



January 2018

**The Executive Committee
Wish our Members and their
Family a Happy and Prosperous
New Year**

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AGM and National Rally
Saturday 30th June 2018
Hosted by South West Region



**Leigh Park Country House Hotel &
Vineyard. Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire.**
Booking forms sent in View Point

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Cardiff



The tallest buildings in Cardiff, Cardiff Castle, whose clock tower is the oldest building on this list.

The city's growth is reflected in its growing skyline.^[1] As is the case with many British cities, some of Cardiff's skyline comprises 1960s and 1970s residential and commercial **tower blocks**. However, current development trends for high-rise buildings include upmarket apartments and office space.

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Coventry

Galliford Try has been awarded a £52.5m contract from The Elite Group for the construction of a 922-bed student accommodation facility at Paradise Street in Coventry.



The new halls will be constructed across three blocks of three, 12 and 14 storeys on the site of a former garage close to the city centre, with an additional two low-rise housing blocks. The project includes further landscaping which will provide a recreational area for the students, as well as office and maintenance facilities for the proposed management company AXO Student Living.



The award comes with Galliford Try's Building East Midlands business already working on another student accommodation site in Coventry, building a £47.5m 770-bed facility at Godiva Place.

Galliford Try East Midlands managing director Jon Marston said: "We are delighted to have won this contract and continue to build on our strong reputation as a contractor both within Coventry and in the student accommodation sector. We look forward to working with The Elite Group to produce high-quality facilities for the students of Coventry to benefit from."

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Construction T-Levels to start in 2020

Plans have been revealed by the Department of Education that Construction T-levels are to begin in 2020. These are the government's answer to the decline of technical teaching in the UK. They will be offered as an alternative to A-levels for students of a more practical than academic inclination. Education secretary Justine Greening has announced the first three T-levels would be in construction, digital technology, and education & childcare. More T-level qualifications will follow on, in subjects such as manufacturing, engineering, legal, finance and accounting. "As part of making sure that the technical education ladder reaches every bit as high as the academic one, I want to see T-levels that are as rigorous and respected as A-levels," she said. The content of T-levels will be developed by newly

appointed panels comprising industry professionals and employers, including Morgan Sindall and Skanska. All T-level programmes will also include a substantial work placement so that students can apply their learning in a real workplace. The full T-levels action plan is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/post-16-skills-plan-and-independent-report-on-technical-education>

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Nottinghamshire

Newark and Sherwood District Council have given outline planning permission for the construction of 800 new homes on a former colliery site in Nottinghamshire.



Harworth Group, whose speciality is the regeneration of brownfield sites, has secured a resolution to grant planning permission for a mixed-use redevelopment of the former Thoresby Colliery near Sherwood Forest.

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