

# Bowmer & Kirkland – Virtual Workplace Tour Resource

## Overview of the tour

Bowmer & Kirkland, one of the largest privately-owned construction and development groups in the UK offer their clients in the private and public sector a national service delivered locally through specialist regional teams. Bowmer & Kirkland's construction teams undertake work in key sectors such as commercial, accommodation, distribution, education, health, industrial, leisure and more.

The Bowmer & Kirkland 360-workplace tour enables you to navigate your way round one of Bowmer & Kirkland's Construction sites at your leisure without having to physically be on site. As you progress through the tour you will meet a range of employees who describe their roles and how their career pathways have developed. The individuals describe the importance of English and maths and how it influences their day-to-day work.

## Who will you meet?

**Michael Gallon – Senior Site Manager:** Welcome to Vaux 2

**Kevin Everard – Senior Design Manager:** Our Site Office

**Barry Porter – Senior Site Engineer:** Third Floor 1

**Jack Reay – Trainee Engineer Manager:** Third Floor 2

**Jonny Heads – Senior Quantity Surveyor:** Third Floor 3

## Your task

To test your knowledge of Bowmer & Kirkland, use the 360-workplace tour and encounters with employees to answer the following questions.

You will find all of the answers by listening to each of the employees throughout the workplace.

### **Michael Gallon – Senior Site Manager: Welcome to Vaux 2**

Q. Which other people does Michael work closely with in his role as a Senior Site Engineer, can you list three?

Q. What are the skills Michael mentions as being useful for his role as a Senior Site Engineer?

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### **Kevin Everard – Senior Design Manager: Our Site Office**

Q. What are the main responsibilities Kevin has in his role as Senior Design Manager?

Q. Kevin states there isn't a specific qualification that is essential for his role, however he does suggest three areas that would be of benefit, can you name them?

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### **Barry Porter – Senior Site Engineer: Third Floor 1**

Q. Can you name two activities Barry describes as being part of a normal day in the life of a Site Engineer?

Q. What type of degree do graduates need to become a Site Engineer?

### Jack Reay – Trainee Engineer Manager: Third Floor 2

Q. What qualification did Jack work towards as part of the 'Plan B' course where he gained experiences with Ryder Architecture, Cundall and Bowmer & Kirkland over a two-year period?

Q. What are the two main skills Jack identifies as being important in his role as Trainee Engineer Manager?

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### Jonny Heads – Senior Quantity Surveyor: Third Floor 3

Q. What forms of verbal communication does Jonny highlight as being key in his role as Quantity Surveyor?

Q: Although verbal communication is key for Jonny's role, when is the use of written letters and/ or emails a better form of communication?

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### Extension Activity

Using the Company [website](#), can you identify some of the many buildings and sites Bowmer & Kirkland have worked on in the North East area?

Leisure

Accommodation

Education

Industrial

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## Answer sheet

### Michael Gallon – Senior Site Manager: Welcome to Vaux 2

**Q. Which other people does Michael work closely with in his role as a Senior Site Engineer, can you list three?**

A. In Michael's role as Senior Site Manager, he works closely with:

1. Site Engineers
2. Design Managers
3. Commercial Managers
4. Quantity Surveyors
5. Other Managers.

**Q. What are the skills Michael mentions as being useful for his role as a Senior Site Engineer?**

A. Time Management, Communication, Problem Solving, English and maths skills are all key skills Michael notes as being important to his role as Senior Site Engineer.

### Kevin Everard – Senior Design Manager: Our Site Office

**Q. What are the main responsibilities Kevin has as part of his role as Senior Design Manager?**

A. As Senior Design Manager, Kevin is responsible for the delivery and coordination of all aspects of the design which includes drawings, specifications and models.

**Q. Kevin states there isn't a specific qualification that is essential for his role, however he does suggest three areas that would be of benefit, can you name them?**

A. Although a specific qualification is not essential to Kevin's role, experience and qualifications in either Design, Architecture or Construction are of benefit.

### Barry Porter – Senior Site Engineer: Third Floor 1

**Q. Can you name two activities Barry describes as being part of a normal day in the life of a Site Engineer?**

A. The day-to-day activities in the life of a Site Engineer include carrying out workplace inspections, dividing and setting out lines and checking drawings.

**Q. What type of degree do graduates need to become a Site Engineer?**

A. To become a Site Engineer, graduates require an accredited degree in engineering or building related services. This can be in civil, structural, geo-technical, mechanical or electrical fields of study.

### Jack Reay – Trainee Engineer Manager: Third Floor 2

**Q. What qualification did Jack work towards as part of the 'Plan B' course where he gained experiences with Ryder Architecture, Cundall and Bowmer & Kirkland over a two-year period?**

A. Jack worked on the Plan B course for two years working with multiple consultants, architects and contractors on placements running alongside his course to gain an HND & HNC in Construction and the Built Environment qualification.

An HNC is a Higher National Certificate which is a level 4 qualification.

An HND is a Higher National Diploma which is a level 5 qualification.

**Q. What are the two main skills Jack identifies as being important in his role as Trainee Engineer Manager?**

A. Jack highlights that communication and being organised are the key skills required in his role allowing him to coordinate with other teams and ensuring jobs work to the construction programme.

### **Jonny Heads – Senior Quantity Surveyor: Third Floor 3**

**Q. What forms of verbal communication does Jonny highlight as being key in his role as Quantity Surveyor?**

A. Jonny highlights face to face, telephone calls, and virtual meetings (such as on Microsoft Teams) as forms of verbal communication that are key to his role

**Q: Although verbal communication is key for Jonny's role, when is the use of written letters and/ or emails a better form of communication?**

A: Jonny states that written communication using letters or emails is better than verbal communication when recording commercial facts.

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#### **Answers:**

##### **Leisure**

- The Word (South Shields)

##### **Accommodation**

- Hampton by Hilton Hotel, Northshore, (Stockton-on-Tees)
- North Road Student Accommodation (Durham)

##### **Education**

- University of Newcastle, Urban Sciences' Building (Newcastle upon Tyne)

##### **Industrial**

- Stoford Developments, Cramlington (Northumberland)
- Sniperley Fire Station (County Durham)