

SAUGHALL MASSIE COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

New build combined blue light facility



CLIENT

Merseyside Fire and
Rescue Authority

LOCATION

Saughall Massie

CONSTRUCTION VALUE

£4.2m

CONTRACTOR

Wates Construction

START - COMPLETION DATE

June 2018 - April 2019

SECTOR

Blue Light

FORM OF CONTRACT

JCT

DELIVERY TYPE

Design and Build

KEYKPIs



5

COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES
(Target 3)

APPRENTICESHIP
WEEKS
(Target 70)

132



19

TRAINING
WEEKS
(Target 15)



June 2019 marked the official opening of Saughall Massie Community Fire Station, the second in a batch of three stations built by Wates Construction for Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA).

MFRA and the Wates project team were joined by Wirral Mayor Cllr Tony Smith, CFO Phil Garrigan and Cllr Les Byrom at the opening ceremony, where Firefighters from White Watch gave a demonstration of the station's self-erecting training tower – the only one in the UK.

MFRA Station Mergers Programme

The design and construction of Saughall Massie follows the successful completion of Prescott Community Fire Station. The single storey, two-bay Fire Accommodation Project incorporates external drill and training facilities, offices, meeting rooms and car parking, as well as a sedum roof, timber cladding, collapsible training tower and full FF&E fit out. Next in the programme is a new build fire station in St Helens, which will remediate the former glass manufacturing site and coal colliery.

Considerate Conservation

The fire station is located adjacent to a conservation area and within the green belt - an area of countryside where agriculture and forestry can prevail. To remain sympathetic to these areas, a Green Living Roof was designed to aid rainfall attenuation and the building's ability to integrate into the surroundings. The site also lay on the boundary of residential housing, so acoustic fencing was incorporated to reduce noise pollution for nearby residents.

Above and Beyond

Activities coordinated during the Saughall Massie build involved communication through newsletters, open days, remembrance services and the donation of a Conservation Society notice board.

The team maximised social value wherever possible and the project exceeded NWCH baseline targets for training weeks, work placements, apprenticeship weeks and community activities.



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"The energy and enthusiasm across both projects to go above and beyond building has been a force for good in our community. The commitment and dedication from the team has been outstanding. Overall, there were a total of 274 employment and skills outputs specified as achievable targets, yet our project team delivered a total of 468; a fantastic performance."

Stewart Woods - Head of Estates at Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service



PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES

Daniel Bresnahan was employed with Wates in February 2017 through Calico's CITB shared apprenticeship scheme, joining the Prescott Fire Station team and then working on Saughall and St Helens. Looking back on his time working on the three Fire Stations, he commented:

"After spending my time working on Merseyside Fire Projects I have learnt that every project is different – that's one of the things I find interesting about construction. Each project will bring something new, and has its own challenges that need to be dealt with. I'm looking forward to learning more and progressing my career."

Daniel Bresnahan - QS Apprentice



Mark McCall, Saughall Massie's Construction Manager, at the Liverpool Skills Show.



SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE

Partnering with the local Huyton Prince's Trust team, Wates offered young people site-based work placements, supporting community volunteering activities and providing 'Careers in Construction' advice sessions.

Kieran was a Prince's Trust Candidate who enrolled on a work placement with the team at Saughall Massie Fire Station site. He said:

"I had a fantastic time working as a Gateman with Wates and learnt a lot about construction. Meeting and greeting visitors helped me to develop my communication skills and improve my CV, and I now have the confidence to apply for jobs when I finish the scheme."



The site team with Prince's Trust candidates and their CVs and Kieran as Ivor Goodsite at Black Horse Hill Infant School.

ADDING VALUE TO MERSEYSIDE

Activity	Expectation	Achieved
Education activities	3 or above	3
Apprenticeships weeks	70 or above	132
Community engagement	3 or above	4
Employment activities	3 or above	3
Work placements	6 or above	6
Training weeks	12 or above	14

PRIORITISING LOCAL INVESTMENT

Wates gifted a brand new defibrillator to the community in Saughall Massie as part of their ongoing work in Wirral.



Mascots 'Honour and Ivor Goodsite' visited Black Horse Hill Infant School to talk to them about the different jobs in the construction industry and the importance of health and safety on building sites.

