

# alignment

Bringing together the news and insights from Align

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Why we and North Yorkshire Council were both honoured at region's Apprenticeship Awards.

An exciting maritime project that aims to 'drive economic growth' on the coast is gathering pace.

The first phase of the multi-million pound redevelopment of Bewerley Park is approaching completion.



## Families to benefit from £47 million energy-saving rollout

More than 1,000 social and privately-owned homes affected by poor quality insulation and ineffective heating have been upgraded by North Yorkshire Council since 2023 - and we're ready to help maintain that momentum with 1,600 others earmarked for crucial improvements.



# Welcome



**This is the second edition of our newsletter from Align Property Services - and I'd like to thank everyone for their support since we launched this exciting venture.**

The aim of this newsletter is to celebrate the success of our wonderful staff and keep you up-to-date with some of the most exciting projects we're involved in across the UK.

But perhaps even more importantly, it's a way for everyone here at Align to thank our private clients and public sector organisations who we work closely with all-year-round. On any successful project, it's a team effort – and we cannot achieve anything in isolation.

We are fortunate to enjoy a fantastic relationship with the clients and organisations that we work with, and their support, knowledge and expertise is not underestimated by anybody here.

As we reach the midway point of 2025, it's important to pause for a moment and reflect on some of the magnificent achievements so far this year. I'm very proud of our award-winning team and the difference they make within communities.

The theme of this edition of the newsletter is sustainability – something we are very passionate about here at Align.

I'd particularly recommend turning to our brand-new supplement on pages 7 & 8, where we feature some of the exciting collaborative work we're doing across North Yorkshire and Tyneside, as part of the wider decarbonisation drive taking place across the UK.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Walton".

**Ron Walton,  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

# Latest News



## Major upgrades to ‘much-loved’ outdoor learning centre close to completion

The first phase of the multi-million pound redevelopment of Bewerley Park outdoor learning centre is progressing well and on track to be completed this summer.

We’re proud to be supporting the council on the £3.2 million project that includes building a new 84-bed accommodation block.

The renovations will see 14 ensuite rooms created, along with accommodation for visiting staff, a drying room and break-out spaces for future residential school trips.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy a range of exciting outdoor and adventurous activities at the popular site.

Over the years, tens of thousands of young people from schools and other groups have enjoyed a taste of adventure at Bewerley Park, coming away with new-found confidence, friendships and memories to last a lifetime.

The redevelopment has been designed by our architects and engineers, who are working closely with the council’s outdoor learning and property services, AD for inclusion Amanda Fielding & senior project delivery manager Chris Davies. Our operations director, Andy Bardon, said:

“I remember attending Bewerley Park as a child 30 years ago and it’s a place that’s close to many people’s hearts. We’re proud to play our part in designing the new buildings and helping to bring this project to life.”



## Construction of Whitby Maritime Training Hub gathers pace

Construction is well underway on a multi-million pound scheme in Whitby that is aimed at helping to drive forward the local economy and boost job opportunities.

The Whitby Maritime Training Hub hopes to establish the port as a key player in the maritime and off-shore renewable energy sectors.

A centre will be created on Endeavour Wharf with early technical groundwork having now been completed, and with construction progressing well.

We were among the project’s leading organisations who recently met at the site to witness the early progress, along with council leader Cllr Carl Les, local members Cllr Phil Trumper and Cllr Neil Swannick, Ellis Cooper, Barry Harland, Linda Wild, developer Willmott Dixon and the Whitby Town Deal Board.

Willmott Dixon is leading on the construction, which is expected to be completed by April 2026, and we’re taking on the project management contract administration.

Whitby is one of North Yorkshire’s most-loved coastal towns and we’re proud to be part of this exciting project.



## Highways department strengthened by geotechnical delivery manager’s arrival

We have strengthened our highways department by appointing our first chartered geologist.

Mark Deighton brings nearly two decades of geotechnical and engineering geology experience.

Having previously worked on a number of landslip, mining and geotechnical infrastructure schemes, Mark will work alongside our engineering and design teams to provide specialist ground analysis.

Mark started his role as our first-ever geotechnical delivery manager in May – and is looking forward to offering his expertise to a range of civil engineering projects.

It’s great to have you on-board, Mark!





## New Scarborough seawatching station & mosaic unveiled

A new sea life viewing station on Scarborough's Marine Drive has been unveiled after we oversaw the project's delivery.

The renovated 1990s seaside shelter includes free seawatching telescopes and information panels that offer locals and visitors the opportunity to spot marine wildlife.

### The artwork

The artwork is by Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, with the commission marking the completion of the Wild Eye coastal art and nature trail which links five other artist commissions across Scarborough and Whitby.



We were appointed by North Yorkshire Council to oversee the project's construction, working alongside the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Invisible Dust to ensure the viewing station and mosaic were delivered successfully.



Katayoun Dowlatshahi, Cllr Kevin Foster; Hazel Oakes, Cllr Simon Myers, and Steve Anwar

## Catterick's ambitious £21 million regeneration scheme continues

The proposed regeneration of Catterick town centre is gathering pace with a series of striking artworks set to be woven into the £21 million project.

Our architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, project managers and principal designers are working alongside the council and have developed the design for the four-acre site.

The garrison town's transformation will see the creation of a new town square on Shute Road, a new pedestrian ramp connecting the development to Richmond Road, and a community and enterprise building.

Plans also include landscaping improvements, upgrades to Coronation Park and Shute Road, improved play spaces, and accessible routes to the town centre.

# NORTH YORKSHIRE APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

Double award success for Align and NYC at the 2025 North Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards.

SME EMPLOYER  
WINNER

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Since 2016, we have taken on 43 apprentices that have each been offered sponsored training with a progression through to degree level, across a range of specialisms including building surveying, mechanical and electrical engineering, and architecture.

That commitment to helping talented young people reach their potential was recognised as we were named SME Employer of the Year at the awards.

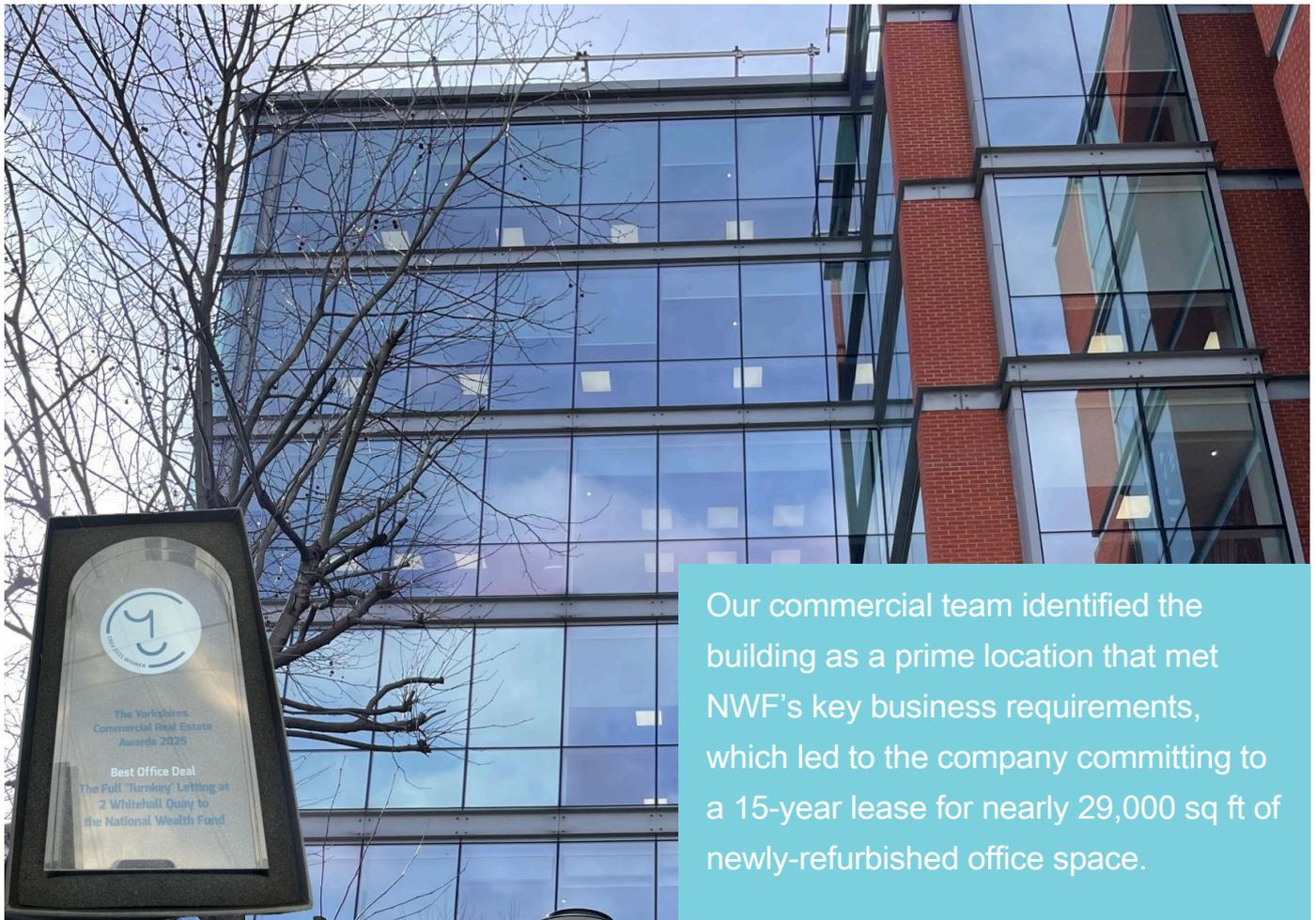
North Yorkshire Council were also big winners at the ceremony, with the authority's adult health and social care apprenticeship programme named Training Provider/Programme of the Year, while reablement care and support worker Lily Mercer was crowned Advanced Apprentice of the Year. A huge congratulations to everyone involved!

"Our apprentices bring so much to the company and it's always very special to see talented young people come in, hone their skills, and reach their potential."

"We will continue to ensure there is a clear pathway for students to learn here at Align, so that they can hone their skills and make a real, positive difference in their communities."

**Ron Walton**  
Managing Director





## First commercial award hailed as ‘important milestone’ for the team

We are celebrating our first commercial award success after taking top prize at the Yorkshire Commercial Real Estate Awards, which were held in Harrogate in May.

The full turnkey letting at 2 Whitehall Quay in Leeds to the National Wealth Fund (NWF) was crowned the winner of the ‘Best Office’ deal award at the ceremony.

We represented the tenant NWF throughout the process and helped broker the deal with Fox Lloyd Jones (FLJ) on behalf of landlords Britannia Invest A/S and its asset manager Catella APAM.

Our commercial team identified the building as a prime location that met NWF’s key business requirements, which led to the company committing to a 15-year lease for nearly 29,000 sq ft of newly-refurbished office space.

It represents a first major accolade for our commercial contingent, who buy, sell and let out a wide range of properties including office space, industrial, retail and development sites nationally.



**Daniel Clinch, Director of Commercial Agency**

# SUSTAINABILITY

## SUPPLEMENT



*During our visit, the teams at NYC and Align demonstrated professionalism and passion for the work they are doing in the retrofit space.*

*It is clear they're committed to improving residents' homes, reducing risks of fuel poverty through lower energy bills and paving the way towards net zero.*

**Paul Hill, Director of Housing at Salix.**

### PROVIDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY BLUEPRINT FOR BUSINESSES

Our sustainability team is helping hundreds of businesses across Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside and Northumberland to reduce their carbon footprint.

We have completed 150 bespoke decarbonisation reports for SMEs as part of the BEST project, which is being delivered by local authorities across the North East including Newcastle City Council.

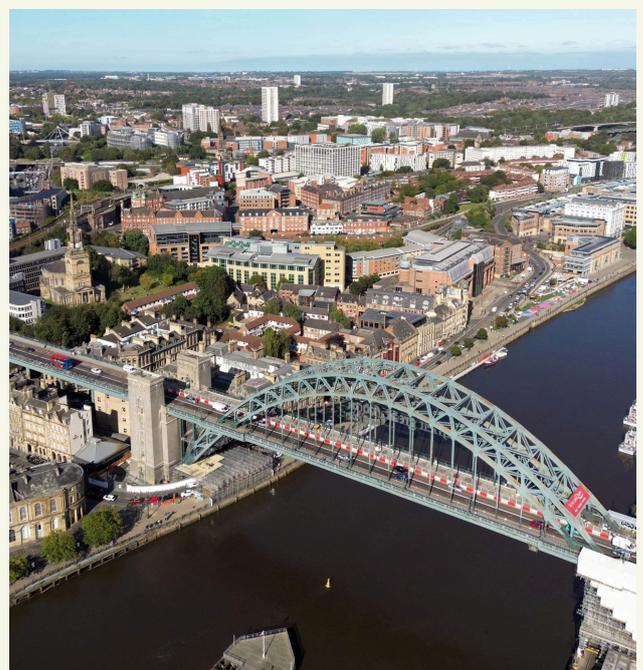
### FAMILIES TO BENEFIT FROM £47 MILLION RETROFIT ROLLOUT

Hundreds of families are to receive energy-saving upgrades in their homes as part of our decarbonisation drive with North Yorkshire Council that has received national praise.

Earlier this year, we and the council welcomed sustainability experts from Salix Finance, the Government-owned body responsible for seeing national retrofit schemes on behalf of the Department for Energy and Net Zero, to North Yorkshire.

They were really impressed about how we're working collaboratively to make a difference to residents' lives.

Looking to maintain the momentum, we'll be working with Paul Cole and his team to upgrade more than 1,600 more homes as part of a £47 million investment.



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### FRAMEWORK UPDATE

More than 20 contractors have registered their interest in our new framework that will help deliver the decarbonisation of private and social housing across North Yorkshire.

We've received a great deal of interest from local suppliers keen to help deliver the works, and are in the process of closing out the evaluation.

We're excited to see this progress over the coming months.



### CSX CARBON SEMINAR

Our sustainability team have hosted a compelling seminar alongside our colleagues at North Yorkshire Council to assess the future of ecological development.

A range of industry experts joined us in Northallerton to discuss biodiversity net gain, exploring how we can retain and enhance wildlife habitats, optimise the environmental value of land, and work together towards achieving net zero.

It's important we continue to embrace new technology in this area, and events like this are invaluable for sharing ideas and best practice on areas that we are all passionate about.



# Project Updates

## Maryport Activity Centre

A family activity centre in Cumbria has reopened its doors as part of a £12 million regeneration scheme.

A new multi-purpose studio space and party rooms have been created for residents and visitors, while the centre's gym and fitness centre has been expanded – with brand new changing facilities.

Our architects have hailed the transformation, after working alongside Cumberland Council & Thomas Armstrong Construction.



## Duke Street, Whitehaven

Our architects have been working alongside Cumberland Council on the £450,000 regeneration of Whitehaven town centre. The scheme aims to increase footfall, support local trade and honour Whitehaven's cultural and historical legacy.



Leader of Cumberland Council, Councillor Mark Fryer, said: "This has been an exciting step forward for Whitehaven. By enhancing the public realm and preserving the area's proud history, we are not just investing in infrastructure - we are investing in people, place, and pride".



## HM Coroner's Court, Workington

Work to relocate a county coroner's court in Cumbria has started.

Our engineers and architects have been involved in the design of the new modern facilities within Allerdale House in Workington.

The current base in Cockermouth no longer meets the need of the services due to a lack of space, accessibility issues and being an ageing building.

As a result, Cumberland Council has been looking to repurpose part of Allerdale House to create a large main court room with jury facilities, a secondary court, three family and meeting rooms, a waiting area and reception.

We are very proud to be involved in this project and it has been a real team effort to get to this point. We are all looking forward to seeing our shared vision for the building come to life over the coming months.

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# FOOTBALL MATCH

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**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**TIME: 17:30**

**NORTHALLERTON LEISURE CENTRE, DL6 2UZ**

Support your team this July as Align go head to head with North Yorkshire Council to raise vital funds for the British Heart Foundation!

Opportunity to network with Food and Drink provided

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