



The new teaching block at St John Fisher RC High School, Staffordshire



Theatre building at The Royal Grammar School in Worcester



The impressive new teaching block at Barr Beacon School in Walsall

# A celebration of 120 years on foundations laid in 1899



Founder Arthur M Griffiths in 1899

Wolverhampton based construction company Arthur M Griffiths & Son Ltd (AMG) start 2019 confident and stronger than ever, an incredible and inspiring 120 years since the company was formed.

Back in 1899 Mr Arthur M Griffiths started as a tradesman builder, working from a small workshop in Church Lane, Wolverhampton.

From those humble beginnings the business became a family concern that has now grown into one of the Midlands' most respected construction companies, responsible for many major landmark buildings across the Black Country and wider region.

The company moved to Thomas Street, Wolverhampton in 1904, where the head office of AMG can still be found today.

By the 1930s, and now under Harry Griffiths' leadership, the company was undertaking large local authority contracts to build council houses in Wolverhampton, Coseley, Stourbridge, Wednesfield and the surrounding areas, as well as private housing developments.

During the second world war AMG provided a much-needed service to the region's manufacturing industry and was engaged on munitions factory maintenance as well as MoD government work.

In the post-war years contracts were won to construct new schools for Shropshire and Staffordshire County Councils, Wolverhampton and Dudley Borough Councils as well as hospitals for the local area Health Authorities.



This presentation of 37 gold watches to AM Griffiths staff for 30 years of AMG service took place in 1957

Following in his father's footsteps, Alan Griffiths joined the company straight from school forming a successful partnership until 1994 when Harry retired at the age of 89.

The company remained in family control until a decision to appoint directors outside of the family was made in 1997, which eventually led to a management buyout in April 2015 and the start of a sustainable growth plan.

The new management team led by chairman Maurice Walsh, managing director Richard

Green and co-directors Gary Wildsmith and Simon Dix understood the significance of ensuring the company's rich heritage and reputation for reliability and trustworthiness was maintained.

Between them the current directors have over 150 years of experience in the construction industry.

The company has always had a broad range of clients with its core sectors being education, industrial, commercial, retail, healthcare,

housing, leisure and heritage in both public and private sectors.

The new management team has seen the company grow steadily from an annual turnover of £12 million in 2014, to over £30 million for this year.

Managing director Richard Green said "We like to mix old fashioned values with innovative new ideas and our desire and commitment to constantly stay ahead of the game."

"This ensures AMG continue to offer a

reliable service to our clients who are extremely important to us, with over 80 per cent of them returning for repeat business."

An example of AMG's innovation and keenness to stay ahead of the rest of the industry is the use and continued improvement of its original and bespoke "TWS" smart phone app that AMG developed with its IT partners.

The app allows site managers to manage site health & safety and quality in real time. AMG remains the only construction company in the region with this technology.

In addition, AMG's innovative process of construction using its own RoWeRS (Reduction of Weather Risk System) building process has been used very successfully on a number of local authority projects throughout the region.

The RoWeRS system is AMG's way of addressing the issues created by the unpredictable nature of the Great British weather which can often cause problems in the construction of new buildings and often leads to delay, inconvenience and cost to clients.

Whilst innovation and technology remain important, AMG recognise that the quality and calibre of a company's workforce is vital and it prides itself on developing its existing employees through training and recruitment of the next generation of construction professionals.

Richard stated "On the job training is key for the construction sector and we invest in the development and training of our workforce."

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