

Willmott Dixon Sustainable Development: it's what we do

John Willmott starts a business which will come to be known nationally for excellent workmanship and high quality, loyal employees.



1852

William Willmott becomes a Justice of the Peace on Hitchin District Council. Walter Willmott also serves on the council and is a member of the Hitchin Board of Guardians, a charity for the community's poor. Investing in communities has always been an important part of the company's ethos.



1916

Build Bailiffscourt, a manor house in Sussex, using reclaimed materials, long before recycling became recognised as the right thing to do.



1930

Company maintains modest growth, despite difficult trading conditions, due to innovative new guidelines on estimating, which help reduce waste and control costs.



1950s

Training and development charts new territory as trainees and apprentices use their plastering and carpentry skills to build a yacht.



1974

The Ten Year Club is formed to celebrate employee loyalty.



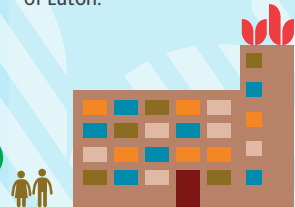
1977

Company embraces the recommendations of Sir Michael Latham's report 'Constructing the Team' and becomes a pioneer of partnering. Sir Michael Latham will go on to replace Sir Ian Dixon as Chairman.



1994

Education links strengthen as the company pioneers a post-graduate design and build course at the University of Luton.



1989

Chairman Sir Ian Dixon's 'Building Matters' campaign helps raise the reputation of the industry.



1989

Annual trainee of the year award is established to recognise and reward achievement.



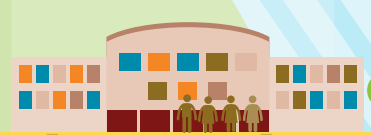
1989

Building on excellent health and safety record, the company becomes the first to introduce an internal policing system.



1987

Completion of the Elizabeth Fry Building for the University of East Anglia – one of the UK's first exemplar low energy buildings. A study 14 years later shows the building to still have outstanding levels of airtightness.



1995

Housing Division invests in a small innovations team to 'design out' repetitive problems and share best practice. Its work on standardisation and continual improvement can be seen as a forerunner of Sunesis.



1999

Rick Willmott becomes the fifth generation to lead the company. Under his stewardship, commitment to sustainable development is made explicit by its inclusion in the company's vision and values.



2001

Appointed the first sole delivery partner for the framework contract SCAPE, where we develop new ways to add value to communities and clients.



2005

Environmental managers are appointed to help minimise negative impact.



2005



2006

Founder member of the Passivhaus Trust in the UK, pioneering low energy, low carbon buildings.



2010

Jonathon Porritt, one of the country's most influential sustainable development campaigners, is appointed to the Willmott Dixon Board.



2009

Sustainability managers appointed in each local construction office to help embed sustainability.



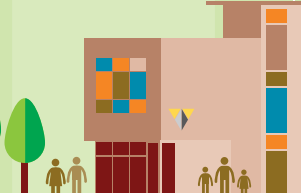
2008

John Frankiewicz, divisional chief executive at Capital Works, introduces the 10 point sustainable plan to guide best practice on construction projects.



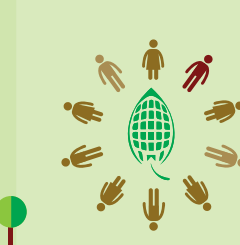
2008

Re-Thinking School is launched at BRE Innovation Park.



2007

Become a founding member of the UK Green Building Council.



2007

Re-Thinking is formed, making Willmott Dixon the first construction company to have its own internal sustainability consultancy.



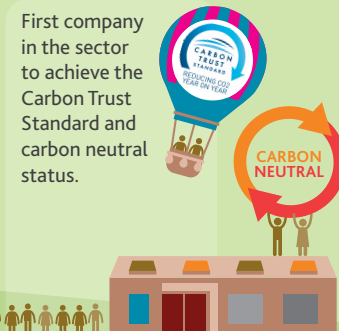
2006

The Willmott Dixon Foundation is born, setting a strategic direction for the company's community investment activities.



2011

First company in the sector to achieve the Carbon Trust Standard and carbon neutral status.



2012

One of the few contractors to sign the Government's prompt payment code.



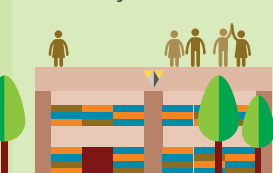
2012

Energy Services business launches to improve the energy efficiency of the UK's buildings. The business becomes one of the first accredited Green Deal Providers.



2012

Opening of the Willmott Dixon 4Life Academy in Birmingham, part of our commitment to provide lifelong skills to employees and the wider community.



2012

Collaborates with other contractors to set up the Supply Chain Sustainability School. The school will provide suppliers and sub-contractors with a consistent approach to sustainability, raising standards across the industry.



2013

Launch of the company's new Sustainable Development strategy which sets Group ambitions and direction for the next 7 years.



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