



Summer Newsletter 2026



The management team at Hillhead 2026

Managing Director's Summary

There has been plenty happening across the business recently, and I'm delighted to share some highlights with you.

Thank you to everyone who visited us at **Hillhead** and to the team whose hard work made the event such a success. It was encouraging to see the strong interest in our new twin-deck aggregate washing screen, designed and manufactured in-house. I'm also proud that we have achieved the **RoSPA** Gold Medal Award after five consecutive Gold Awards, alongside another successful **ISO** audit, reinforcing our commitment to safety, quality and continuous improvement. Finally, the addition of a new **Liebherr** excavator to the N&R Contractors fleet strengthens our demolition capability, providing enhanced performance and efficiency. Alongside this, Thor Atkinson has invested in three new **Komatsu** PC490LC excavators and a Komatsu wheel loader to enhance our contract crushing and quarry operations. These investments increase our capacity, productivity and reliability, helping us deliver safe, efficient solutions for customers across the UK.

Thor Atkinson, Managing Director



New Contract Crushing Investments



Thor Atkinson has invested in 3 new Komatsu PC490LC excavators to support our **Contract Crushing** operations and improve productivity at our customer's site in North Yorkshire. With greater digging power, faster cycle times and increased reliability, they will help us move more material efficiently, while reducing operating costs and minimising downtime.

The investment also includes a new Komatsu wheel loader, strengthening our material handling capability and ensuring our quarry operations run efficiently from extraction through to stockpiling and loading. Investing in modern equipment ensures we continue to provide a reliable, high-quality service for our customers.





New Aggregate Washing Screen

We were proud to unveil our new aggregate washing screen at **Hillhead** this year. Designed and manufactured in-house, it delivers greater durability, lower maintenance and an extended service life. Advanced beam construction and grease-protected bearings improve reliability and reduce downtime. Optional rubber wear protection further extends component life while lowering long-term operating costs.





Compliance Success

Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications has successfully achieved re-certification to four International and European Standards, demonstrating our continued commitment to preventing harm, protecting the environment, creating and delivering value, and providing assurance in the quality and compliance of our structural steel.



Maintaining these certifications gives our customers confidence that our systems, processes and products are independently assessed and consistently meet internationally recognised standards. It also strengthens our ability to deliver safe, reliable and high-quality projects efficiently, supporting regulatory compliance, reducing risk and driving continual improvement across every aspect of our business.



Health & Safety Matters

We are regularly audited by our customers because health and safety matters to them. And last month we were told that we;

- have outstanding health and safety leadership, evidenced by consecutive **ROSPA** Gold Awards;
- have exceptional, independently validated safety and assurance performance;
- are one of the highest-performing safety-critical contractors.



Let's TALK because it matters

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Together Everyone Achieves More

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Attitudes promote positive health & safety behaviours

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Listen to the information, instruction training and supervision we provide

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Knowledge - share your knowledge and experience

Demolition Update

N&R Contractors' new Liebherr excavator was proudly displayed, fully branded, on the Liebherr stand at this year's Hillhead Show before being delivered directly to a demolition project in Leicestershire.

Now making excellent progress demolishing a sand and gravel processing plant, the 19-metre reach excavator combines high performance with Stage V emissions compliance, delivering greater efficiency, reliability and reduced environmental impact. It is already proving to be an excellent addition to the N&R fleet.





Regional Recruitment News



We are delighted to welcome **Mark Staines** to Thor Atkinson Steel Fabrications at an exciting time of growth for the business.

Mark joins us as Area Operations Manager, covering **Lincolnshire** and **East Anglia**, bringing with him a strong background in delivering projects within the quarrying sector. His experience, industry knowledge, and customer-focused approach will be a valuable addition to the team as we continue to expand our operations and strengthen our presence across the region.

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