

NEW YEAR, NEW START AT COMBE VALLEY!



Progress

Our commitment to the new completion date of September has meant that we have already made good progress during the first month of the year.

We have started plastering all the bedrooms in what will be Goldfinch Ward for older people. Once completed, we will start work on Skylark and Lapwing, the adult wards.

Landscaping of the ward and therapy gardens is virtually complete and we will be looking to begin planting soon.

A lot of the behind-the-scenes work has also

continued in the roof space, other internal areas, the external façade and brickwork.

We are also on our way to completing the fire track around the site perimeter to create the emergency fire access.



Heroes of the hour

Quick-thinking by two of our electricians potentially saved the life of the chef who supplies on-site burgers to give keep our workforce fed and watered.

The two workers recently noticed that the shutters were closed on the burger van – but they could hear food being cooked. Luckily, their hunger and inquisitive natures led them to push the shutters open – and they found that the chef had fallen ill and was lying unconscious. He was on his back with a blockage in his mouth.

They acted fast – one staying with the chef while the other raised the alarm with their Supervisor who was close-by and is a first aider. They all then carried out first aid, looking after the chef until the emergency services arrived. This quick thinking,

use of training and attention to detail made sure the chef had the correct care and prevented any further serious health issues.

He's made a full recovery now and is back in the van making those all-important quality burgers!

This incident demonstrated the importance of training, which we take seriously at Kier Construction.

Well done to the three electrical operatives who were rewarded with a certificate and thank-you gift from us on site!

Pictured: Will Baggott, John Joe Dawes, Jack Harper, Guy Wenham



Facts and Figures

During the month of December:

- Number of hours worked was 16,900 (17,857 in Nov 2025) – it is less because of the Christmas break.).
- Total accident-free working hours: 421,082.
- Average number of workers on site was 140 but this is expected to increase in the coming weeks.

Site opening hours

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