

Work Underway To Transform The Heart Of Monaghan

As previously announced the Clarke Group Contracts Division were awarded a major contract with Monaghan Town Council for a mixed retail and residential project in the heart of Monaghan.

Work has just got underway on the 24 month scheme which is poised to become a focal point for locals and visitors alike.

When complete a total of 42000 sq ft of additional retail space will be provided along with 72 apartments, townhouses and a new car park. Upon completion and under the terms of the contract Clarke's will be granted ownership of each of these project components.

The project will be handled by the group's Clones-based Contracts' division who have worked with a number of County Councils; The Water Service and various private sector clients.



As Tommy Clarke explains the project has significant strategic importance:

"Our Contracts division recently made the strategic decision to expand into the Property Development market to complement our traditional operating areas within water, wastewater treatment and related projects.

"Marketplace research predicts an increasing movement by Government bodies in off-loading land and building projects to private companies. The Monaghan Town regeneration project is the first such project in which the Clarke Group has been involved. We are very proud to have been given the job of constructing and managing the re-development of this key area of land. We would be confident that this project will allow the company to develop and grow in the property development market with other Government bodies and private companies."

Clarke Group Launch New Website

The Clarke Group has officially launched its brand new website. Containing a wealth of information on the products and services offered by the company the website is a worthwhile visit for anyone surfing the net.

Commenting on the new website, Martin Lowry, Marketing Manager, said "we wanted to develop a more accessible and user-friendly site."

The new website has been expanded to accommodate many useful new features, including technical information, frequently asked questions, customer testimonials, press releases, recruitment, online brochures, DVD and a subscription to the online newsletter.

In addition it also provides a more modern and professional online presence. We would ask you to have a look at www.clarkeltd.com



Clarke Group wins €10 million Shannon Broadband Contract

The Clarke Group Communications Division has won a 10 million Euro broadband cabling contract in the Shannon area.

The contract, that will involve laying 52km of cable through eight towns in the area, means the company has landed more than €30m of broadband business in the past 12 months.

The company's Communications' Division, which has been enjoying increasing success in the telecoms sector, recently completed three similar projects in Donegal, the North East of Ireland and Fingal.

The Communications Director, Hugh Gormley reveals:

"What's especially exciting about this latest project is the opportunity to make a significant difference in the industrial and business sectors in the Shannon area. The cabling will not only open up access for businesses to the latest broadband services but is likely to act as a magnet for inward investment by organisations who, until now, may have been put off setting up in the area due to a lack in the latest broadband technology.

"Another advantage is the possible retention of existing businesses who could have been considering relocation to somewhere with a more advanced communications' infrastructure."

He adds: "We believe winning this latest contract underlines our credentials as one of the leading contractors of our kind on the island of Ireland."



New Appointments

Products

Blessing Harnyway-Omakun
Gregory Murphy
Terry McDonald
Bart McDermott
Zenon Lebioda
Peter Fitzpatrick
Leona Johnston
Mark Bannon
Paul Smyth
Adrian McCaffrey
Jerzy Krystowczyk
Christopher Tordoff
Aidan Donegan
Karol Dunne
Marek Domagola
Arkadiusz Wszatkowski
Fergal McCusker
Dariusz Wolak
Angela Mulhall

Stone

Stanislaw Maj

Surfacing

Arkadiusz Makosa
Neil Chick
Darren McGeary

Head Office

Geoff Hynes
Olivia Cosgrove
Edel Reilly
Julie Brennan

Communications

Jason Lynch
Thomas Connor

Contracts

Henry Logue
Stephen McGuigan
Robert Pospiech
Stephen Rehill
Grace McGovern
Ryan McGovern
Shane Brady
Danny Rooney

Homes

Neil Potter
Anthony Costello
Darren McGill
Markus Weipert
Ciaran Elliott
Peter McCague

Clarke Group launch Sponsorship Association with Development Squad



The Clarke Group recently launched in association with Cavan County Board the 2007 Clarke Group Development Squads.

The sponsorship provided by Clarke's means Cavan County are able to kit out all their squads in

a new kit. The squads are also provided with all the essential training equipment needed to aid the first class coaching from all the Development Squad facilitators and Coaches.

Paddy Clarke, representing Clarke Group, acknowledged Cavan County Boards professional approach, in providing these elite young kids with the top class guidance from some ex County Stars namely Stephen King, Damien O'Reilly and Mickey Graham, all whom will be directly involved with these squads for this year.

Further Investment in Castlepollard

Recent weeks has seen an investment upwards on 2M in the Castlepollard Quarry. A new mobile crushing and screening plant, Caterpillar Digger and Shovel have been purchased and delivered, creating three new permanent employment positions. The plant in action can be seen in the picture below.



Group Director, David Clarke, has recently taken over the position as Quarry manager of our Products Quarry in Drug Co. Cavan. David will now be responsible for managing and directing operations of the quarry.

Stewart Kerr has been appointed as General Manager for the Homes and Products Division. A chartered engineer since 1996, Stewart started his career with Shell Exploration & Production in the North Sea, managed process plants and projects in the UK, Ireland and Germany and most recently was Head of Operations for the Masonite Corporation in Carrick on Shannon.



Clarke Group gives a Lesson in Career Opportunities

The Clarke Group recently linked up with a local secondary school to outline possible career opportunities throughout the company.

Representatives from the Marketing and Human Resource Department met with around 120 pupils from St Comghalls in the town. Presentations were made by Martin Lowry (Clarke Group, Marketing Manager) and Mairead Corr (Human Resources Manager) and the Year 11 and 12 pupils participated in an interesting discussion.

"Essentially this was both a PR exercise for Clarke's and an opportunity to explain the very many potential career opportunities there are for these young people on their doorstep. We pride ourselves in being very much part of the local community," explains Martin Lowry.

"The Clarke Group has been going from strength to strength for a number of years now and currently employs over 400 people across its six divisions who operate the length and breadth of Ireland. We thought it would be useful to explain at first hand how our various divisions work; what type of projects they're engaged in and what sorts of opportunities exist for bright, motivated young people."

The event was supported and attended by the school Principal, Gary Kelly and Careers' Teacher, Margaret Collins.

The pupils of St. Comghalls found the presentation very interesting. Emma McCaffrey pointed out: "I was surprised and delighted by the variety of career opportunities available." Another Pupil, Jonathan Officer felt there was a huge range of different jobs within the company, not just in construction.



Pictured from left: Mr Gary Kelly (Principal) St. Comghall's Secondary School; Martin Lowry, Clarke Group Marketing Manager, Carleo Sampson, Helen McManus, Anthony Leonard, Melissa Curran, Conor Hyde, Pupils St. Comghall's; Mairead Corr, Clarke Group Human Resources Manager and Margaret Collins, Head of Careers, St. Comghall's.

Clarke Group on Stand at Galway and Belfast Exhibitions

During the year the Clarke Group promotes the company by attending a number of house and home exhibitions. One of the most well known of these exhibitions is the Self Build Extend and Renovate Show which draws in thousands of visitors from throughout the country. This year, as part of our stand at the Belfast Self Build show in February and the Galway show in May, we erected a Clarke timberframe house. As you can imagine we received a lot of interest from visitors at the exhibition as the timberframe house was built to the highest of standards. It was built, completed externally with roof trusses, battons and felt on the roof, Clarke cills built into the windows, and internally the house was completed with internal walls finished with plaster board and Clarke Pre-hung internal door kits.



Products Brochure Recently Launched

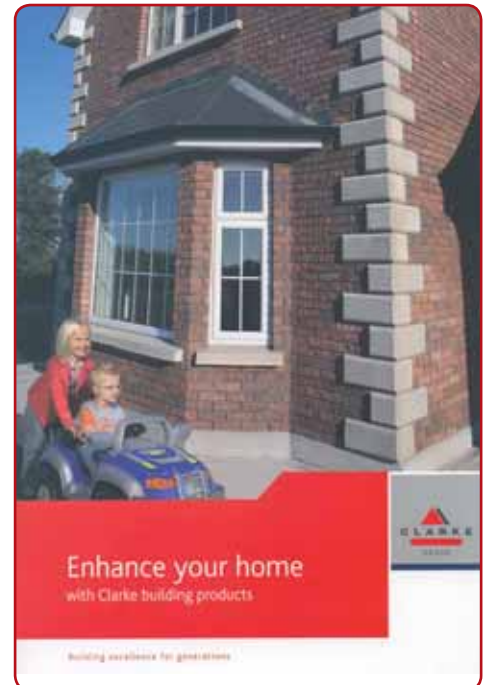
A glossy new brochure featuring the range of decorative pre cast products by the company, has recently been launched for the first time by the Marketing Department.

The stunning range of products featured have been used in a number of prestigious schemes throughout Ireland, including Castleknock Hotel in Dublin, Cabragh Castle in Co. Cavan and a number of housing schemes, including the Adamstown Development in Dublin.

All the products in the brochure are versatile and can be used in a variety of applications such as private dwellings. The product range includes; quoins, window cills, string courses, copings, pier caps, plinths, arches, window heads as well as a range of decorative paving.

The products are aimed at one off self builders; housing developers and commercial clients.

This is the first brochure of its type produced by the company's products division - one of six divisions within the Group which operates across all-Ireland.



Clarke Group Attends Health & Safety Conference



With Health and Safety playing an essential role in any business within the construction industry it is no wonder why such an emphasis is put on this important issue.

Recently IOSH NI (Institute of Occupational Health and Safety) held a seminar

titled "Irish Safety, Health and Welfare at Work" and one of the guest speakers presenting at the event was the Clarke Group's Health & Safety Manager, John Collins who in his spare time is a tutor for IOSH Courses. The seminar was aimed at Directors, Contracts Managers, Health and Safety Professionals, Designer Groups and other construction industry professionals.

Clarke Vehicle Fleet Expanding

A substantial investment has recently been made to expand the fleet of Clarke Group Vehicles. Recently purchased were two artic Lorries for the timberframe division along with seven artic trailers each branded with Clarke Group branding which you will see out and about delivering timberframe kits and roof trusses. In addition to this, two additional readymix lorries are now on the road with a further purchase of two new tippers.



Castlepollard Surfacing Gains Accreditation

The surfacing division based in Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath are proud to announce they received accreditation to the ISO 9001/2000 Standards. This accreditation standard is by far the most commonly used international standard used by organisations throughout the world, and sets the standard not only for quality management systems, but management systems in general. The system should ensure consistency and improvement of working practices within the division, which in turn should provide products and services that meet customer's requirements.

Congratulations go to Brian Conaty and all his team based in Castlepollard for their hard work in gaining this accreditation. Well done to you all.

Congratulations to...

Elaine Connolly, Purchasing Department, Lisnaskea, who recently married Martin Reilly on the 29th June 2007.



Paul Mohan, Contracts Division on the birth of his baby son Daithí.

Paul Campbell, based in Lisnaskea Quarry on the birth of his baby son Ryan.

Martin McGovern Lorry Driver on the birth of his baby son Nathan.

Brendan McGilly, Lorry Driver on the birth of his baby daughter Hannah.

Aidan McGinn, Lorry Driver on the birth of his baby daughter Amy.

Barry Dowds, Tar Plant, Lisnaskea on the birth of his baby daughter Caoimhe.

Willie Hogan, Surfacing Division on the birth of his baby son Tiernan.

Leo Prunty, Products Division on the birth of his baby daughter Leah.

Jim Nolan, Communications Division on the birth of his baby daughter Olivia.

Nuala McCann, Homes Division on the birth of her baby son Ryan.

Terry Irwin & Anna Hryniewiecka, Timberframe Division on the birth of their baby daughter Aaliyah.

Clarke Group Sponsorship

The Clarke Group have continued their sponsorship of Lisnaskea Emmetts and recently presented the club with a new kit.



Pictured are Martin Lowry (Marketing Manager) and Damien Teague (Sales Executive) Clarke Group Lisnaskea, Mark Little and Mark McKenna, on behalf of Lisnaskea Emmetts. Also included is John McBrien, Club Treasurer.

Contracts Division Retirement

The Contracts Division recently marked the occasion of Hugh Leonard's Retirement. Pictured receiving a gift from Tommy Clarke (Right), Contracts Division Director, is Hugh Leonard (middle) with Joe Cunney (Left), Contracts Division. We would like to wish Hugh best wishes for the future from everyone at the Clarke Group.

