

COLT HOUSES

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Suppliers & Manufacturers of Timber Framed Houses & Structures

2023 Colt Newsletter

How do we top the past year? This is always the challenge, a tough one, but this is how we did it! With last year's completed jobs all wrapped up and many very satisfied customers safely in the bag, no pun intended, this year proved to be equally successful, if not better!

We were off to a flying start knowing we complete all the tasks in hand before we broke for Christmas 2022, jobs completed, site visits and condition surveys carried out and written up



Workshop duties soon continued and many window linings were manufactured in readiness for later installation. Refurbishments kept the team busy and our workshop started to look very healthy; we just needed homes and better weather for the many jobs beginning to stack up!

Spring saw the crew reside in the New Forest for a few weeks whilst undertaking the refurb and window and door installation and the reconfiguring some internal layouts in a pair of Colt flats. As the weather picked up, our attentions were soon directed to Wales; yes, you guessed it, more replacement windows!



and work lined up for the New Year; this allowed the management staff and workforce time to reflect and enjoy the festive break before we go again in the New Year.

The first quarter of the year saw a surge with internal renovations; this was partly due to careful planning, thus keeping the men, mainly Nik and Alex, closer to home and in drier conditions during the colder weather.



Back on home turf, we got stuck into the cedar work, our speciality! A shingle roof completed on a Church Room near Canterbury, cedar shingle and shiplap boarded walls completed on various jobs and with rising temperatures, saw the pressure washer come out and the cleaning and Texnap 22 oil application commence on the buildings that required some love!

The summer months continued in pretty much the same way as the spring, with replacement windows completed in many different counties, cedar wood shingle roof replacements and repairs, thermal upgrades with new cedar boarding and sidewall shingling all went ahead and to plan!



In early autumn, we had our yearly pilgrimage to Scotland, to thermally upgrade and reclad the front elevation of a fifty-five-year-old bungalow. Further work was also required when we later returned in the winter to reconfigure some internal walls and further windows.

In November, Caroline and I were kindly invited to travel to Southern Ireland to carry out a condition survey on a family bungalow, residing for one night in a posh hotel in County Kerry. Major refurbishments are required and something we are looking forward to carrying out next year. This now completes, work in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, not bad!

To have the opportunity to work with a great team at Colts and visit many different places for such great clients is a real delightful pleasure and something we are looking to expand on in 2024, welcoming new Colt home owners to the fold and continuing to provide our service and brand to our existing customers on our fine timber framed buildings.



On behalf of the dedicated team here at Colt Houses, may we wish each and every one of you the best Christmas and prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing some of you (hopefully) in the coming year!



All good wishes, Martin, Caroline, Nik and Alex and the team members who support us.