

CASE STUDY

# VHE Construction

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Commercial Director at VHE



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**Mark Goldsworthy started work at VHE Construction after completing a four year degree in Construction at Hallam University in Sheffield. Over the years Mark steadily worked his way up through the Company from Graduate to Commercial Director, the role he currently holds today.**

Mark describes VHE as a 'Remediation Contractor' that specialises in dealing with all sizes of contaminated sites. The Company originally started in 1979 with its UK Headquarters in Barnsley and today they are part of a larger group called 'Renew Holdings'. At present VHE employ around 80 full time staff. Today VHE continue to work with an impressive array of clients including Harworth Group, Clyde Gateway, Homes England, Local Authorities and National Grid Property Holdings on projects ranging from £20k to £17m.

Mark first came across CCM in 2008, whilst working on a project for 'Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council'. The Council needed to ensure there was a good change management process in place and were already using CCM as their tool of choice. They suggested that VHE should also use CCM, a system that VHE have continued to use ever since.

According to Mark, the CCM tool provides everything that is needed in terms of providing a full project administration and change management system. CCM was able to keep up with the Early Warnings and Compensation Events during the project and keep everything accurately logged in a single place. In Mark's words: "Having both our client and ourselves working together and using the same software made everything simple to administer both in terms of logging project progress and issues as well as providing a fully time stamped audit trail".

Before discovering CCM, VHE had only used their own spreadsheets and templates rather than any specific project software but today Mark actively recommends CCM to all their clients as the tool of choice.

VHE now use CCM on all their projects, big and small. VHE train their own staff how to use CCM and, as Mark explains: "When team training on CCM takes place at the beginning of a new project it is usually the first time the whole team get to meet each other so it helps as an ice-breaker as well as a team building exercise".

A key part of Mark's role is to monitor the progress of each job and keep track of where the money is going, plus what has been agreed or not agreed and Compensation Events. CCM makes this very easy and this information is invaluable in producing accurate and timely reports as well as making it easy to see where the contract is going 'price-wise' and 'time-wise'. CCM is also a useful interactive tool. Mark often sits in a room with the site management team where they display CCM on a wall screen so that they can all update CCM in a 'live' situation.



Mark's final comment sums it all up:

“From my perspective using CCM has been a very worthwhile investment because it has saved a lot of potential problems by having everything accurately recorded in one place. As a complete and reliable project audit trail it is the perfect tool and has paid for itself many times over.”

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