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NATTA NEWSLETTER

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Photo: Our completed Manydown Winklebury Way project for Urban & Civic



Editor's Note

Welcome to Issue 61 of our Natta Newsletter. Beyond our latest project wins and milestones, this edition provides a look at some of the people, initiatives and investment supporting Natta's continued growth.

We highlight developments within SHEQ, our investment in Plant and technology, and the work being done to encourage the next generation into construction through careers engagement and apprenticeships.

We also share our latest community social value project in Bicester, where Team Natta helped transform the Cherwell Community Garden, another great example of using our skills and resources to make a positive difference in the communities surrounding our projects.

We hope this edition gives our clients and partners an insight into not only what we deliver, but the people and values behind how we deliver it.

Jo Whelan, Communications Director

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INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to welcome you to our latest Natta Newsletter, reflecting another busy and positive period across the business.

A particular highlight is the award of Whitstable Heights for Graham Care, our single biggest care home contract win to date. As Main Contractor, we will deliver the design and construction of this 133-suite supported living development in Kent. The award builds on our long-standing relationship with Graham Care and further strengthens Natta's position within the care and senior living sector.

We have also reached an important milestone at Manydown in Basingstoke, completing the Winklebury Way phase for Urban & Civic, while our infrastructure teams continue to progress works across several major developments.

Supporting this growth is continued investment in our business. During 2026, we have significantly strengthened our Plant fleet, equipment and site technology, increasing our in-house capability and helping our teams deliver safely and efficiently for our clients.

I am also incredibly proud that our annual Natta Charity Golf Day raised £34,000 for Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and Woking & Sam Beare Hospice. My thanks go to everyone who played, sponsored and supported the event and helped us achieve such a fantastic result.

As always, thank you to our clients and supply chain partners for their continued trust and collaboration, and to everyone across Team Natta for their hard work and commitment.

I hope you enjoy the latest edition.

John Whelan, Managing Director



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20
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697
COMMUNITY
HOURS



*Manydown Project
for Urban & Civic*



Project Spotlights

Photo: Our Broomfield House Care Home Project in Chelmsford for Graham Care

DELIVERING INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CONNECTS COMMUNITIES – MANYDOWN

Natta continues to make strong progress across a number of key infrastructure projects. In Colchester, works are well underway at Stanway Roundabout and Spine Road, alongside our ongoing delivery at the major Manydown development in Basingstoke. Further south, our teams are also progressing infrastructure works across Phases 2 and 13 at Waterlooville, and supporting the continued growth and development of the area.

Winklebury Way – Project Completion

Natta has now successfully completed the Winklebury Way phase in Manydown and delivered a key residential gateway into the wider scheme.

Appointed by **Urban & Civic** as main contractor, Natta is delivering the vital access Infrastructure and Section 278 Works required to support the highly anticipated Manydown housing development. Our works included the construction of a new traffic signal-controlled junction, alongside the diversion of existing utilities and the installation of stormwater drainage infrastructure, including an infiltration basin.

The team also delivered the new road construction and resurfacing of existing approaches, as well as installing ductwork in preparation for SSEN's new cable installation. The completion of this phase represents an important step in providing the infrastructure and connectivity needed to support the wider Manydown development and its growing community.

Having reached this major milestone in the development, the team is now advancing into the next critical phase of the development. We are working on the high-voltage infrastructure, undertaking the civil engineering works required for the undergrounding of existing 33kV and 11kV overhead cables running across the Manydown site. Natta is also delivering the earthworks and drainage package for KPIa South, which includes the construction of new SuDS basins, ornamental ponds, hard and soft landscaping, and the installation of foul and storm drainage systems to facilitate the future housing parcels.

A Smarter Approach to Dust During Hot Weather

Following successful trials at Gilston and Horsham, we've been using DustFast at Manydown to help tackle dust during hot, dry conditions. By binding dust particles to the surface, this innovative solution helps keep our sites cleaner and safer while reducing our impact on local communities and the environment.

At Natta, we continue to explore innovative, practical solutions and new ways of working that can improve site operations. Trials such as this allow our teams to assess products in real site conditions while supporting our commitment to protecting local communities and the environment.



NATTA SECURES WHITSTABLE HEIGHTS SUPPORTED LIVING SCHEME CONTRACT



CGI of the proposed Whitstable Heights Supported Living Scheme

We are delighted to announce that Natta has secured a new contract with **Graham Care**, our largest care home contract win to date. Working as the main contractor, we will deliver the design and construction of Whitstable Heights in Kent, a new 133-suite supported living scheme, creating a modern, purpose-built development focused on the comfort and well-being of its future residents.

The scheme will comprise supported living apartments, alongside a range of high-quality communal and well-being facilities. At ground-floor level, a welcoming cafe and arrival space will provide a central social hub for residents and visitors. A dedicated hydrotherapy suite will further enhance the care and wellness facilities available within the development.



The project also involves extensive **civil engineering** and infrastructure works. These include sheet and CFA piling operations, retaining walls, a basement with a pool, foundations, and a concrete frame. Natta will also deliver the incoming services and drainage infrastructure. The building is clad with a mixture of brick, glass, curtain walling, rockpanel and render. Internally, a high standard of M&E and finishings will produce an adaptable and attentive living space for the residents.

Drawing on our extensive construction and civil engineering capabilities, the project will further strengthen Natta's **portfolio** within the care and senior living sector. It will deliver a high-quality environment combining specialist accommodation, communal facilities and thoughtfully planned external spaces.



DELIVERING FOR GRAHAM CARE: SOUTHLANDS HOUSE, SITTINGBOURNE PROGRESS

The award of Whitstable Heights builds on Natta's growing portfolio of projects for Graham Care Group. Alongside this latest contract, our team are continuing to make strong progress on our 99-bed senior living development in Sittingbourne. We're currently carrying out several crucial stages, whilst also looking ahead and preparing for more significant milestones.

Current Stage

Internal fit-out is progressing well across the Lower Ground and Ground Floors. Two zones on the Lower Ground Floor are now approaching completion, with final-fix installations well advanced and finished flooring the principal outstanding element.

On the Ground Floor, final decorations and final-fix activities are bringing two zones increasingly close to handover-ready condition. Works have now extended into the remaining zones on both floors, maintaining good momentum as the internal fit-out progresses towards completion.

Across the First Floor, all three zones are currently undergoing fire-stopping and insulation works. Once these activities are complete, mechanical and electrical (M&E) installations will be able to commence, marking another important stage in the internal fit-out programme.

Externally, another major milestone has been achieved with all blockwork and brickwork now complete. Roofing works are continuing through the final section, ahead of the commencement of roof tiling.

The building's appearance is also beginning to take shape as rendering works are now underway. These works represent an important step towards achieving the finished façade, with external cladding scheduled to commence in September.

With key structural and envelope works reaching completion and internal areas advancing towards their final finishes, the project is continuing to transition from major construction activity into the finishing stages.

The team will also progress the main utility connections within the highway network, alongside groundworks and landscaping activities that will begin to shape the wider site in accordance with the final design plans.

The coming weeks will see further visible progress both internally and externally as the building moves another step closer to completion. Together, these milestones represent another significant step forward for the project, with continued progress both inside the building and across the wider site.



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Health and Safety

Photo: Taken at our CISTC Training Centre

BEYOND COMPLIANCE: RAISING THE STANDARD



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Maintaining High Standards

The SHEQ department has continued to support our projects throughout the summer, with a strong focus on maintaining high standards of Safety, Health, Environment and Quality through monitoring and learning, whilst also identifying opportunities for continuous improvement. Our site audit programme, incident monitoring, workforce engagement, training and toolbox talks continue to provide an important means of measuring performance across our projects and ensuring that lessons identified on individual projects can be shared across the wider business.

Site Audits and Monitoring

We endeavour to make site visits at least fortnightly and, with the increase in live projects, 29 reports were produced in July – the highest number of audits undertaken in a single month so far this year. This reflects our continued emphasis on proactive monitoring across projects.

The number of flagged items has also increased; however, much of this can be attributed to the establishment of new projects and additional checks being incorporated into the audit process. A significant proportion relates to documentation and record-keeping, particularly documents requiring upload or update within FONN. These findings provide valuable opportunities to improve the consistency and effectiveness of our project management systems and demonstrate a more detailed and proactive audit process, rather than necessarily indicating a deterioration in site standards.



Strengthening Our Audit Process

During this period, additional checks were introduced into the site audit process to further strengthen our management arrangements.

These include checking that a Natta RAMS Appraisal Record has been completed for subcontractor RAMS. The purpose of this process is to ensure that site management has considered the key elements of subcontractor RAMS and confirmed their suitability for the planned works.

A further initiative introduced was the requirement for a Site Roles & Responsibilities list to be compiled and displayed. This provides greater clarity over individual responsibilities within each project team and helps ensure that key SHEQ responsibilities are clearly allocated.

These changes demonstrate our continued commitment to moving beyond compliance and towards a more structured and proactive approach to managing health, safety and quality.

Looking Ahead

The SHEQ department will continue to focus on proactive monitoring, learning from incidents and improving the consistency of our management systems.

Particular areas of focus will include:

- Closing out audit findings promptly and effectively.
- Improving the completeness and accessibility of project documentation within FONN.
- Strengthening the management of subcontractor RAMS.
- Maintaining robust controls around temporary works, lifting equipment and work equipment.
- Continuing to reinforce excavation and underground service controls.
- Maintaining high standards of fire safety and emergency preparedness.
- Continuing workforce engagement through relevant toolbox talks and safety briefings.
- Using audit and incident trends to identify opportunities for preventative action.

The SHEQ department recognises that strong SHEQ performance is not achieved simply through policies and procedures. It relies on effective planning, competent people, clear responsibilities, good communication and a willingness to learn and improve.

Our objective remains clear: to deliver projects safely, responsibly and to a consistently high standard, while continually improving the way we work.

David Armstrong, SHEQ Advisor



Natta Plant News

Photo: Our New Hitachi ZX210

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR FLEET

Natta Plant has continued to invest heavily throughout 2026, strengthening our fleet and introducing new machinery, technology and site equipment to support Natta Building sites across the business. A major focus this year has been our heavy plant fleet, with the addition of two Bell B30E articulated dump trucks, two **Hitachi** ZX210-7 excavators and two **JCB** 220X excavators. Together, these represent a significant upgrade to our core earthworks capability. The new Hitachi machines are also equipped with RDS Loadex weighing systems, improving load accuracy, productivity, and material control on site.

Our smaller excavator fleet has also expanded, with four Sany SY60 6-tonne excavators joining the fleet. Well suited to drainage, utilities and general groundworks, they provide our teams with modern, reliable machinery, whilst reducing downtime and reliance on external hire.

Another key addition is a new Caterpillar skid steer, supported by a range of attachments and Trimble Earthworks machine-control technology. Its versatility allows teams to undertake grading, trimming and ground preparation with greater accuracy and efficiency.

Alongside Plant, we have strengthened our surveying and site technology capabilities. A new Leica GPS Smart Rover, additional Trimble equipment and survey instruments are supporting accurate and efficient setting-out and positioning. New Hathorn 60m Wi-Fi drainage camera systems also give teams on site greater capability to inspect drainage installations and identify potential issues in-house.

Site infrastructure continues to be a key priority across our projects. Three new 50kVA generators, additional water and waste tanks, and four Ecowash wheel-wash units have been added, providing greater flexibility when mobilising and supporting projects.

We have also expanded our welfare and site accommodation provision with towable welfare units, canteens, drying rooms and toilet facilities. These additions allow units to be redeployed between projects as requirements change, improving utilisation, supporting efficient mobilisation and providing high-quality facilities for our workforce.

Overall, the last couple of months have already seen a substantial programme of investment. The aim remains the same - to provide Natta with modern, reliable and productive equipment, increase the capability we can offer internally and ensure our sites have the right plant and tools available.

John Gormley, Plant Director



Bell B30E Articulated Dump Trucks



JCB 220X excavator



CAT Skidsteer



Social Value

Photo: Bicester Community Project for The Cherwell Community Garden

DEVELOPING FUTURE TALENT: CAREERS FAIRS AND OUTREACH

Natta has continued to attend career fairs, engaging with students of all ages to promote the construction industry. These events form an important part of our commitment to delivering **social value**, supporting local communities, showcasing accessible career pathways, and inspiring the next generation of talent.

In June, Natta was delighted to attend the **Woking College** Career Fair. The event welcomed over 1,000 students from Year 12 alongside other local sixth forms and schools.

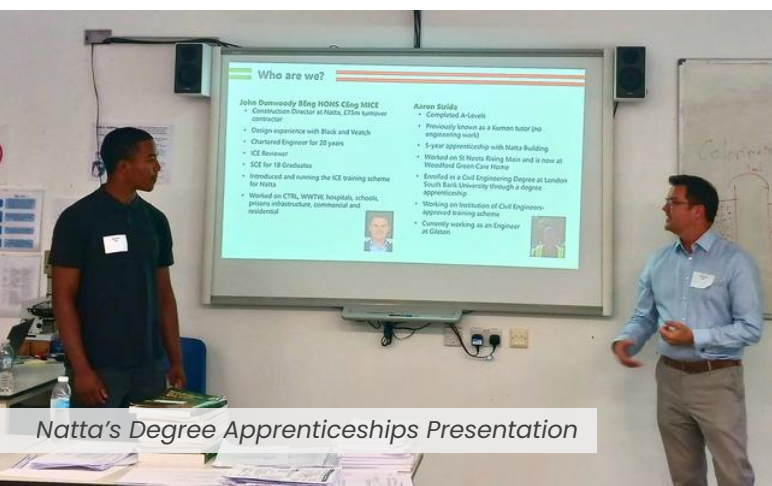
The students showed great engagement throughout the day and had plenty of interesting questions.



John Dunwoody and Aaron Stride

Apprenticeships, CV writing, and career planning were discussed, along with the range of roles within the construction industry.

As part of the event, Construction Director John Dunwoody and Apprentice Engineer Aaron Stride delivered a presentation on degree apprenticeship routes into Civil Engineering. The aim was to help students explore alternative pathways into the industry.



Natta's Degree Apprenticeships Presentation



Oliver Shred and Cezara Dan

The **Sixth Form College in Farnborough** invited us to their 'Moving on Day' event in July. This welcomed more than 2,000 students, allowing them to explore the wide range of career pathways available.

In May, we were also one of the many companies that came together at the **BFRS** National Careers Fair at the Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre. There were employers, training providers, and members of the AFC Community to network and explore career opportunities with.

As a proud signatory of the **Armed Forces Covenant**, Natta remains committed to supporting serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families. We continue to recognise the valuable contribution the Armed Forces community make to both our business and the wider community.

Through these initiatives, we remain committed to encouraging future talent and demonstrating the breadth of opportunities available within the construction industry.

DELIVERING SOCIAL VALUE: BICESTER VILLAGE PROJECT

At Natta, we believe in giving back to the communities where we work by donating our time, skills and resources to support local initiatives. We were delighted to take part in a community project in Bicester alongside The Cherwell Collective for the Cherwell Community Garden.

Natta is currently working as the Main Contractor for Value Retail in Bicester Village, undertaking the construction of a new car park, S278 works, vehicular and pedestrian bridges, and the development of a public park.

Community Project Work

We donated our time and resources to help restore their community garden space. After the garden fell into disrepair, several raised planting beds, the greenhouse, and footpaths were unsafe for residents and community groups to use. We have now helped transform the garden into a vibrant, welcoming space that everyone can enjoy.

The works included dismantling and safely disposing of a derelict greenhouse, together with the removal of all associated waste materials. The team cleaned up and repaired the existing concrete pathways to improve accessibility across the site, including replacing damaged sections to enhance disabled access.



Raised planting beds were created and refreshed with new topsoil, while existing timber planters were repaired using replacement timber and finished with a new weatherproof coating. In addition, new timber seating was installed within a shaded area to provide a practical and comfortable space for children during break times.

Overall, we were proud to contribute £6,065 towards the project. This investment covered essential materials, plant and equipment hire, waste management, transport costs, and skilled labour required to complete the works.

The project total also included man-hours donated in-kind through management meetings and the provision of four groundworkers over a 3-4 day period to undertake the project works, further supporting the successful delivery of the project.



The Natta Team Working on the Garden



The finished Community Garden



Thank you notes from the community

The Cherwell Collective

Working to reduce the carbon footprint of communities through climate action, wellbeing initiatives, and behavioural change programmes, their unique approach to climate promotes holistic well-being for both the planet and the community.

One of their initiatives, **Harvest at Home**, helps empower individuals to grow their own food. They use the skills learned within the community green space gardens managed by the organisation.

A huge thank you to everyone involved who donated their time and effort to help bring this social value project to life.

"Tending to the Garth Garden has created a wonderful community of friends and neighbours who meet regularly, year-round, to share food, flowers and friendship."

The vandalism of the greenhouse last Autumn put a stop to this until Natta stepped in to make the space safe and usable again.

Now we are all incredibly grateful and overjoyed to be back in our happy space. Thank you, Natta!"

Amanda Groom, Harvest at Home Bicester Lead



The Cherwell Collective Community with Team Natta

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TEAM NATTA GIVING BACK: CHARITY HIGHLIGHTS

Supporting **charitable initiatives** is an important part of our commitment to giving back and contributing to causes that make a real difference to individuals, families and communities.

This year marked our 17th Annual Charity Golf Day, a much-anticipated highlight of the Natta calendar that continues to bring together colleagues, clients and industry partners for an enjoyable day while raising vital funds for our nominated charities.

Natta Annual Charity Golf Day | £34,000 raised

Held at **Sherfield Oaks Golf Club** in July, this year's event raised an incredible £34,000 for **Rainbow Trust Children's Charity**, **The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity**, and **Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care**.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and to our players, sponsors and supporters for their outstanding generosity. A special thank you goes to our auctioneer, Aaron James, whose enthusiasm and energy helped make the day such a success. We would also like to thank CID Group for creating our hole sponsor signs, along with everyone who contributed to the day, making the event possible.

Our Managing Director, John Whelan, was proud to present the cheques from the Golf Day to our amazing nominated charities. Over the years, we've supported our charity partners, and it was a welcome chance for John to catch up with their teams and hear about their latest work as we continue these valued relationships.



About Natta's Nominated Charities

Rainbow Trust Children's Charity cares for families who have a child with a life-threatening or terminal illness, and provides bespoke emotional and practical support for the whole family, whenever and wherever it is needed. They help 24 hours a day from diagnosis, through treatment, and for some, through bereavement and beyond.

For 175 years, The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity has been at the forefront of cancer care, pioneering breakthroughs that have transformed the lives of people affected by cancer in the UK and around the world. Thanks to the generosity of supporters, they fund pioneering research and state-of-the-art equipment.

As an independent, local charity, Woking and Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care provides specialist palliative and end-of-life care, shaped around what matters most to each individual. Their vision is to enable people with life-limiting illnesses, and those close to them, to live fully and be supported to experience a good death, with comfort, choice and dignity.

SUPPORTING THE LIGHTHOUSE CHARITY

Natta has proudly supported the **Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity** since October 2022, helping to raise awareness of the vital services it provides to those working across the construction industry. Over the past four months, we have continued this commitment through fundraising and awareness campaigns, renewing our charity supporter membership and sharing valuable resources with our workforce and wider community.

The Lighthouse Charity provides free and confidential emotional, physical and financial wellbeing support to construction workers and their families. At Natta, we want to recognise the importance of ensuring our workforce knows that support is available and to encourage open conversations.

Wear Purple Week Campaign

We were pleased to take part in their new **Wear Purple Week** campaign, joining businesses across the industry to raise awareness and highlight the importance of the work they offer.

Our head office team embraced the campaign by wearing purple, taking part in a charity sweepstake and enjoying some brilliant purple-themed cupcakes. It was a simple but effective way to start conversations and raise awareness.

Charity Supporter Renewal

We are thrilled to renew our membership with the Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity once again. As a proud 'supporter', we have signed their Mental Health Charter. This initiative ensures that we provide our staff with a good understanding and awareness of poor mental health in the workforce.

At Natta, we recognise the importance of creating a supportive working environment. Our staff have access to a dedicated Mental Health Hub, containing useful information, practical resources and guidance.

By continuing our partnership, we hope to encourage open conversations around mental health, reduce stigma and ensure that wellbeing remains an important part of our workplace culture.



Second Hand Laptop Sale Raises £400 for Charity

Our latest in-house second-hand laptop sale raised a fantastic £400 for charity. Led by our IT team, the initiative gave our retired business laptops a second life, offering them to Natta employees while raising money for good causes.

Alongside the fundraising benefit, reusing our IT equipment supports our wider sustainability commitments by helping to extend the life of our technology and reduce electronic waste. A big thank you to everyone who purchased a laptop and supported the initiative.



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