

40+ Years' Experience



# BARRIE BEARD'S NEWS

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Happy New Year from all the  
Directors and staff at Barrie Beard Ltd



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# AWARDS

Barrie Beard Ltd awarded top 10 Supply Chain Partner of the quarter for Willmott Dixon Interiors for Q2 & Q3.

Fantastic to be recognised. Well done to everyone who worked on this project.

**EVERYTHING  
COMPLETED WITH  
PRIDE**



## TOP 10 SUPPLY CHAIN PARTNER OF THE QUARTER

*Awarded to*

BARRIE BEARD LIMITED

In recognition of outstanding  
performance on the

Rosewood Terrace

project

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Phil Crowther".

**PHIL CROWTHER,**  
Regional Director

## PROJECTS WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON

### Sandwell Aquatics (Commonwealth Games Pool), Smethwick

Amazing commonwealth games, we are now on the next stage of the project get everything ready for the general public.

Aquatics Centre facilities will include: three activity studios, two 4-court sports hall, 108-station gym, 25-station ladies-only gym, indoor cycling studio, dry driving centre, sauna/steam room, new football pitch and changing facilities, new urban park and children's play area, and a cafe

Director - Lyndon Beard



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### Worcester Royal Hospital

Barrie Beard Ltd has been contracted to undertake Ground Floor, First Floor & Roof in the emergency department, Worcestershire Royal hospital.

The expansion of care facilities will contribute to the improvements to reduce waiting times, improve ambulance handovers and introduce new and innovative models of care in and out of hospital.

Contract Manager - Zach Beesley



### Face Punch

Electricians are currently working on Face Punch Studio at 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham. The project involved a complete fit out of the existing eighth floor.

The Video game developer is best known for its multiplayer survival game 'Rust', which has sold almost 14 million copies to date, and its other titles include Garry's Mod, Chippy and Sandbox. In total, Face punch has sold more than 38 million games worldwide.

Associate Director - Dan Ingram

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### Midland Metropolitan Hospital

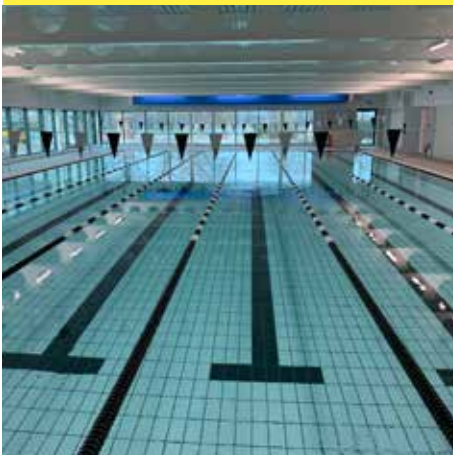
Our electricians working at the Hospital are currently nearly there. Special thanks to Dan Eccles who is leaving the project after 2 years of service. Rob Griffin is going to see us over the finish line. It's been extremely challenging but the light is at the end of the tunnel.

Associate Director - Dan Ingram

### Palmer Park Leisure Centre

Improvements been made to the existing leisure centre, includes; a modern new 25m 6-lane community pool, a 100 station gym with 3 studios, soft play facility with party rooms, a new café and information hub. Palmer Park Leisure Centre opened Monday 19th December. Fantastic work, well done to everyone involved.

Director - Darren Stokes



## RECENTLY FINISHED PROJECTS



### Oscott Gardens

Work on Oscott Gardens is now completed. A former student accommodation complex of 62 flats, 424 en-suite bedrooms, which has been turned into a hostel accommodation for homeless families for a temporary period of six years.

Oscott Gardens house up to 62 families, who been each be given their own self-contained flats with en-suite bedrooms, and in turned support centre, so families can easily access council services. Fantastic work, well done to everyone involved.

Director - John Barnes

### Campus East

Decarbonisation scheme completed at Campus East, Welwyn Garden City on behalf of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

A very challenging project but a big thanks for the efforts as this wasn't an easy one!

Contract Manager - Matt Chance

### Campus West

Decarbonisation scheme completed at Campus West, Welwyn Garden City on behalf of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

Barrie Beard have also completed various works which include an installation of a new sub main cable & a replacement of the tower plant distribution board.

Thanks for everybody's efforts on this one.

Contract Manager - Matt Chance



### Birmingham City Council

The refurbishment of the block forms part of the regeneration programme by Birmingham City Council, to upgrade the facades, fire safety strategies, and thermal performance of existing tower in the City. Barrie Beard have completed the following with Wates Living Space.

Inkerman House

Jordan House

Brecon Truro and Wells

Hockley Blocks

Bransford Tower

Director - John Barnes



### West Bromwich Leisure Centre

Recent LED Change completed at West Bromwich Leisure within the Gym area & main concourse area.

As you can see from the difference in light, the gym now looks newer & crisper.

Contract Manager - Matt Chance

## RECENTLY FINISHED PROJECTS

### Aberdeen Standard Investments

Barrie Beard Ltd were instructed to replace all buildings non LED light fittings to LED alternatives at numerous sites owned by Aberdeen Standard. The sites were located in Reading, Bracknell, Bristol and Birmingham. It was essential to complete this in a short cut off period so that the buildings would achieve a higher EPC rating than they currently held before. Our engineers worked tirelessly around the clock to complete this with causing as little disruption as possible to existing tenants. Massive well done to everyone involved.

Associate Director - Dan Ingram



### Rosewood Terrace

The Contract is with Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust & Willmott Dixon Interiors. We have successfully delivered the first phase of refurbishment to St Michael's Hospital in Warwick with Willmott Dixon Interiors. Great experience a massive well done to everyone involved.

Contract Manager - Matt Chance



## RECENTLY FINISHED PROJECTS



### Carnival Leisure Centre

Pellikaan Construction Ltd Contract with PFP as the operator. The new state-of-the-art leisure centre facility now completed handover and is open to the general public. The leisure centre includes a library as well as swimming pools, children's splash pad, a health suite (sauna, salt and steam rooms), 120 station fitness suite, fitness studios including group cycling studio, a cafe and a dual-purpose hall for sports or 400 seat-cultural performances. Well done to everyone involved.

Contract Manager - Karl Best



### Melksham Leisure Centre

Pellikaan Construction Ltd contract with Wiltshire Council as the operator. It has been supported with a grant from Sport England and it offers a wide range of facilities and services under one roof, including a gym, cycle, and fitness studios, 25m pool and learner pool, sports hall, library, café and meeting space for the community. Fantastic work, well done to everyone involved.

Director - Darren Stokes



## RECENTLY FINISHED PROJECTS

### Halesowen Leisure Centre

Electrical work on Halesowen Leisure Centre is now all completed. Fantastic work and well done to everyone involved.

The project involved a complete refurbishment of the existing leisure centre both internally and externally.

The facilities installed includes, a gym extension increasing the size of the gym to 70 stations, a new wellness suite, relocation of the entrance and reception, conversion of the small pool to an adventure play facility, new cafe, new reception, new facade treatment, new curtain walling to the front elevation and landscaping to the surrounding area.

Contract Manager - Karl Best



### Tarka Leisure Centre

The new Tarka Leisure Centre has been in full swing since its opening in June. Contract works with Speller Metcalfe for Parkwood Leisure. It includes a 25m, eight-lane swimming pool and 20m trainer pool, both with moveable floors that allows the pools to reach up to 1.8m in depth. Four-court sports hall, gym, three-fitness studios, indoor soft play, cafe and reception area.

The facility is also host to an interactive 'endless ski slope' accommodating snowboarders, skiers and tobogganers, which has been built in a room that runs inside to out. Fantastic work, well done to everyone involved.

Director - Darren Stokes



## PROJECTS COMING SOON

### Kings Edward House

Electricians will be on site working on Kings Edward House, Birmingham in January.

The project involved CAT A fitout in the centre of Birmingham consisting of:- HV incoming service upgrade and 1MVA transformer upgrade, Distribution system throughout, suspended lighting with wireless controls and Fire & Security Alarms across Basement, Ground and Seven floors plus roof.



### 5 St Philips Place, Birmingham

5 St. Philips Place is an existing office building in the heart of Birmingham's Central Business District on the corner of Colmore Row. Barrie Beard Ltd have been appointed by Willmott Dixon Interiors to complete electrical works on the building including a rooftop extension and external terraces.

Welcome features will include a new double height reception, entrance lighting and three dimensional back lit signage, while the building's existing art deco style metal work will be retained and refurbished.

## PROJECTS COMING SOON

### Filton Leisure Centre

The Contract works are with Speller Metcalfe for the council and Active Nation

The package of works will include the demolition of the existing reception area and changing rooms, along with a new extension to expand the provision of community facilities.



### Skechers

Electricians are currently working on Skechers Showroom. The project involves a small office fit out at Eden Point.

The package of works will include small power, floor boxes, lighting, feature track lighting, light display boxes, emergency lighting, data points & cab and fire alarm alterations.

Lee Knowles will be leading the 6-8 week project.



### Prince Charles Hospital

Barrie Beard are delighted to have secured two hospital wards in Merthyr Tydfil.

The Endoscopy and Max Facs form part of a complete hospital refurbishment between the trust and Tilbury Douglas over a 5 Year period.

Steve Barnes will be leading the 40 week project in Wales



## NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Say hello to Coco, Buddy, Oscar, Tux, and Bow, our loveable office dogs! How fabulous to have them join us for their photo shoot for our exciting NEW website, which launched in November.



## PROMOTIONS

We're absolutely delighted to announce not one, but 4 promotions which happened back in July. Huge congratulations to...

**Darren Stokes** - Director

**Jacqui Emery** - Director

**Lee Ball** - Director

**Dan Ingram** - Associate Director



Recently Chris Smith was promoted into the office to work alongside James O'Brien in the Small Works Department

Chris Smith and Andy Barnes both promoted to NIC Qualifying Supervisors



## LENGTH OF SERVICE 10 YEARS AND UP

What a fantastic service.....Here's to the next 10 years.

CELEBRATING  
**44**  
YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations and thank you to John Barnes for being with Barrie Beard Ltd for an astonishing 44 years of service



A committed and experienced individual, after leaving school in 1978 John was the first to join Barrie Beard Ltd as an apprentice and has graduated through the company to become a Director.

**20**  
YEARS OF SERVICE



**Karl Best**



**Chris Wedgbrow**

## SHOP REVIEWS AND CUSTOMERS SATISFACTION REVIEWS

### NQA Customer Satisfaction Results 2021 - 2022 Contracts

| Score out of 4            |                              |  |                        |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------|
| Speed of initial response | Courtesy of initial response | Technical Expertise at enquiry / quote stage | Quality of workmanship | Tidiness on site |
| 3.82                      | 3.86                         | 3.91   | 3.82                   | 3.45             |
| Overall Average           |                              |  | 3.77                   | 94%              |

*"Rob listened to requirements & completed installation quickly & efficiently"* **Barry West**

*Love this company - efficient, friendly, helpful - happy to do smaller jobs as well as major ones - you're great!* **Martin & Jan Wilkes**

### NQA Customer Satisfaction Results 2021 - 2022 Shop

| Score out of 4            |                              |                                    |                    |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Courtesy of counter staff | Helpfulness of counter staff | Product knowledge of counter staff | Stock availability | Price of the product you purchased |
| 3.50                      | 3.75                         | 4.00                               | 4.00               | 3.00                               |
| Overall Average           |                              |                                    | 3.65               | 91%                                |



Thanks for filling in these

BB Shop Review Card  
BB Customer Review Card

For every review that we receive back, we will donate £1.00 to Primrose Hospice

**AVERAGE  
SCORE  
9.91**

**Checkatrade  
REVIEWS**

**WHERE  
REPUTATION  
MATTERS**

**Originally to fix a kitchen light. Followed by an EICR**

*"Full and comprehensive inspection of all electrical fixtures and fittings in a three bedroom semi."*

**Roger Turberville**

**Domestic loft lighting and additional sockets**

*"Excellent level of service provided by Electrican and all work completed as requested to a high standard. Certificates followed shortly afterwards and already had additional quote for further work."* **Matthew Wells**

**Replace lighting pullcord / domestic loft lighting and additional socket**

*"The electrician was courteous and efficient, carrying out the task without any mess."* **John McNab**

**Replacement lighting in kitchen**

*"Excellent customer service. The work was done very thoroughly and minor problems were dealt with promptly"*

**Eleanor Whiting**

**New spot lights in bathroom and new light fittings in kitchen**

*"Really pleasant, attentive electrician (Dan?) who arrived promptly and got on with the job efficiently. We have had several small jobs done by BB over the years and they are always helpful and reliable."* **Rhys Watkins**

**Submain to music room**

*"I cannot thank all at Barrie Beard enough for their help and competent way they have completed my job. Right from the start of my enquire to competition of the job, very professional and straight forward with me as the customer"* **Dave Shadwell**

**Installation of electric heaters, power points and light fittings**

*"Barrie Beard's electrician was polite and friendly and carried out the work to time, in a professional, tidy and competent manner. Barrie Beard is a large company who carry out large and small jobs to the same high standard and I have no hesitation in recommending them."* **Paul Nutting**

**Various electrical tasks**

*"Have used the small works department on a number of occasions recently for a range of electrical work. Always provided prompt and reliable service, happy to discuss issues, offer advice and suggested solutions. All work completed to a very high standard. Highly recommended."* **Rob Trumper**

**Changing light fittings and switches. Identifying problem with spotlights and fixing it.**

*"Professional job, fixed everything and cleaned up afterwards."* **M Yorke**

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#### **Reinstate loss of power**

*"Trip switch failure whilst carpenter fitting new kitchen,so no power for his tools,hot weather fridge and freezer off. So desperate contacted Barrie Beard and within 90 mins they had an engineer at the house,15min later all up and running, power restored. Brilliant service and a very fair price was charged. Very grateful to them as I was a new customer."* **Alan Pratt**

#### **Replace shower pull cord**

*"Electricians turned up on time, carried out the job without any trouble. Explained fully any questions I asked in a polite manner. Left the property clean and tidy and took any packaging away with them. Definitely recommend the service."* **Charmain Male**

#### **Install new fusebox / main distribution upgrade various fittings including sockets and light switches**

*"Very pleased with the professional, competent and thorough work undertaken. This is the second time we have used them, and would use them in the future when needed."* **John McCullogh**

#### **Installation of a flood light**

*"Excellent. Came out to give us a quote very promptly. Friendly, efficient advice about what we needed. Came to do the job again very promptly. Fixed the light including changing an electric socket. Went through the wall cavity so no visible wires in the house. Excellent job all left tidy. Light works really well just what we wanted."* **Louise Doherty**

#### **Test and rewire**

*"Not necessarily the cheapest quote but very reliable, turned up on time when arranged, pleasant workmen and good quality job done. We have used them several times of the last five years."* **Peter Hutton**

#### **An electrical overall check of the house, and a couple of ancillary jobs**

*"The initial estimate was provided promptly and was accepted by us without delay. The electrician arrived promptly as arranged. He was quietly efficient and thorough. The final report was produced and he explained it clearly; it was reassuring. As a result of our excellent initial contact with the company we have placed quite a lot of work with them. Most of the work we have placed was discretionary work on our part, following our good initial experience."* **John McCullogh**

#### **Installation of inline extractor fan in 2 bathrooms and the affixing of a LED mirror.**

*"Rob from Barrie Beard completed this work very carefully to avoid any damage to the 2 bathroom ceilings and fixed the LED mirror to the wall again without causing any damage. It is an absolute pleasure to get Barrie Beard Ltd to do any electrical work for - such a professional firm to deal with."* **Nigel Hughes**

#### **Electrical Inspection, PIR Fitting & Light Spur Fitted**

*"Excellent Work. Thought Beards would be expensive but very competitive. Happy to come and inspect the work needed which some others wanted photos for and gave a more accurate quote as a result. Inspection revealed an issue which they fixed, this was an awkward task which they didn't complain about. Both other jobs were small but both were left working and much tidier. Will go back to them first from now on."* **Jon Ray**



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**Connecting lights in several areas**

*"We had some very useful advice and electrician did not mind doing several small jobs, even when it involved going to get further fixtures to install. All done in a couple of hours."* **John Jones**

**Complete rewire of garden lights.**

*"Wonderful work from this company. Very courteous and respectful. Friendly and helpful. Very pleased with the work as the previous installer stopped replying to calls after the lights became faulty. Barrie Beard have supplied items to us before from their premises and have proved to be trustworthy and attentive. We shall certainly use them again."* **Sally Coombes**

**Pull switch Security light Bathroom light**

*"All work was completed satisfactorily by the designated electrician, Rob, who was pleasant and considerate of our requirements."* **Norman Evans**

**To fit 3 new light fittings**

*"As always the work was carried to a high standard. Rob their electrician double checked with my wife and myself as to where we wanted to fix each light fitting. Rob came up with an idea for both bathrooms which meant we ended with a much better outcome. Very helpful and a pleasure to do business with."* **Nigel Hughes**

**Relocate and replace an existing light fitting and replace 3 single sockets for doubles**

*"He is very professional, tidy and polite. I would always use them in the future."* **Ms Duffield**

**Replaced a consumer unit**

*"The work was excellent, he was professional, on time, tidy and well mannered. I will not use any other company except this one."* **Ms Duffield**

**Various electrical work**

*"Barrie Beard Ltd have undertaken work on many occasions for Primrose Hospice. They are professional courteous and prompt the work is completed to the highest standard accompanied by the appropriate certifications when completed. Would highly recommend them for both commercial and domestic electrical work."* **Brian Fitzmaurice**

**Outdoor socket**

*"Turned up on time explained what he was going to do and asked if that was ok with me, kept it all tidy and very nice man. Would recommend highly."* **Alec Morris**



**Rating - 4.9**

*Thank you Barrie Beard and Rob D for a great job installing three outside lights. We are very happy with the service Rob provided and the cost was very competitive for a small job.*

**Ralph Denny recommends Barrie Beard Ltd**

## GREAT FEEDBACK FROM CLIENTS

### Wates 78

*"I wanted to personally take the time to feedback to Barrie Beard Electrical company regarding two electricians I have supervised for the past week, Luke and Fraser.*

*I am not responding on behalf of Birmingham City Council but from a personal perspective. Both men were consistently polite and friendly, not only to myself but also the residents. My duty was to ensure that all of their work was conducted in a manor appropriate to the accommodation. Both Luke and Fraser were able to explain to the residents the purpose of the work they carried out whilst respectfully entering resident rooms. All rooms were left in the conditional they were found in and communal areas kept tidy.*

*In addition, when Luke finished his work, he repaired a young boys electrical scooter; the young boy would never have been able to use his Scotter again if it wasn't for the kindest of Luke.*

*Furthermore, Fraser, a young apprentice demonstrated a real maturity for his age; very quick on the job and able to work independently. A son to be proud of!*

*I really do hope both men are recognised by the company for their professional manor and workmanship.*

*I wish both Luke and Fraser continued success in their career with Barrie Beard electrical company; a wonderful asset to the company."*

*Kindest Regards*

*Nina Kemp  
Councils Liaison officer*

*I just wanted to say thank you for arranging our electrical work to be carried out so quickly, and also to say how impressed we were with Rob, very nice and friendly man, great work done and carried out with the least disruption.*

*We will certainly recommend your company to friends and family.*

*Kindest regards  
Hilary Williams*

*Can I just say Dan Parkes is a credit to you!!*

*Thank you again  
Matt Gidley*

*My thanks for an excellent completion of the work detailed, by your electrician Rob, who was most pleasant and considerate during the time he was with us.*

*Yours faithfully  
Norman S D Evans*

*Thanks to your lads. This result reflects their performance as a very well integrated and mutually supportive team. Thanks to all concerned you can be proud of this result.*

*Clearly, we need to continue to keep up our standards, well done again. It is a pleasure to work with such a good natured and cheerful bunch of lads.*

*Regards  
John Shaw  
Wates, Site Manager*

## GREAT FEEDBACK FROM CLIENTS

We've just modelled, specified and managed the installation of a substantially sized 48 kWp solar photovoltaic (PV) system on a building with a turnaround of two weeks.

This is an impressive feat given the pressure on building supply chains everywhere at the moment given we needed a not insubstantial 120 PV panels. Not to mention multiple contractors and teams to be mobilised at the same time including crane lifts.

We used dynamic simulation modelling to model the building and roof and used shade-casting to identify the optimal placement for the system while also maintaining access for cleaning and maintenance. The modelling also helped us identify the type of system that would deliver the required yield percentage – this one should deliver up to 5% of the building's energy use over the course of a year.

We then produced an engineering design, employer requirements/specifications and undertook client duties under the CDM regulations. We utilised our existing relationships with high-quality, trusted contractors such as **Barrie Beard Ltd** to source the system and secure an installation date within the required timescale.

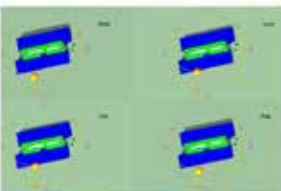
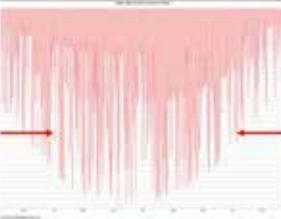
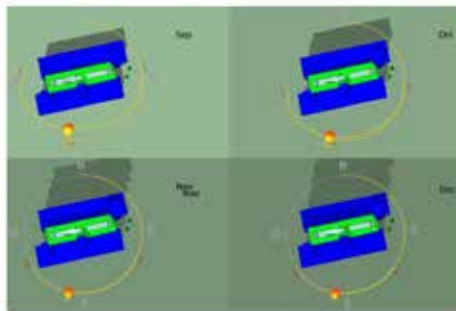
We oversaw each phase of work including testing of all systems and specifying how maintenance and monitoring should be adopted into business-as-usual operations. (If PV panels are not maintained and cleaned frequently it impacts on the amount of electricity produced.)

The details of the system have been digitised and added to our unique EDGE APM software that helps maintain a 'golden thread' of digital information on a building, a key requirement of the Building Safety Act 2022. This also facilitates future asset management decisions and energy data monitoring.

The building has achieved a 'B' EPC rating ahead of the government's proposed legislative timetable of 2030.

Ian Scott, a senior facilities manager at @MAPP, the managing agents at the site commented: "The PV installation recently carried out and managed by EVORA EDGE went extremely smoothly and was very impressive. The project was set up perfectly, well managed during the fit out and feedback was provided at all times on progress. All care taken to ensure a smooth roll out. It was by far the best project I have seen run in a long time. I would definitely recommend this to all my clients."

**#PVinstallation #netzero #buildingservicesengineering**



## SOCIAL VALUE

Thank you to Barrie Beard Ltd for sponsoring Fairfield First School today at the Carnival.  
**Fairfield First School PTFA**



## LIFE SAVING SKILLS



During a weekend in September, the lifesaving skills Mark Clamp learned on the First Aid course he took, saved the life of a man having a heart attack.

We are pleased to say that the man is recovering well.

A huge well done Mark Clamp – we are all very proud of you.

## SOCIAL VALUE

Barrie Beard Ltd are sponsoring Meadow Park FC in the Mercian Football League.

It's been a great start to the football season, a big well done to them!

By the look on the team's faces, they're loving their new kit!

As a local business, we know how important it is to support the local community.



## WORK EXPERIENCE

*Joe Gibbons had a fantastic work experience week with us...*

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*I would just like to say thank you for letting me join the small works team last week for some work experience, Dan and the small works team made me feel very welcome!*

*I would also like to thank Andy Barnes for helping me with my lack of electrical experience, by the end of the week I was able to walk away confident I could carry out an EICR on my own.*

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**Joe Gibbons, Army**

## CHARITY NEWS



BB staff took part in Christmas Jumper Day today, to raise much-needed funds for Save the Children. Fantastic effort.



BB staff took part in collecting food and essentials for food banks across the local area of Bromsgrove, New Starts, and Catshill Baptist Foodbank (CBC Foodbank). We have split the donations across the two charities.



## BB XMAS PARTY



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If you have any stories or pictures for the Spring/ Summer issue of the Newsletter please send to [shamilton@barriebeard.co.uk](mailto:shamilton@barriebeard.co.uk)

Don't forget to send photos of your work for our LinkedIn, Facebook and the Website

## Checktrade review cards



Please remember to give these review cards to customers when working on domestic properties.

If you do not have any or run out, please see Lauren Beard or Charlotte Bedford in the Office.

**Thank you**



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