



## Murray Birrell Newsletter



### Dear Murray Birrell Friends

This has been a challenging and devastating time for so many. Please be assured that Murray Birrell's focus has always been on supporting our clients, our employees and the communities in which we operate – and we are more committed than ever.

The company draws on almost thirty years of experience in helping our clients navigate through even the most difficult situations. We are leaning on our core values of professionalism, respect, experience and communication to help guide us all through.

We have once again adapted ourselves to the lockdown situation and we are happy to see many new instructions coming through. We are also ensuring that our ongoing projects are still progressing within the recommended guidelines.

As well as beginning new projects, many of you have also reached out just to ask a question, discuss an idea, ask about the current restrictions or just say hello. Please continue to do so!

We want to assure you all that we are still here, still busy working with the same care, commitment and enthusiasm that we have always done, and we are doing this safely within the Government's guidelines.

Please note, we can be contacted in the normal way by phone 01689 898288 or [email](#), but also via other platforms such as Zoom or Teams. We are also keeping our [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts regularly updated, so please have a look at those.

Stay safe and we hope to speak to you very soon.

**From all of us at Murray Birrell.**

## Warm Welcomes

We warmly welcomed our newest team members in the autumn, Assistant Building Surveyors Rory Aldridge and Rebecca Malik.

Rory: "From an early age, I have always had a passion for buildings, particularly historic ones, I still have a picture of me aged eight helping paint Georgian sash windows with my Grandad. Fast forward 16 years and I have completed a BA in Property Management & Development and an MSc in Conservation of Historic Buildings, and I am part of a team inspecting interesting elements of old and listed buildings, including sash windows, in prime areas of central London. I'm looking forward to continuing my career and working towards qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor."

Rebecca: "My interest in the built environment really began when I moved to London eight years ago to study a BA in History. I was fascinated by the City's historical architecture and constantly evolving skyline. Shortly after I completed my undergraduate degree, I started working in leasehold property. That was when I decided I would like to pursue a career as a Building Surveyor and began studying for a Building Surveying MSc, graduating this July from University College of Estate Management with a distinction. I am absolutely delighted to be working for such an established firm and look forward to beginning my two-year structured plan leading to the RICS Assessment of Professional Competence."

They are both doing very well in their new roles and Murray Birrell are pleased to have them on board.



### P&T Chairman Tenure Extended:

Director Stuart Birrell's tenure as Chairman of the London branch of the [Pyramus & Thisbe Club](#) has been extended due to the ongoing pandemic. This year will see his third year as Chairman of the London Branch P&T Club, a Learned Society to promote Education and Excellence in Party Wall practice. Stuart is an expert in Party Walls and is very pleased to continue working with the Club.





## Christmas Update

Christmas 2020 feels a long time ago now, but we wanted to update you all.

Following the amazing response to our 'Big Christmas Quiz', Murray Birrell were able to donate £250 to 'Let Them Shine', a grassroots charity supporting schools in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania.

In addition, we donated our Christmas card fund to the Freddie Farmer Foundation, a local physiotherapy centre providing intensive programmes for disabled children aged 3-16. We also made a donation to a young man who has a very rare cancer.

We hope that all who took part in the quiz enjoyed it and found it an enjoyable diversion from these strange and troubling times.

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