

# CONTEMPORARY CREEKSIDE HQ FOR COCKWELLS

**An investment of more than £1.1M will empower this internationally-acclaimed company in Mylor Bridge to expand and innovate**

**A**n outdated collection of sheds has been demolished at the heart of the creekside village of Mylor Bridge to make way for a purpose-built, low environmental impact HQ for multi-award-winning, global brand, Cockwells Modern & Classic Boatbuilding Ltd, which

is at the technological forefront of specialist marine manufacture in Cornwall. Following record-breaking sales of its custom-built motor launches and luxury superyacht tenders in recent years, this redevelopment is designed to provide a solid platform for innovation in the development of new products and services, and stimulate the long-term growth of the business.

It will also enable the company to exploit potential market opportunities for high quality, advanced engineered craft and compete at the very highest level both in the UK and internationally.

This 21-week project represents an overall investment of more than £1.1 million, including £491,825 from the European Regional Development Fund. It will culminate in a single



1,058 sqm modern, accessible, solar-powered workspace that will enable office staff and all the trades to work together to provide both new build and refit customers with a seamless service to superyacht industry standards at an affordable price.

It will not only enhance working conditions and facilities for the Cockwells team, but also enable the company to train up to 10% of its employees to NVQ4 level and create ten highly skilled FTE jobs during the next four years.

The overarching aim of this investment in infrastructure and training, together with the introduction of Lean Processing to maximise efficiency, is to increase productivity by up to 50% and exports by 100%.

It is also about creating a sustainable model for the future through which traditional skills that are unique to wooden boat building, known only to a small and decreasing number of experts of progressing age, are shared with the next generation of boat builders through Cockwells' apprenticeship scheme.

"Combining the artisan craftsmanship of the shipwright with the latest technological innovations, manufacturing processes and materials is what sets us apart in the highly competitive marine sector and this development will elevate the company to a higher plane," explains founder & MD, Dave Cockwell.

"You can have all the modern machinery in the world but unless you know how to use it, you will not achieve a quality product. At Cockwells, our highly skilled boat builders are

as proficient with a chisel in their hands as they are at operating a CNC machine, so we combine techniques, materials and processes that improve the speed of the build without ever compromising on quality. To be able to do this in a contemporary, fit-for-purpose workspace will enable us to compete for business even more efficiently as well as create more beautiful

company's energy consumption. The building, which will be completed by September, will also incorporate 250sqm of office accommodation as well as a lift, evacuation chair and hearing loops for full accessibility.

Bodmin-based Brady Construction Services has been appointed as lead contractor. ▀

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bespoke boats." The new HQ is being constructed to BREEAM Excellent standards, which will ensure its adherence to stringent, best practice, environmental performance through design, specification, construction and operation.

Full insulation, the adoption of renewable sources of power such as photovoltaic solar panels for generating electricity and a solar thermal system for heating will improve its environmental impact by reducing the

