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Preston Western Distributor Road Social Value Report - Year 1

December 2020

Estimated Construction Value £154 million
Programme Duration - 42 months



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We appreciate that when we undertake such a large project within a community, it is more than building the road, it is important to provide a positive contribution to the local economy. Our aim will always be to maximise the value of work placed with local businesses and for local people.

To date on the project 40% of the overall spend is with companies within a 25 mile radius, 20% with companies within 25 – 50 miles of the project, 24% with companies with companies within 50 – 100 miles and 15% with companies over 100 miles away from the project. (circa £47m spend as at end of November 2020)

Where national companies are awarded work, they often access materials, supplies and labour local to the project, and this project is no exception. An example of this is Aggregate Industries UK Ltd sourcing local stone and other materials from Back Lane Quarry and Holmepark Quarry.

Costain, the smart infrastructure solutions provider, has around eighty staff working on the project, twenty five of whom live locally. Local people are being recruited into the two labour agencies working on the project. PSI Global have 53% of staff living within 30 miles of the site and Frameworks Recruitment have 67%.

Barratt Group, the formwork contractors have 21% BAME staff on their team, and 47% of their team are local to the project. They have found great steel fixers and joiners in the area. The ex-military community is also well supported with 5 members of the team working as lifting supervisors and slingers. These are skills / courses that they gain before leaving military service which fits nicely with skills needs on site.

Eight apprentices are working on the project, with the main contractor and supply chain, as engineers, quantity surveyors, supervisors, and piling operatives. A variety of case studies to meet some of the apprentices and graduates are seen in this report.

The 2020 COVID 19 pandemic has halted activities around the future workforce, and the team are looking forward to opportunities in the year ahead to visit local schools and colleges to promote the great opportunities the sector has to offer.

The report shows the strong start the project has made in supporting charitable fundraising activities throughout the first year, raising £5,221 in monies and gifts for various charities, both nationally and locally. Charities include Emmaus, Preston, a homeless charity and two local primary schools who had asked for toys and selection boxes for struggling families.

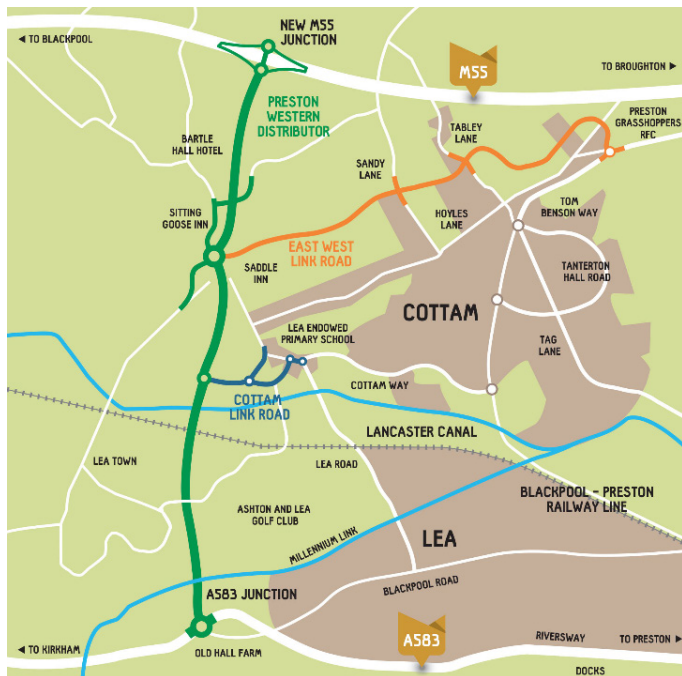
The project team are working together to develop their Social Value Action Plan for 2021/2022 and look forward to many more great results.



PROJECT SUMMARY

We are building a major new road - the Preston Western Distributor, which will link Preston and southern Fylde to the M55 motorway.

Scheduled to open early in 2023, this £200m road scheme is the biggest new road programme in the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal.



It will help to promote new housing and business development in the area, while increasing capacity on the existing local road network.

The Preston Western Distributor will link the A583 and the M55 motorway and will involve the construction of:

- a new motorway junction
- four new bridges, and
- three underpasses

The scheme also includes two new roads connecting to new and existing housing areas of North West Preston and Cottam. The new East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road will provide convenient access to the Preston Western Distributor, avoiding already congested local routes.

As the working age population in Lancashire is decreasing, we need to build on the sustained economic growth to keep young people in the area and bring in more skilled workers. The transport network serving Preston and the wider area is also becoming increasingly congested. We need to make sure that the road infrastructure supports our ambitious plans across North West Preston including 5,500 new homes.

Building new road capacity will:

- Provide direct access to new housing developments
- Provide an alternative to avoid rush hour traffic in the city centre
- Improve access to the motorway from the Enterprise Zone at Warton
- Improve our existing roads and local centres
- Help to prioritise and promote walking and cycling
- Support delivery of a new parkway rail station at Cottam

Costain, the smart infrastructure solutions provider will manage the works with a range of local, regional, and national supply chain partners.

KEY BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME

The benefits of the scheme are wide ranging, to generate local economic benefits to Lancashire based businesses and people through the supply chain, employment, and training opportunities. Costain are committed to Social Value and Employment and Skills activities whilst working on their projects across the country.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 1 FOR PWDR

- 40.6% of spend this year is being made with local companies within 25 miles of the project
- Costain, the main contractor has 30% local staff on the project, 83 staff on site of which 25 live in the locality
- There are eight apprentices currently working on the project
- There are 14 ex military members of the team, from main contractor and many supply chain partners
- Barratt Group – our formwork contractors have 21% BAME staff on their team, and 47% of their team are local to the project
- 53.0% of PSI labour agency staff are local to the project

- 66.6% of Frameworks labour agency staff are local to the project
- The project team have raised £3,080 for charity

Information about project updates and community activities can be found on our Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/Preston-Western-Distributor-Road-105432587906910/>

and Lancashire County Council website: [Preston Western Distributor and East-West Link Road - Lancashire County Council](#)

SOCIAL VALUE HIGHLIGHTS

1. FUTURE WORKFORCE

Costain and many of its supply chain have a long commitment to school and college engagement with many staff STEM or CITB ambassador trained. The Covid 19 pandemic has halted activities in this area, with schools having different priorities in our

first year on site. Our Action plan going forward will address this matter, and the companies are also looking at ways of engaging with schools and colleges virtually.

2. INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE

Taffy Chaduka, Chair of Costain REACH network (Race, Ethnicity and Cultural Heritage) works on the PWDR project as a Senior Quantity Surveyor. The work ensures the conversation about developing an inclusive workforce when it comes to BAME is on going. E learning training courses and forums are open to all staff on this project and across the business.

Fairness Inclusion Respect (FIR) facilitators are trained and experienced, planning to role out sessions to the supply chain team members over the next two years.

Some company statistics below of workforce breakdown:

	No of staff	F	M	Local	Local %	BAME	Ex Military	Under 25's
Costain	83	10	73	25	30%	6	3	4
SGC	18	0	18	4	22%	0	0	3
Chevron	6	0	6	3	50%	0	3	2
Barrett	47	0	47	22	47%	10	5	1
Walters	30	3	27	2	.06%	1	1	2
Bachy Solentache	33	0	33	3	.09%	2	2	3
PSI recruitment	62	0	62	33	53%	11		
Frameworks recruitment	15	3	12	10	66.6%	1	0	1



Barrett Group are the formwork contractor on the project, they are based in

Scunthorpe but recruit locally where they can, this project area has proved a good catchment area for steel fixers and joiners. With a foreman coming from Wigan word of mouth has meant around 47% of the team are local and 21% from the BAME community. The company are keen to recruit locally whenever possible, a good commercial reason around need for travel and accomodation. The ex military community is also well supported in the company, with 5 members of the team working as lifting supervisors and slingers. These are skills / courses that they gain before leaving military service which fits nicely with skills needs on site.

Labour agencies

PSI Global Specialist Recruitment manages all aspects of recruiting specialists for roles across a variety of sectors. This includes infrastructure, rail, transportation and utilities, construction, highways

and civil engineering. Currently they have 30 workers on the PWDR, but that figure has been up to 62 workers during the first year of the project.

BAME Profile: White British 82% Indian 7.9% also some Chinese, Czech and Dutch team members. Living in Lancashire: over all 53% - Within 30m 11.29% Within 50m 29.03% Travellers 6.45%. PSI ensure training and development of staff to provide further opportunities for them and support the needs and requirements of the main contractor, Costain in this instance. So far, they have provided a mixture of First Aid, Traffic Marshal (NPORS), NVQ L4 Site Supervision and SMSTS courses for workers on the project.

Case Studies from PSI

Candidate name: Daniel Grant
Start date: 06.01.2020 Starting position: Groundworker

Training provided: SMSTS

Future Opportunities:

Promotion to foreman upon successful completion of the course (2/11/2020) Daniel started on the project as a groundworker, he has been committed to the project and took on extra responsibility working with and shadowing the foremen and supervisors on site, and has been guided and developed in the role by those he has worked with. As a result of his hard work, we paid for Daniel to complete his SMSTS training, and will continue to support Daniel as he develops in the role. By providing this training and the development opportunities and support he receives on site to gain further experience, this will give Daniel the skills needed to take the next step in his career.



training providers to Procure Plus in the North West. In November have directly employed 5 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, training them up with a range of courses including CSCS cards and placing them within our client network, we will have a continual new stream of potential candidates due to the number of courses we are delivering for the likes of Procure plus and the job centers. The scheme will be run by an ex offender who gets released in mid November, now with a changed mindset, NEBOSH and teaching / mentoring skills.

We are also on hand to deliver any additional training / upskilling to our operatives and have access to a range of funded NVQ's through our training partners. We are in the process of upskilling 3 of the operatives on site at present.

Case Studies from PSI

Candidate name: John O'Reilly
 Start date: 15.06.2020 Starting position: Groundworker

Training provided: SMSTS

Future Opportunities: Promotion to chargehand or foreman with more experience. John started on this project as a Groundworker, and has become an invaluable member of the team, being heavily relied upon by his supervisor to provide assistance by taking on additional responsibilities. In recognition of his effort, PSI Global have funded an SMSTS course for John, and will continue to support his journey going forward. This will give John new opportunities as he gains more supervisory experience, in order to make the next step in his career.



Case Study - Costain

Inclusive Workforce: Ex - Military James (Jim) Bolton has been working at Costain for the past six years on a number of road and rail projects.

Currently on PWDR in Preston as Systems, Quality and Performance Manager.

The military has been Jim's life since 1980 when he joined the army at 18 years old as a Private Soldier. He worked his way through the ranks to achieve Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) in 2000.



Jim was then selected for commission in 2002 as a Late Entry Officer - promoted to the rank of Captain and achieved the rank of Major. As a Company Commander (Major) of 1 Para (Special Forces Support Group) he commanded a 250 strong company.

In 2012 Jim left the army as he turned 50 years old. Jim completed a successful 32-years military career with the Parachute Regiment, the British Army's Elite Airborne Infantry Regiment and served in all 4 of the Parachute Battalions on International Operations in various ranks and roles.

With so many skills developed over 32 years in the Army, construction and civil engineering was a great second career for Jim, using his vast organisation skills, people skills and a pair of fresh eyes to challenge processes and procedures. Jim is a member of C&G institute for Leadership and Management.

Jim explained that there are many similarities between construction and the military which suited the transition. The structure that you work in and

Frameworks Recruitment a construction, rail and civil engineering recruitment service.

- Of the 15 operatives they currently have on PWDR;
- 80% are male and 20% are female
- BAME profile - 6.7% are from an Asian UK background, and 93.3% are white UK
- 66.6% live in Lancashire

Our sister company Frameworks Social Enterprise CIC have active links with many other organizations and Social Enterprises working in Preston and are currently in the process of delivering a CSCS training course to unemployed locals, with the aim of placing these within our network of clients in Lancashire. Our Social Enterprise has links with Novus who work in the prisons, and where we regularly attend and place these ex-offenders into work opportunities. We are also one of the main

how teams are set up, the opportunity to take on tasks and responsibilities but still being able to delegate. The use of processes and procedures mean a familiar structure that uses his strengths and experience.

In the photograph Jim is at the Officers Association (OA) where he was giving a talk to Officers of the Military Services (Army, Navy and Airforce) of his transition to civilian life and the construction industry. (29/10/19).

3. SKILLED AND PRODUCTIVE WORKFORCE

Apprenticeship opportunities

Company	No of apprentices
Costain	2
SGC	1
Chevron	0
Barrett Group	0
Walters	1
Bachy Soletanche	4
Lowthers	0

Bachy Soletanche is the piling contractor on the PWDR and they have four apprentices on the project.



Cameron is 21 years old. He has just completed his Level 4 Construction Management course and is now going on to his Level 5 course starting in February 2021.



Adam is 27 years old and is a Piling operative on the project studying his Level 2 Construction Piling Course.

Danny Siddique, 24yrs old, is a Site engineer on PWDR project. He's studying a Level 4 Construction & Built Environment at Stephenson College.



Josh Lindley – Harris, 21yrs is a Piling operative, doing his NVQ Level 2 Piling operations.

Training Provider Bachy Soletanche / R Bullivands with Stevenson College.

Case Study - Apprenticeship

Finlay Rhodes is 21 years old and is an Apprentice Site Engineer with Costain. He lives local to the PWDR at Longridge, Lancashire.

Finlay worked hard from the age of 16 yrs on a number of part time jobs in logistics, catering and finally a full time apprenticeship with PSA Design. He assisted all departments at PSA Design by completing CAD drawings for architecture, structures, highways & drainage. He worked alongside the section leaders delivering high quality drawings for clients for construction & planning purposes. He also achieved his HNC in Civil Engineering.



Finlay joined Costain in October 2019, joining the team at PWDR only a couple weeks after construction had started. He began in the main compound where he assisted with enabling works, including but not limited to; fencing, earthworks, drainage & ducting, foundations right through to snagging, ensuring site welfare was adequate for the entire construction team. He has since been involved with contract works, part of the roadworks team where he is involved with delivering the earthworks package, the most expensive roadworks package on the job.

He has learnt a lot since starting with Costain, gaining a lot more confidence / practical experience while working out on site, setting out for operatives.

Qualifications/ training received since being in construction: AutoCAD training /Sketchup training /HNC in Civil Engineering / First Aid Training /CAT & Genny Training /3A & 3B MEWPs Course/Site surveying & setting out.

Finlay is currently working towards BEng in Civil Engineering, University of Bolton.

What made you want to join the construction industry? After a number of work experience opportunities in sport, mechanical engineering and design Finlay took up an apprenticeship with PSA Design, particularly because it gave him a chance to get a qualification as well as working. He really enjoyed his time there, but much preferred the 'site life' as oppose to being office based. So, when the opportunity to get a job with Costain on the PWDR scheme came up he thought that it was perfect for him.

Finlay said 'I have been here for a year now and loved every minute, working with this friendly team and learning new skills'.

When asked about his 5 year plan he said ' I am currently studying in my second year for my BEng in Civil Engineering. I have found it challenging over the past year, learning a new job role whilst being at university, but my line manager and peers at work have helped me a lot, especially allowing me time to study when I need it. In 5 years time, I hope to have graduated from university, and I want to have gained site experience in lots of different aspects of engineering, such as structures, drainage, kerbing etc. I would also like to be progressing towards becoming a senior site engineer and looking at the programming of works.

Workforce development

Staff development and training is an ongoing activity on the project, both for personal development and mandatory / legislative reasons. Inductions, Visitor Training, Toolbox talks are ongoing from the beginning of the project and ensure all staff and visitors understand their responsibilities on a construction site. The main contractor and supply chain team members undertake this training. The project uses a MOSAIC system to log training and industry certification, a list of activities is below with numbers of those trained in brackets.

- PTS (Personal Track Safety – Rail) - 12
- CAT and Genny - 24
- Scaffolding awareness - 10
- Lift appreciation - 6
- MEWP 3a - 10
- MEWP 3b - 10
- MEWPS for Managers - 10
- Harness training - 10
- Carbon e-learning - 74
- Fire Marshall training - 14
- Tax evasion -74
- RAMS producer - 9
- Lean in construction - 74
- Managers tool kit - 6
- Appointed Person - 2
- Slinger Signaller - 2
- Lifting Supervisor - 1
- CBS - Managers - 21
- CBS - Supervisors - 24
- Spill kit training - 10
- Supervisor health training - 9
- ALO (Adjacent Lines Open – Rail)- 10
- Water Management - 8
- RAMS approver - 6

Costain have around 20 team members undertaking NVQ training and development at the time of writing this report, subjects include:

- Level 7 – Interdisciplinary Design for the Built Environment (IDBE) - Masters
- Level 7 - Construction Law & Practice
- Level 7 - Construction Management
- Level 6 - Construction Site Management
- Level 6 - BSc (hons) Quantity Surveying

- Level 6 - Chartered Surveyor
- Level 6 - Civil Engineering
- Level 6 - BSc Quantity Surveying
- Level 6 - Construction and the Built Environment
- Level 6 - BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying
- Level 5 - Appointed Person
- Level 5 - Controlling Lifting Operations
- Level 4 - The Survey School Surveying Course
- Level 4 - HNC Civil Engineering
- Level 3 - Construction and the Built Environment
- Level 3 - Slinger Signaller
- Level 3 - Certificate in Project Control Practice
- Level 3 - Laboratory and Associated Technical Activities
- Level 3- Diploma in Construction Contracting Operations
- Level 3- Advanced Land Surveyor
- Level 3 - Advanced Construction Contracting Operations

Case Study - Workforce development

Rosey Thurling, MEng Civil Engineering, a Senior Engineer for Costain, is 27 years old.

She studied A-Levels and then a masters degree in civil engineering. She started a graduate job as a site engineer 5 years ago, and is now a senior structures engineer leading a small team of engineers.



Further training include:
SMSTS / Appointed Person for Lifting / PTS Network Rail / Temporary Works Supervisor / ILM Level 3.

Rosey says 'I didn't want 'just a desk job', I love being able to go outside and see something being built in front of my eyes. Working on a live site you can walk in in the morning and you can never predict what will happen, it keeps things interesting. Working in the construction industry really suits my personality and skillset and I couldn't image doing anything else.'

When asked what she loves about her job she says ' Being able to start a project with a green field and build a viaduct up from nothing. The experience you get from a large project is great as you get involved in many different things, for example I'm currently involved with building 5 different structures at once!. The other great thing about PWDR is the people, the subcontractors are really made to feel like part of the team here and it really helps to deliver the project with a collaborative approach.'

When asked what her plans are for the next 5 years Rosey says 'I would like to gain enough experience on PWDR to be able to go onto other projects with more responsibility and lead a larger team. I would

also like to continue and further promote STEM, ED&I and social value within Costain. I am also working towards ICE chartership so that's definitely something I would like to complete within the next few years.'

Case Study - Workforce Development

Gita Ekaputri, 24 yrs old is a Civil Engineer with Costain.

I did a two year International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in Jakarta, Indonesia before moving to UK to study MEng (Hons) Civil and Structural Engineering at The University of Manchester. I graduated in July 2018 and I joined Costain through the Graduate Programme.



Further training include:
SMSTS / SEATS / First Aid / Fire Marshal / CITB Core Trades / Setting Out and Surveying / MEWP Course 3A and 3B / Costain Behavioural Management and many more...

I choose career path that allows me to learn by doing. There is a lot of detail on design drawings that I can only understand once I see the actual work on site. I am going to stick to this career path so that in the future when I am asked to build something, I can visualise what it is going to look like and how I am going to build it before the work starts. Also, if my family and friends ask me what I do at work, it would be amazing to point the structures I have worked on and say to them "I built this! I enjoy working with my team. I have the introvert side of me, and I don't get comfortable standing in a big environment that easily. But then they always check on me, see if I need anything or there is anything I don't understand.

Building structures like Lea Viaduct, which I have been working on for the past 7 months, requires high precision in terms of setting out, levelling, materials, and ensuring that we build it right from bottom to top. With the support from my team,

I get to master the skills required to do it right. It has only been two years with Costain but they trust me to be in charge of Earls Farm Cattle Creep and hence I am glad to take ownership and do my best on it! Generally I'd like to level up my responsibility, particularly on temporary works, lifting, programme and commercial. It would be great to see graduate engineers working with me so that I can pass on the skill set that I have been gaining in terms of setting out/levelling and quality management. I am also keen to get site experience in rail/power sector. Getting Chartered through ICE is definitely on my agenda since I am currently more than halfway through it.

4. COMMUNITY BENEFITS

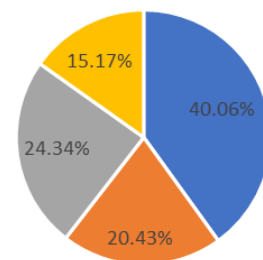
Local supply chain

The project is one year in to the procurement strategy developed at ECI. This has significantly progressed with the spend to date and committed spend over the next two years. Where national companies are awarded work, they often access materials, supplies and labour local to the project for development and commercial reasons.

To date on the project 40.06% of the spend is with companies within a 25 mile radius, 20.43% with companies within 25 – 50 miles of the project, 24.34% with companies with companies within 50 – 100 miles and 15.17% with companies over 100 miles away from the project. (circa £47m spend as at end of November 2020).

Supporting local companies

- percentage spend by radius from site



■ under 25 miles ■ 25 to 50 miles ■ 50 to 100 miles ■ over 100 miles

Some of the companies local to the project are listed below, with details of the materials and services that they offer the project.

Company	Materials / Services	Area
Keyline Builders Merchants	Drainage, cement, sand supplies	Preston PR2 1AT
Aggregate Industries UK Ltd	Locally sourced stone and other materials	Back Lane Quarry LA6 1EG Holmepark Quarry LA6 1NZ
Armstrongs Group	Aggregate, stone, concrete	Bolton BL6 5NJ
William Moore & Son	Small tools	Preston PR1 5LS
Wingate	Electrical services (office)	Preston

Sainsbury's / Shell	Local petrol stations for all Costain vans	Preston
Speedy hire	Hire tools / equipment	Preston PR2 3AA
Lolly Dees Catering	Canteen run on site	Preston
Firwood Timber & Plywood Co Ltd	Timber for formwork(Barrett group)	Lancashire, L40 8JS
R.M.D Kwikform	Formwork systems (Barrett group)	Skelmersdale, WN8 9PT
Ashlea Landscaping	Landscaping company	Carnforth LA5 9RE
Fox Brothers (Lancashire)	Compound & RMR Earthworks	Blackpool FY4 5LZ
Altitude Services Ltd	Traffic Sign Takedown & Scheme Boards	Bury BL9 5PA
Carnell Support Services Ltd	Z2 & Z7 Drainage Surveys	Cuerden, Lancashire PR5 6BY
Lyndon SGB	Scaffolding	Manchester, M8 0AD
Ainscough Crane Hire Ltd	Crane hire	Preston, PR25 3GR
Bachy Soletanche Ltd	Geotechnical and foundation engineering	L40 8JS
Barton Contractors (NW) Ltd		PR3 5DR

‘Lolly Dees’ Catering A local caterer called Dan has got the catering contract to run the canteen on site, opening from 9 – 2.30pm serving around 100 team members per day. Dan uses local farmers for around 40 pints of milk a day and around £150 a week from another farmer running a farm shop locally, in just bacon and sausages! Dan also has a local pub, Saddle Inn, which due to COVID – 19 has been closed for much of the past nine months, luckily his 5 rooms and 3 caravan pitches are being filled by project staff. Dan says ‘the project has been a great help to my business and the local community. When the road is built my pub will have better visibility due to its location, so will look forward to better trade in future’.

Barrett Group are the formwork contractor on the project, they are based in Scunthorpe, but source materials and services local to the project.



Barrett Project Manager, Eamon goes onto explain that they source all their timber from Firwood Timber & Plywood Co Ltd, L40 8JS and formwork systems from a company in Skelmersdale called R.M D, hire tools from Speedy, Preston and use local builders merchants when needed, a commercial reason but also for speed of service and control of works.

Aggregate Industries is a national company that are working on the project. They have two quarries in Lancashire that feed this project, Back Lane Quarry LA6 1EG and Holmepark Quarry LA6 1NZ, both run with local staff, for quarrying and transport of materials to site.



Access to the project from Back Lane Quarry is mainly from the motorway and is where most of the materials come from at this time. Holmepark Quarry has restricted routes out of the quarry to consider local communities.

Community and charitable fundraising

Cycle Ride - Our first charity fundraiser on behalf of Eammaus, a homeless charity and Brain Tumour Research the project raised £700 after completing a 60 km Cycle Sportive around Preston. <https://emmaus.org.uk/preston/> <https://www.braintumourresearch.org/>



It was National Fitness Day on Wednesday 23rd September 2020, the project team raised money for The Alzheimer's Society. Members of the team cycled the distance of the Preston Western Distributor Road on spin bikes loaned from a local gym, GymWorks at Fulwood. £50 was raised and donated towards a colleague, Gemma Redmond's personal challenge of cycling 100 miles in 30 days in support of Alzheimer's Society. <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>



The project held a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Monday 28th September 2020, raising



£150 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our Star Baker* was Alex Topping from SGC !

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

In November 2020 the project supported 'Movember' making a difference in mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Currently at £1,280 raised !

<https://uk.movember.com/>

Costain have had an amazing response to their Toy and Selection Box Appeal during Dec 2020. We have distributed all toys and selection boxes to two local primary schools and ShareIT for the families who have struggled more than ever this year. St Mary's Primary School and Lea Endowed Catholic Primary School are both near the project. The project is in communication with the school and they have agreed this sort of collection would make a big difference to many of the students this Christmas.



Thanks go to the Costain staff and supply chain partners for their support, companies include Walters Civil Engineering, Bachy Solentanche. SGC Civil Engineering, Lowther's Forestry, Barrett Group, Flannery's Plant Hire, PDI Global Recruitment and Frameworks Recruitment Ltd. (@£2100)



Great Harwood Rovers Under 7's – S.G.C Civil Engineering – Drainage contractors on PWDR project, has supported a local children's football team with a new strip, even though they are not based local to the project. John, Project Manager said 'My youngest son Ciaran has severe mental and physical disabilities which has made me and my wife aware of how important it is to contribute towards helping people when I can. It was very difficult when Ciaran was young to get involved with extracurricular activities with our other two children as he was hospitalised for long stretches. I know how hard it is to get help or funds to run a football team as I did it for a couple of years myself. When



I was approached it was an easy choice, and the right thing to do whilst working in the area. (£600)

The project has raised £341 for the poppy appeal this year, conscious that local volunteers were often shielding due to age / health issues.



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Fundraising total to date £5,221