

Client delighted with new housing development in Grimsby

Welcome homes...

A registered charitable housing association has returned to its roots with the building of 20 new homes in Grimsby, which have just been finished by Hanson Quickfall.

The social housing scheme on Heneage Road is the largest such scheme undertaken by Hanson Quickfall in this area, and is made up of two pairs of semi-detached houses and 16 flats, four with two bedrooms and 12 with just one.

The client is the Havelok Housing Group, which completed its first scheme in Grimsby in 1973.

Now part of the Longhurst Housing Group, Havelok employs more than 300 people, who provide services and accommodation for more than 1,700 households, not only in Grimsby but also in areas run by Hull City Council, North Lincolnshire Council and East and West Lindsey District Councils.

George Colk, Hanson Quickfall Managing Director, said: "The client is very pleased with the standard of work we've done.

"We have gone the extra mile in terms of the quality and detail we've built in to the homes on Heneage Road. For example, we have even included video entry systems, anticipating a change in the law."

Havelok became part of the Longhurst Group two years ago, looking to maintain its independence, but simultaneously drawing benefit from the financial strength and the broad knowledge and expertise available in the larger organisation.



Tenants are already moving in to the Havelok Housing Association's development on Grimsby's Heneage Road, built by Hanson Quickfall.

All in the game

The annual games night was the usual roaring success with everyone doing their best to win one of the trophies.

Chris Riches (main picture) was cool under pressure as he tried not to be beaten at Jenga.

Right: **Joe Wright**, left, presents trophies to the winning team, captained by Jolene, second right. Winners were: Jenga - **Sharon**; darts - **Rob Dennis**; dominoes - **Jolene**; pool - **Ian Lattimer**; whist - **Bob Clixby**.

This year long service awards and cheques were presented to twenty-five of our employees, with service ranging from those with 10 years to our longest-serving employee, **Peter Moore**, who has now had over 38 years with Hanson's.



Obituaries

Barry Robinson and Jeff Proctor

Two long-serving Hanson employees have sadly passed away this year.

Both were employed at the blast furnaces, and both were born during WW2.

Barry Robinson, who was born in August 1940, had been an employee for five years at the time of his death in July this year.

Jeff Proctor was born in February 1945, and worked for the company for 15 years; once during the 70s, and again from 1992 until the time of his death in June this year.

We send our sympathy to their families.

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Chargehand Bob sets the standard

The only thing 'standard' about **Bob Clixby**, 57, is the one that he sets for everyone else to follow. In everything he does, he's outstanding – and now he's been recognised as employee of the year, an award he's been given by Chairman **Joe Wright** – and he has the jacket to prove it.

Bob started with the company in 1977, and since then has worked widely on the Corus

site, mainly in labour services squads at Coke Oven plants, the BOS plant, the Rod Mill and the Heavy Section Mill, as well as Caparo Merchant Bar.

His award has been marked by something else; the appearance of more verses from the self-styled Hanson 'Phantom Poet'; these couplets are published inside...



Bob Clixby,
Hanson
Employee
of the
Year
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Work starts on £1.8m contract



The housing project Hanson Quickfall is to build is picked out in orange.

Hanson Quickfall has begun work on a contract worth £1.8m to build a unique housing development on a prestige site close to Wellington Street in the heart of Leeds.

It's at West Point, where we're to build seventeen flats in a four-storey timber-framed structure on Northern Street, at the heart of the city's business and retail district.

The client is K W Linfoot plc, a leading regional residential property developer with a proven track record for delivering high-quality prestige projects in Leeds and York – including West Point, which already has more than 350 apartments and new retail facilities.

Hanson Quickfall Managing Director **George Colk** said: "Securing this contract is a significant step forward for us. To be associated with such a company, which has won the title of

Yorkshire Residential Property Developer three times in the last six years, is a great feather in our cap. They clearly believe we have the ability to deliver the kind of quality on which they've built that enviable reputation," he added.

"This is the largest single project in the company's history, and it's the kind of work that I want to see us associated with more regularly in the future.

"I know we have the basis of talent to deliver to a wider client base the kind of quality job we are already known for in Grimsby."

But the unique project, due for completion in October next year, presents a series of unique challenges. "The site cannot be a building site in the conventional sense, since it sits on top of an existing car park and alongside blocks of existing properties, and we clearly can't close the

road for the duration of the work," said George.

Everything the project needs must therefore be moved up to the site by a tower crane, which will stand on the only part of the development at street level – the base of the lift shaft. "There is just enough room there for us to get the crane in, and that will be our link with the site," he said.

K W Linfoot Development Director Richard Dean said: "The choice of Hanson Quickfall for this development at West Point was made after very careful consideration. We are confident that the broad range of skills and abilities they are able to offer in house will help us create a suite of properties of unique design, offering the kind of high-quality finish our name has become synonymous with.

"They are working at what's rapidly becoming one of the most desirable addresses in town."

Phantom poet recognises Bob

When the pusher's done it's dirty work 'n the wall side's overflowin'

Who's the bloke with shovel in hand who can't wait to get going'?

And he'll clear the bl**dy wallside if its takes 'til half past three

Who's the man with the shovel? It's chargehand Bob Clixby!

And when by-products ammonia spills sting and hurt your eyes

Who's the fella to clear it up? It'll come as no surprise

'Cos when the salthouse walls are groanin', and salt is all you see

Who's the man with the Michigan? It's chargehand Bob Clixby!

And you can see him 'neath the wharf, and clearing up the track

And you can see him in the screenhouse 'cos he's never one to slack

And you will see him on the belts, right up to BF Three

Who's the one I write about? It's chargehand Bob Clixby!

So when the workin' week is over, and all your work is done

And you're sitting in the cabin as the clock tick tocks to one

Just pause there for a moment as you take a swig of tea

Who's the bloke still graftin'? It's chargehand Bob Clixby

And we should raise the rafters and shout his name aloud!

'Cos he's the pride of Hansons, and he has done us proud

So come on lads, doff your hats and give a mighty cheer

'Cos chargehand Bob's the best we've got! He's employee of the year!

The Phantom Poet strikes again!

Running for their lives

Mick Moore was one of almost 20,000 runners taking part in 10k Great Manchester Run. It was his first attempt at such an event, and he completed the course in 54 minutes, raising £319 for the charity 'Wish Upon A Star', which enables terminally-ill children to visit Lapland and other destinations around the world.



Hanson has once again won the multi-million pound for work on the Four Queens blast furnaces a

Another year of achievement be

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the significant achievements of 2005 and to inform you of the opportunities we hope to achieve during 2006, writes **Managing Director Peter Marsh**.

Renewal of the Corus Scunthorpe Blast Furnace Frontside Contract was a major milestone for the past year, and a key element in our commitment to a continued partnership with Corus across all areas.

Both our Electrical and Heating divisions continue to progress, and now with the recent

addition of a construction arm, will provide us with the ability to not only offer an improved service to existing clients, but also the capability to bid for selective construction projects as a total package.

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Investment in new plant during 2004 was well timed, and, along with the ever-increasing demands from environmental legislation, further investment planned for the coming year should place us at the leading edge with

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New line-up on the staff front

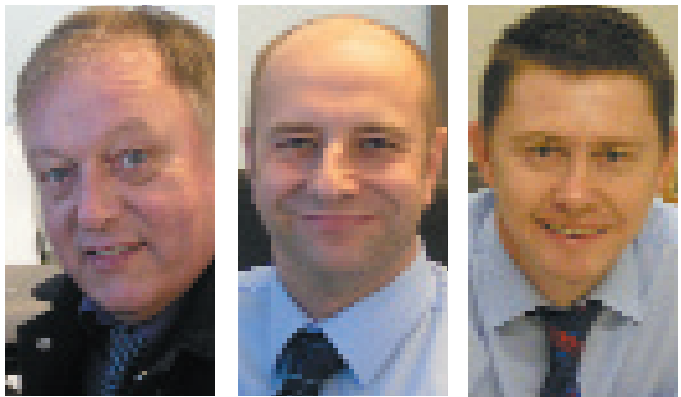
In line with Hanson's continuing growth, **Dave Horner** has recently joined our management team.

He will take over management of our recently-renewed Blast Furnace Services Contract, and brings further strength and experience to a critical area of our activities on the Corus Site.

Outside work, Dave's interests include video and film production, and he has several professional and TV credits to his name.

"Perhaps in the future we may be able to use his skills for our own internal training and safety videos," said **Mick Glover**, HR Manager.

Dave's appointment allows **Mick Moore** to continue his Management Development Programme, permitting him to take on a senior role in the OPP area, as well as project managing Hanson's involvement in the



In new roles: (l-r) Dave Horner, Mick Moore, and John Todd.

forthcoming Blast Furnace developments. This move will further extend Mick's ironworks experience and involvement.

Mick is also continuing his Studies at Hull University for his Degree in Business Management, whilst also waiting the imminent birth of his first child.

"The changes have allowed **John Todd** to develop a new

role within Hansons as our Training and Recruitment Manager," added Mick

"Reporting to me, he will ensure efficient and effective recruitment, selection, appointment, training and ongoing competence assessment, for all Hanson's employees.

Meanwhile, congratulations to **Simon Cooling** on passing his exams to obtain his NEBOSH Specialist Diploma in Environmental Management.

In addition to his other qualifications, Simon is about to finish his Hull University BSc Degree course in Safety and Environmental Management.

This puts him amongst the highest qualified exponents of safety and environmental issues in the Scunthorpe area, and helps Hanson's Management team to continue with its aim to provide a safe workplace for our employees, and a clean and healthy environment.

aces at the Corus site in Scunthorpe.

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enhanced capabilities.

Health and Safety initiatives during the past year have helped the company achieve a seventh consecutive year of improvement, both in lost time accidents and accident frequency rates; further initiatives planned for the coming year, along with the strengthening of the team in this area, will help us drive through further progress.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our staff, clients and suppliers for their commitment during 2005 and their continued support for 2006.



Some of the staff at Hanson Quickfall in Grimsby. They are, from left, Angie Waters, Rob Denniss, Sue Bartram and John Clarke.