



## Using the past to build for the future

“We are proud and delighted to be approaching our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and offer both our congratulations and thanks to our offices around the world of which the team in the UK is a leading example.”

Margot Hofmann  
Business Development Director.

Our success over almost seven decades demonstrates not just the design and ingenuity of Layher scaffolding, access and protection systems, but our commitment to working closely with our scaffolding contractor customers. Sean Pike, UK MD, believes the company's enviable track record – ongoing since before the middle of the last century – is founded on this fundamental yet simple principle.

“As we approach our 70th anniversary in 2015, it's notable how consistently our history has been marked by regular and imaginative innovation,” he says, “and the centre pages of this issue of *Update Layher* flags up many of the most important. However, our headquarters in Germany will be the first to agree that design, manufacturing, testing and quality – all of which gain from continuing investment – represent only part of the story.”

The Layher philosophy of providing the full range of support services that we have at our disposal – from installation, design and technical advice to rigorous safety testing and certification – for every customer and all projects is key. “Our ongoing emphasis on building close customer relationships is now demonstrated by our new Eggborough depot in North Yorkshire – also detailed inside – which puts Layher's track record on the doorstep in a major part of the country,” concludes Sean Pike.

Many things, of course, have changed dramatically since Layher's early days – fish and chips for around a 'tanner' anyone? (that's 2.5 pence for our younger

readers!) – but some things will always stand the test of time. The Layher approach, we would like to think, is just one, proven example.



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# On the doorstep in the North of England

The clearest possible demonstration of our ongoing success and our confidence in the future can now be seen at Eggborough in North Yorkshire.

The new Layher depot brings the full range of Layher equipment and expertise to a major part of the country for the first time with the opening of a storage and demonstration facility. Under the charge of Operations Manager Heath Brown, the new Layher premises in Eggborough is designed to fulfil clear-cut objectives –

“We are committed to bringing our services closer to the customer wherever possible,” explains Sean Pike, Layher UK’s MD. “This

means not only being able to demonstrate our equipment but also to transport it more quickly to customers, often accommodating short demand requirements.”

The choice of location enhances this last point with excellent access east to west via the M62 and north to south with the A1M. Additionally, the site is within easy reach of major industrial conurbations, including local power generation facilities that are well-established in the area.

“This is an exciting time in the company’s development,” says Heath Brown, “across both the construction field and within industry. With Layher’s continuous commitment to

product innovation, I am totally confident of our ability to address a wide range of access and protection requirements from Eggborough, and to enhance the successful work in the region already undertaken by Area Sales Manager, Matt Sherwin.”

“This is an important step forward and one which we believe will be acknowledged by all our customers in the area,” concludes Sean Pike. “We look forward now to Heath and his team being able to grow the facility as a key element of our established network – echoing the success of Letchworth in the south and Livingston in Scotland.”



Heath Brown, Operations Manager (above left and below) with Andy Burnley (above, centre) and Matt Sherwin, Area Sales Manager (above, right) at the new Eggborough depot.



## From the other side of the world – to Scotland

With valuable experience at our subsidiary in New Zealand behind him, we are delighted to welcome Kenneth Redman back home to take on the position of Area Sales and Technical Manager of Scotland and Ireland at our Livingston depot.

“I am committed to maximising our presence in industries that we serve in both the Scottish and Irish markets – from general construction through to specialist application areas such as the oil industry,” he says. “Availability of equipment at the large depot in Livingston, and also the opportunity to develop further training and demonstration areas on site is extremely exciting.”



## Scaffold rises at airport

ProjectScaffolding provided comprehensive access for the new terminal extension at Edinburgh Airport – making full use of the Layher Allround modular scaffolding system. Appointed by main contractor Balfour Beatty Construction Services, the installation centred on a six-lift scaffold structure and a protective canopy for workforce and passengers alike – vital

to ensure the continued operation of the airport.

“Additionally, we used Layher beams over a central access tunnel and Allround scaffolding for a steel pedestrian bridge installation which links the new terminal extension to the multi-storey car park opposite,” comments Stephen Guthrie, Scotland Director at Project Scaffolding.

## A wonderful view of the Games

Support for the largest LED screen in Europe was created by Acorn Events using the Layher Allround system for the recent Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony at Celtic Park in Glasgow.

The continuous scaffold wall meant point loads were massively reduced while support structures were not required – reducing installation time and eradicating the need for craneage. Access areas and stairways were also installed behind, while Acorn also used Layher equipment to provide a number of additional structures for the Opening Ceremony and at other venues for Glasgow 2014.

“We are very proud to have worked with main contractor Jack Morton Worldwide and Glasgow Council for such a unique, worldwide occasion,” commented Andy Nutter, Acorn Events’ MD.





# A proud history – a positive future

From simple beginnings to a genuine multi-national specialist – at Layher we have built success on providing solutions and opportunities to our customers in equal measure.

At the heart of our story is innovation. By continually looking to find

better and new ways of meeting scaffold, access, protection and shoring needs, we believe we have become pioneers in the field.

Safety, quality and versatility are always our watchwords – and

a glance, below, at some of the highlights over the years will pay testimony to developments where these key objectives have become increasingly synonymous with the Layher name.

And watch this space . . . there's always more to come!

1945



Company Founded

1965



SpeedyScaf revolutionises the façade sector through much quicker assembly and dismantling, and highly improved safety

1974



Allround Scaffolding the ground-breaking invention in steel and aluminium

1984



Cassette Roof System protection against weather and environmental influences

1985



Stages and Grandstands extends our product range and introduces a new and fast connection technique

1986



Established in the UK with dedicated administration, storage and training facility in Letchworth following on in 1997

1999



Protect and Keder Roof System a new cladding meets the highest requirements in terms of both protection and aesthetics

2002



Scottish depot in Livingston opens bringing access to equipment, expertise and training directly to a major market sector

2007



Allround STAR Frame a lighter length orientated scaffolding which can offer fast erection time

2009



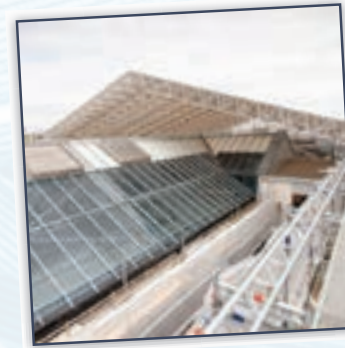
Allround Bridging System capable of achieving spans of up to 30 metres with simple erection

2010



Allround Shoring TG 60 optimises performance with only three additional Allround Scaffolding components necessary

2011



Keder Roof XL further development of the Layher Keder Roof for roof widths of up to 40 metres

2013



Allround Lightweight a new dimension in scaffolding offers lower weight thanks to high-tensile steel

2014



Latest depot Eggborough, North Yorkshire, opens for business – providing enhanced north to south and east to west service for Layher customers. And there is more to follow . . . !

## And what's your memory?

Next year, as we celebrate our 70 year history, we would like to echo your memories in *Update Layher*. So however far back your recollections go – let us know what a scaffolder's life was like in the past.

A date and a sentence or two along the lines of 'I remember when . . .' and you may see your name on these pages next time. Just use [info@layher.co.uk](mailto:info@layher.co.uk) to send us your suggestion via email. (Now that's not something you used to be able to do!)





## Under cover in Cambridge

The largest Layher Keder XL temporary roof structure in Europe has played a key role during prestigious refurbishment at the University of Cambridge. The system, with Layher's Allround access and support scaffolding, was built by Connect Scaffolding for main contractor Kier Construction for the upgrade work undertaken on the ARUP Building Museum of Zoology.

"No crane access was possible and the surrounding buildings and thoroughfares remained occupied and used throughout," says Oliver Cave, Connect Scaffolding's MD. "Layher Allround was erected around the structure to 12 lifts and to a height of 30 metres, with buttress support scaffold used. "The 'brutalism' architectural style features step-ins and cantilevered elements so walkways of varying depths were incorporated.



"The structure was assembled by hand from a wide-stepped gable," says Simon Lewis, Design Engineer at Layher. "Roof truss components were rolled out on nylon wheels set on a scaffolding track with the Keder XL sheeting then pulled across the roof one bay at a time."

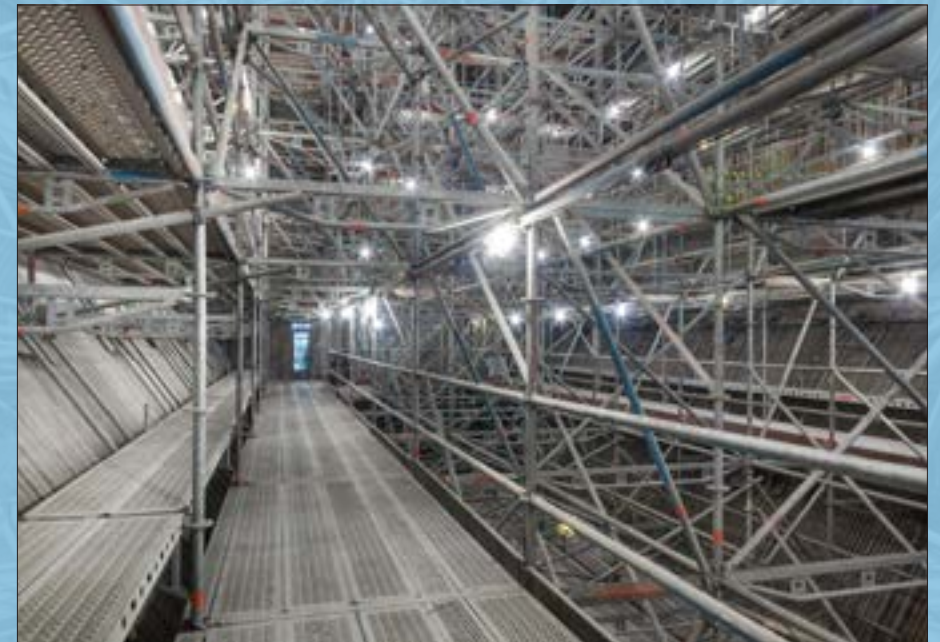
Steelwork was also installed by Connect Scaffolding as a primary support while the project also incorporated access for extensive internal works, including a crash deck which was adjusted as the project moved forward.

## Scaffold power in South Wales

Access for the bi-annual overhaul of a major boiler installation at Aberthaw power station in South Wales has benefitted from Layher scaffolding design.

XERVON Palmers installed a 19 lift scaffold measuring 25m x 13m for Doosan Babcock and RWE to optimise performance and efficiency in the large, yet confined space. Vitally, speed of installation also helped to minimise boiler offline time while XERVON Palmers also highlight the neat, space efficient design of the system and its ability to provide unhindered access for the many skilled operatives at site.

The minimum number of components required, compared to tube and fitting, also benefitted manual handling procedures – important in the hot, dusty and noisy environment.



## Getting close



Under the wing of the National Trust, the refurbishment of historic Croome Court in Worcestershire has been witnessed at very close quarters – thanks to a 'Sky Café' installed by Sky Scaffolding [Midland] Ltd.

"We installed a scaffold structure around the building to provide access for the range of

specialist trades," says Sky Scaffolding's MD, Dennis Davies.

The scaffold also featured close up viewing access at one gable end for the public to ascend onto a purpose-designed viewing and refreshment platform – the 'Sky Café'. Here, the ability of the Layher Allround system

to provide clear decking was particularly important.

"This is a major scaffolding installation in terms of its design, structure, and importance," concludes Dennis Davies, "and retaining its role as a visitor attraction throughout the refurbishment process is highly imaginative."



# Visitor centre is visit highlight



A chance to see the superb new visitor centre was one of the key features of an excellent customer visit to the Layher head office in Eibensbach in Germany in May.

A 40-strong party was welcomed by Georg Layher, one of Layher's principal shareholders, and Margot Hofmann, Business Development Director, to the manufacturing plant which now includes a unit dedicated to displaying and demonstrating all Layher equipment.

"This is one of the latest in a series of such visits and we hope next time we'll also be joined by guests who could not make it with us in May and, of course, other users of Layher equipment," comments Sean Pike, Layher's UK MD.

## The Layher Choice

- ✓ **ALLROUND LIGHTWEIGHT SCAFFOLDING**  
Maximised installation versatility centred on Layher's acclaimed 'rosette' design.
- ✓ **EVENT SYSTEM**  
Dedicated equipment designed to be expandable and adaptable – meeting a vast number of concert and sporting event staging, stand and platform requirements.
- ✓ **PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS**  
From 'Protect' containment panels to a choice of temporary roofing systems – all designed to help maximise efficiency and improve the building environment.
- ✓ **SPEEDYSCAF®**  
Simple, manual erection using just five basic components to create a strong, stable access system.
- ✓ **FALSEWORK (TG60)**  
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- ✓ **ROLLING TOWERS**  
Fast to erect, easy to reposition, safe and with a choice of decking sizes – the optimum answer to mobile access.
- ✓ **LADDERS AND STAIRTOWERS**  
Direct stairtower connection to scaffold design provides safe, durable access for multiple personnel use at any height – together with a choice of ladder designs that all offer durability, stiffness, safety and stability.
- ✓ **ACCESSORIES**  
From steel or aluminium unit beams, scaffold tubes, couplers and castors to hoists, nets, wall anchors and hardware, the choice of optional accessories from Layher is innovative and extensive – to maximise the success and effectiveness of every installation.

## IN BRIEF

### NEW ADVANCED ALLROUND TRAINING



Approved Training Provider

The range of Layher's CISRS-approved training options is now

further enhanced with a new, dedicated Allround scaffolding course – another first for the company.

The CISRS SYSTEM ADVANCED training for the Allround modular scaffolding system is designed to provide our clients with even safer and more effective use of their investment.

Details are available from our Letchworth head office – telephone number 01462 475100.

### MAKE THE MOST OF ALLROUND LIGHTWEIGHT

The 'lightweight scaffolding with heavyweight benefits' theme which helped to launch the Layher Allround Lightweight in the UK is already paying dividends.

Lighter, stronger and with a clear focus on safety, the design is starting to bring clear-cut benefits to all users.

If you have yet to talk to us about the advantages it can offer your business, simply call us 01462 475100.



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