CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS SCHEME

We are an Associate Member of Considerate Constructors. The scheme commits contractors to be considerate and good neighbours, as well as clean, respectful, safe, environmentally friendly, responsible and accountable.

Our sites are independently audited to ensure that we comply with their codes. While the industry average score for 2014 was 35.3, Costain sites averaged 40.6 out of 50. Our Heysham to M6 Link score in our November audit was 45 and scores have consistently exceeded 40.

WILL GET YOU INVOLVED...

EDUCATION

For schools:
• safety and education days in schools
• personal safety sessions; both around construction sites and general.

For students:
• engineer led sessions, including bridge building days
• media projects, safety campaigns and project progress videos
• mock interviews and CV preparation
• work experience placements and taster sessions
• supported projects in areas such as environment, sustainability, business and finance.

We welcome contact from teachers and other education providers with suggestions about how we can support planned projects in any way.

For adults:
• NVQ Level 2 training for staff
• Apprenticeships, we will seek to take on a number of apprentices living locally to the scheme
• Support the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) with development days, site tours and presentations
• University/College lectures or assisted projects
• School and College briefings about the construction industry and careers within it.

EMPLOYMENT:

We will work with...
• Preston JobCentre Plus, the county council’s WorkStart and Future Horizon’s team to help bring the unemployed back into the workforce
• Higher education facilities (UCLAN, Preston and Cardinal Newman Colleges) to provide training and qualifications for our staff
• Established business clubs to provide coaching and skilled support
• the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and support them to enter our supply chain through Meet The Buyer events.

Our commitment to you:
We will employ one long term unemployed person for every £1 million of construction spend; not just as site operatives, opportunities also exist in administration, catering, cleaning, apprenticeships or working with our subcontractors and partners in a variety of other roles.

WE DO WHAT WE SAY:

“As a Company Costain is an exemplar of how construction can be used effectively as a context for learning for their support on a wide range of related activities.”
Andrea Meyrick, Chief Executive, Education Business Partnership

“The Chamber is working with Costain to maximise opportunities for local businesses, and has an important role to play in supporting local companies to become procurement ready. We are working with Costain to reduce the barriers which stop small suppliers being able to tender for work. This partnership approach demonstrates a pro-active commitment by all concerned to deliver this project in a way which benefits the local economy and community.”
Vicky Lofthouse, Chief Executive Officer, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce

“Costain have embraced (delivering economic benefits) through their great work with the Princess Trust and the local employment partnership as well as helping to set the industry up for future growth through a high volume of training delivered as part of their National Skills Academy for Construction status.”
Andrew Watson, Project Manager, Highways England

“Costain has been very supportive right from the first meeting to discuss the Employment route project.
Costain has created a structured training programme for each of our participants.”
Michael Woods, Job Centre