and Andrew Todd

## Mental Wellbeing

As a business we very much value the efforts and work of our staff, and we work hard to create a happy and healthy working environment.

We want staff to know that there is always an open door and a listening ear for anyone who needs to talk. We have qualified Mental Health First Aiders and support industry-led initiatives:

Construction Industry Helpline	0345 605 1956
Angela Gardiner	01843 591584
Derek Amas	07921 687502
Liam Kelsall	07764 568838
Sally Wood	07814 170873

# Staff News



## Jack Clemo - Winner in the 2022 East Kent Apprenticeship Awards

Congratulations to Jack Clemo, one of our Carpentry Apprentices, who was named Winner in the East Kent Apprenticeship Awards, Construction Category 2022.

Jack joined WW Martin in 2018 and has now successfully completed his Advanced Carpentry and Joinery (Specific Advanced Site Carpenter): Level 3 Apprenticeship.

Jack is a valued member of our team and has achieved positive recognition amongst colleagues.

## Congratulations to Darren Offen and Peter Cleford

We are very pleased to congratulate Darren and Peter after reaching landmark milestones of 30 years and 25 years respectively with WW Martin.

Both entered the industry as apprentices and have progressed their careers with the business, as invaluable members of the team.

They are currently working on two of our main contracts in Kent.

Darren is undertaking the multi-million-pound expansion project at QEQM Hospital, Margate and Peter is on site at Melbourne Avenue, Ramsgate delivering 55 new homes for Orbit Homes.





# Contract Award: Coxhill, Shepherdswell

We have commenced work on site in Shepherdswell, Dover for English Rural Housing Association, with whom we are working in partnership to deliver 13 new homes as part of a joint venture.

The scheme is the result of many years of hard work by Kent's very first Community Land Trust (CLT), involving Shepherdswell and Coldred CLT working in partnership with English Rural HA to bring forward this site for development.

With the site granted permission earlier this year, the development will fulfil a housing need for local residents, providing ten affordable homes to be managed by English Rural, and three homes offered for open market sale by WW Martin.

The affordable element comprises a mix of apartments and two- and three-bedroom houses, while the open market sale element includes two detached single-storey bungalows and a further detached chalet bungalow.

The scheme, designed by OSG Architecture, sits on a sloping site in a rural village location and has been sensitively designed and will be landscaped to blend seamlessly within the surrounding area.



## Project Completion: Anselm building, Canterbury Christ Church University



Our Special Projects team converted part of a disused space on the CCCU campus to create a hospital-grade six-bed ward simulation room and learning environment for use by the university's medical students.

A new lobby entrance area was also created, and external works carried out to form a footpath connecting the new teaching facilities to the wider campus.

The project was successfully carried out within an extremely tight timeframe, ensuring the facility was ready for use by students at the beginning of the new academic year.



# WW Martin appointed to Kent County Council's £500m 'Property Construction Partnership Framework'

The new KCC Framework will enable the procurement and delivery of significant Property Infrastructure including new builds, extensions, refurbishments, and alterations to KCC's estate.

A significant proportion of the work will focus on education projects; however any type of building work to any property including housing, and associated construction services are included.

We will operate as one of four construction companies appointed to deliver KCC's programme of works, expected to total around £500m of investment over the next four years, the minimum period of the Framework.

Our appointment provides us with a significant opportunity to create and provide opportunities for local people and businesses in Kent. This is something that we wholeheartedly commit to, and are proud to do as a Kent-based main contractor with a history in construction that stretches back over 145 years in the county.

We have a proven track record of working with KCC and we very much look forward to continuing our partnership, building on the number of successful projects we have completed together in recent years.

We also look forward to working collaboratively with the other appointed partners, to bring forward innovative ideas and solutions to projects and industry challenges; as we drive value for money and deliver high-quality award-winning projects for KCC.







## Project Completion: Javelin Way, Ashford

After securing this contract via an extensive competitive tender process with Kent County Council back in 2020, we were delighted to complete this multi-million-pound contract in 2022.

Our construction work on the site at Henwood Industrial Estate in Ashford involved the redevelopment of a disused site adjacent to the M20 motorway to provide an exciting development for employment use with a focus on Ashford's creative economy.

The first distinct element involved the construction of 25 light industrial units,

large external car parking areas and associated infrastructure works, providing a highly accessible hub for creative businesses and the general market.

In addition, a large standalone unit was delivered and has been leased by Ashford Borough Council to leading music education charity Kent Music as it's headquarters. The building includes admin offices and meeting rooms alongside a large warehouse used for the storage of Kent Music's extensive instrument lending library.

The second distinct element of the project provides a new state-of-the-art base for the critically acclaimed Jasmin Vardimon Dance Company. JV has been based in Ashford for the past ten years and has now taken up full residency of the completed building, aptly named JVHome.

Comprising a sizable 400 square metre production space with up to the minute audio, video equipment, lighting and computer imaging networks, a performance and audience space and technical gallery, alongside studio rehearsal spaces, offices and

a café, JVHome is designed and built to the highest levels of sustainability and efficiency.

Now complete and fully open, we are very proud to have undertaken the construction work for the project, which was some eight years in the making.

The project is testament to the partnership with Kent County Council, Arts Council England, Ashford Borough Council and Jasmin Vardimon who have collaborated to deliver this high quality 'Creative Enterprise Quarter' in Ashford.



## Project Completion: Ursuline College

Successfully secured under the previous iteration of the Kent County Council Approved Contractors Framework Agreement at the end of 2021, works at Ursuline College, Westgate-on-Sea, were completed in December 2022.

A striking new ICT teaching block has been constructed in a prominent position at the front of the school site. The building utilised a MMC timber-frame system, aiding

programme delivery times and limiting the impact of construction on the school staff and pupils.

In addition to the new build works, we made extensive alterations to a Grade II listed building and several other areas of the school, to provide a new Learning Resource Centre, staff admin areas, a kitchen and servery, and teaching facilities including two science laboratories.



## Contract Award: Lydden Primary School

Commencing on site in November 2022, works to build a new sports and assembly hall at this primary school in Dover, will replace the existing school hall, built in the 1950s and in need of replacement.

The building will be replaced by a new single-storey sports and assembly hall to meet current curriculum needs, with associated spaces for dining, storage, an accessible toilet and office area.

A new corridor will also be created to link the new hall directly to the main building, enabling a direct indoor route for pupils, improving access for visitors and forming a central focal point for the school community.





# Community Partnerships

We continue to act as a main sponsor to Kent Cricket and Ramsgate FC, with both clubs enjoying great success in 2022.

We take great pride in our work in partnership with these two clubs, which extends to our work with them both over the last six years supporting community initiatives.

Kent Cricket were crowned Royal London Champions 2022, after emerging triumphant from the closely contested One Day Cup competition, with the final played at Trent Bridge, Nottingham.

As a long-term partner to Kent Cricket, we are very proud to see the club enjoy success on the pitch - testament to the excellent work of everyone involved with Kent Cricket.

In a similar vein, Ramsgate FC have enjoyed an upturn in fortunes this season and have gone from strength-to-strength as a club.

Crowd numbers at the 'WW Martin Community Stadium' are amongst the highest in the Isthmian League as fans enjoy the clubs performances on the pitch, which sees them (at the time of writing) sitting top of the league table.

The 'Rams' have also been hugely successful in developing their youth system, with over 1000 boys and girls playing from the age of five. They also continue to play a very important role in working with families and schools in Ramsgate to encourage healthy and active lifestyles for children.

Moving forward, we are very pleased to have taken the opportunity to extend our partnership with Kent Cricket, signing a new agreement that will see us remain as main sponsor to the club for many years to come.

Equally and perhaps not as widely known, we have extended our partnership agreement with Canterbury Golf Club for 2023. This will allow us to make use of the excellent facilities at the club for golf, meetings and events in their clubhouse (which we extended and refurbished in 2020).

Through our partnerships with Kent Cricket, Ramsgate FC, and Canterbury Golf Club, there are opportunities for staff to attend a game or match. Tickets are available throughout the year, whether to enjoy with friends, family or clients. To find out more, please contact [zoe.gaze@wwmartin.co.uk](mailto:zoe.gaze@wwmartin.co.uk).

