

New Training Centre to tackle UK construction skills gap

MJ Church and BAM Construction Training join forces to boost the number of CPCS-accredited plant operatives in southern England.



BAMCT Managing Director, Matt Durant (left) pictured with MJ Church Training & Development Manager, Steve Hargreaves (right).

Chippenham (23rd October 2017) – MJ Church and BAM Construction Training have today announced the signing of a major strategic partnership to combat the UK construction skills gap with the opening of a new CPCS-accredited plant training and test centre.

MJ Church are one of the South West's largest civil engineering contractors with a training centre at its head office near Chippenham, Wiltshire. Now, following the announcement, BAM Construction Training's full suite of CPCS-accredited qualifications can be accessed by candidates wanting high quality training by fully qualified and experienced trainers. The new initiative follows a surge in demand for high-quality CPCS plant training across southern England.

Key features of the centre include fully-equipped classrooms for training and testing, welfare facilities and purpose-built practical training areas for every course, as well as an on-site café. With access to MJ Church's fleet of equipment, BAM Construction Training can offer a wide range of plant categories and pass additional cost-savings on to their customers.

Wokingham-based BAM Construction Training has further demonstrated its commitment to UK construction with major investments in technology and digital marketing. The drive has significantly increased organic lead generation and boosted the efficiency of its sales process.

The new training centre will also support the next generation of plant operatives with the launch of a new apprenticeship scheme, further details of which are to be announced in due course.

Tom Church, Director of M J Church, comments: *“With the government hoping to meet ambitious housing targets and major infrastructure projects coming forward, we anticipate a strong pipeline of work and a skilled workforce will be crucial to delivering these much-needed homes. MJ Church and its partners will continue to support the UK construction industry and its future workforce.”*

Matt Durant, Managing Director of BAM Construction Training, comments: *“This partnership will be a game-changer for southern construction. Our newly-opened second site enables us to significantly increase our capacity and extend our support for the next generation of skilled plant workers. We are delighted that MJ Church has recognised our commitment to address the UK construction skills gap with high-quality accredited training.”*

Training can now be accessed through the BAM website <https://www.bamct.co.uk> for both individuals and companies alike.

About MJ Church

Established in 1974, MJ Church is one of the largest civil engineering, earthworks and waste management contractors in South-West England. The Chippenham-headquartered firm employs over 450 staff and generates turnover in excess of £50 million per annum through its civil engineering, plant, transport and waste solutions groups. MJ Church is a leading performer within the civil engineering sector with a reputation for supporting customers in a straightforward and professional manner.

<http://www.mjchurch.com>

About BAM Construction Training

Established in 2013, BAM Construction Training (BAMCT) is one of South-East England’s fastest growing CPCS-accredited construction training centres. The Wokingham-headquartered firm has enjoyed 43 percent revenue growth over the past 12 months by combining the highest standards of training with exceptional customer service. BAMCT is committed to building a competitive advantage in the industry through investments in marketing and technology.

<https://www.bamct.co.uk>

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