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GRAIN & CROP STORES
DAIRY & CALF HOUSING
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ROBINSONS

Our Company

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We have achieved this aim by use of the combined efforts of a highly skilled, vastly experienced and directly employed workforce which incorporates the core trade services of organisation, planning, drawings, manufacturing, erecting and concrete works with the main extent of the plant and equipment being owned by the company.

In addition to a dedicated management team, with the backing of a quality appraised sub-contracting and material supply chain support network.

Bespoke structural steel/cladding requirements are provided through the in-house manufacturing facility in Lockerbie.

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At Robinsons, we believe our team have been fundamental to our success, their drive and determination have propelled Robinsons to become one of the premier construction companies in the UK. Our key aim is to provide our clients with an exceptional level of service. We are told the reason our clients return to us again and again is due to the strength of the relationships our team build with our clients. Through an ongoing program of investment in our people, our organisation continues to enjoy a high rate of growth year on year. We believe that investing in our teams learning and development, guarantees that we will remain at the forefront of our industry with the best team on board to drive this.

We have also recently developed our yard to allow us to cope with a greater range of products and this is where all of our manufacturing takes place.

We also have our drawing office based in Cheshire which allows us to have a presence throughout the UK.

"Our team have been fundamental to our success"

Some of our team who you may meet...

- **Jim Brown** - Chairman
- **Ryan Brown** - Managing Director
- **Mark Proudlock** - Sales Manager
- **Andrew Bell** - Senior Estimator
- **Lewis Todd** - Sales Estimator
- **Krystal Anderson** - Sales Estimator
- **Kirsty Prentice** - Sales Estimator
- **Rachael Yule** - Agent Sales
- **Saul Paterson** - Contracts Manager
- **Andrew Otto** - Operations Manager
- **Garry Stewart** - Operations Manager
- **Jane McDade** - HR Manager
- **Sarah Warbeck** - PA to MD/Payroll Administrator
- **Nicola Bell** - Accounts Manager
- **Linda Brown** - Purchase Ledger
- **Kirsty Richards** - Accounts Assistant
- **Emma Porteous** - Marketing
- **Craig Moir** - Planning Department Manager
- **Maxine Kirkpatrick** - CAD Technician
- **Tony Astbury** - Design Manager
- **Geoff Crashaw** - Draughtsman
- **Henry Broadhurst** - Draughtsman
- **Amy Anderson** - Contracts Administrator
- **Saphron Chisholm** - Contracts Administrator

...this is only a small part of our team who are working behind the scenes to make your building a reality.
Importance of CE Marking

CE Marking is our declaration to you that the product we have manufactured complies with all the essential requirements of the relevant health, safety and environmental protection legislation.

As of the 1st July 2014, it was mandatory for all steel fabricated products to be CE Marked. This was a major change to the industry and ensures that we all work to the same standards and pay meticulous attention to the EU health, safety and environmental requirements.

This also ensures that the building that we provide for you will be the correct building for the area in which you are based for example that it will hold the correct snow load and wind requirements.

With all of our buildings we work to BS EN 1090 - 1 requirements in accordance with CE Marking. We also have a quality control manager who checks the plates and welds for each building produced by us to ensure we keep our high standards at all times.

We are also members of RIDBA (Rural & Industrial Design & Building Association) and by using us for your new building you can be sure that you have satisfied your legal duty to employ a capable contractor.

Very happy with the service, office staff all helpful, delivery went great, erectors were at the site the same day and had no issues with the building. Nothing you could do to improve the service – there were a few issues but they were fixed so quickly that it was never an issue.

Mr Michael Henderson, Thornhill

Our Services

As a company, the aim is to provide a quality service with an emphasis on customer care and exceptional standards of workmanship, incorporating traditional values with a modern approach.

We’ve successfully delivered a range of projects from a 12m x 6m building on the Isle of Uist to a 120m x 80m building in Portsmouth. On time and on budget, we won’t leave a site until you are completely happy with your new building.

If you are looking for an agricultural building we have teams available on hand to provide you with expert advice and unique solutions for your requirements. We can also provide a range of internal gates, cubicles and fittings. We can also supply slurry storage including underground slatted tanks and an extensive range of timber, door track, rainwater goods and fibre cement roofing.

At Robinsons we can offer a one-stop construction solution that is largely not found anywhere else in the sector.

We can offer high quality plans and building manufacture, site work and preparation, construction and concrete works. We are able to improve the service to our clients by being able to control the planning and supply of each phase of the project.

All of our buildings and concrete works are designed and detailed using the latest computer software. AutoCAD and Tekla are used to produce accurate detailed drawings for our fabrication workshop in Lockerbie.

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Design & Planning

Planning Applications

At Robinsons we can assist you with the planning and building warrant process from start to finish. We can provide you with drawings and also assist with all stages of the process to make the planning of your building as simple and stress free as possible.

Prior Approval

Prior approval is the determination by local authority to grant permitted development rights for different classes of developments. (not applicable to industrial buildings.)

Your local authority has 28 days to determine the application, if this has not been done within that timescale then the applicant has the right to start the work.

The fee for each application is £78 in Scotland and £80 in England. We can also advise on fees in other countries and locations.

Full Planning Approval

Full Planning Approval is split into two sections:

Local Development: This is required for buildings with an area between 465msq & 5000msq. These applications take 8 weeks for the local authority to determine.

Major/National Developments: This is required for buildings with an area of 5000msq and above. These types of applications can take up to 4 months for the local authority to determine. A public consultation must also be held prior to any national development application. The cost of full planning approval is based on the floor size of your new building.

Building Warrants

A building warrant is required for all agricultural buildings over 280msq and also for domestic and industrial buildings of any size.

The fee is determined by the build cost for each application and takes into account the quote and a nominal amount for drainage for example.

Latest 2D-3D Software

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AutoCAD is used to produce the drawings you will receive at the first stages of ordering your building; they detail the planning elevations, floor plans, foundations and any details for tanks etc.

AutoCAD allows us to stay at the forefront of design and provide our customers with detailed and precise drawings.

Tekla 2016 is used by our drawing office and these are the drawings that our fabricators will use to create your building. Tekla allows us to create detailed, constructible 3D models of our buildings. We can create any type of building from a small shed to a large industrial project. Tekla is precise and allows us to detail every aspect of your new building.
Manufacturing & Production

Recently developing our yard and office premises has allowed us to cope with a greater range of products and we have been able to grow our team to offer an efficient and affordable service to a variety of markets.

At the moment, we currently manufacture and fabricate as many products ourselves as we can so we can ensure that our high standards of workmanship are met. This also ensures that we can transfer our savings over to our clients so we can always offer the best price on your new building.

With all of our buildings we work to BS EN 1090/1 requirements in accordance with CE Marking. This ensures that the correct health and safety regulations etc. are met. We also have a quality control manager who checks the plates and welds for each building produced by us to ensure we keep our high standards at all times.

Our team are consistently trained to high standards on all aspects of the manufacturing and fabrication processes.

Finishes

The steelwork for your new building needs to be either galvanised or painted and we can talk you through the solution that will work for you.

Painted steel work is beneficial if you are looking for a cost effective option for your new building. It is less expensive than galvanising however painted steelwork would need to be repainted every 5 years. Galvanised steel work would not need to be touched unless it is damaged.

Hot dip galvanising is when steel is dipped into molten zinc and heated to around 460°C then removed from the bath and left to cool in a quench tank. The steel is then ready to use. There are many benefits of using galvanised steel for your building, for example it is maintenance free for over 50 years unless there is extreme damage, it is also a very quick process and it is defined by British Standard BS EN ISO 1461.

Galvanised steel work is beneficial if your stanchions are going to be in close contact with slurry, manure or silage due to its corrosive nature.

""" We recommend Robinsons based on quality, price and their customer service first approach. The team of staff are so helpful."

GH by Products, Lincoln
Working with Robinson’s design and build team was a pleasure from start to finish once they were appointed by Robertson Construction Northern as specialist sub-contractor. Developing bespoke bull yokes from their standard range saw on site adjustments made with full size units, and live pedigree bulls, not simply by sketches.

Iain Kirkpatrick MRICS
Scottish Government Project Construction Manager
Dairy & Calf Housing

Whether you are milking 50 cows or 1,500 cows we are able to provide a modern solution to suit your housing requirements.

With cattle spending more and more time indoors, we can help you design the layout of your building and assist with the all-important ventilation solutions.

We are able to recommend the best products and alternative solutions to ensure the best possible ventilation within your building, specific to each individual site location.

We have supplied and erected buildings for some of the largest dairy herds in the country.

From cubicle beds and scrape passages to fully suspended sheds complete with underground slurry storage, we offer a comprehensive range of services and products.

Beef Housing

We are able to provide you with quality, cost effective beef housing solutions.

From sucklers to store cattle, we can offer a variety of housing options including off the shelf kit buildings to greenfield site projects, individually tailored to meet your requirements.

Whether you are looking at slats or straw courts, we can assist with stocking density requirements. We can provide you with a solution to meet your access requirements and allow for easy, labour saving solutions.
Sheep Housing

Sheep housing needs can vary widely dependent on the needs of the farm, climate and season. At Robinsons, we can provide a solution to fit all of your individual needs.

Whether you are looking for a large Sheep Husbandry Centre such as the one we created for Newton Rigg College, or a smaller shed that would provide modest cover for your flock, we can provide a customised solution to suit all of your requirements.

Sheep prefer colder temperatures as opposed to heated housing and the need for a dry and wind free environment for lambing. We can take you through each stage of the build from design to completion and discuss all of your ventilation and environmental needs to enhance the efficiency of your business.

Grain & Crop Stores

Whether you are looking for a building to store grain, an insulated shed for potatoes or a simple hay and straw store, we have the solution for you.

Each building can be designed to ensure that your specific crop is kept at its optimum. From vermin proofing a feed store, to bird proofing a grain store or insulating a potato store, we can design the shed that enhances the offering of your business.

We can offer a variety of door types including electric roller doors, fire doors and Galebreaker products.

Panels or shuttered walls can be tailored to suit your store and the associated flashings and vermin proofing methods applied. We can also provide concrete floors and aprons.
"The critical exemplar of this unified high quality design development within a quality contractor process is that there was no adjustment by grinder or site welding required to correct errors - there simply were none!"

Iain Kirkpatrick MRICS
Scottish Government Project Construction Manager
**General Purpose**

We supply bespoke and kit buildings to the agricultural, equestrian and industrial markets.

Not every shed fits into one category, so if you have a specific request, we have the knowledge and ability to help you find the best design solution without compromising on quality.

We have in the past supplied buildings that are used for machinery storage, hay storage, biomass boiler houses, dog kennels, garden centres, cafes, farm shops, plant storage … our capabilities are endless.

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**Equestrian**

Whether you are a dedicated amateur or run an equestrian business, we have a wealth of experience in creating equestrian buildings to suit your individual requirements.

From stable blocks to indoor schools, hay barns and general purpose storage buildings, we can offer them all.

We can advise on the best cladding products to allow for superior ventilation and ideas on the best access for horse, human or lorry.

We can offer advice to provide you with the very best environment for your horses.
Robinson’s adoption of RIDBA’s principles applying these across design, fabrication management and on site erection to the fullest effect in this unique project – the teams were very proficient, courteous and efficient. This for me demonstrated that time and effort invested before starting on site can deliver real time and user benefits in any agricultural project – large or small: value for money project management follows naturally.

Iain Kirkpatrick MRICS
Scottish Government Project
Construction Manager
As feed costs and oil prices keep rising, more and more farmers are investing in covered silage pits. Robinsons can quote for a simple self-erect kit through to a fully project managed and erected job. We can offer solutions to ensure you have optimum height, storage and face size.

More local authorities are looking for farmers to reduce the amount of "dirty" water on farms, we can help you to achieve these goals. Another area waste water can be reduced is by covering existing middens. We can provide quotations to supply and erect roofs over existing yard areas.

At Robinsons we undertake all types of concreting and ground works.

We have a full range of plant and machinery allowing us to complete your entire project.

Our concrete division use the latest civil engineering technology to mark out your site and can use this information as part of our design and build service.

Our concrete works range from concrete floors with the finish to suit your end use, foundations, shuttered walls, slurry lagoons and underground slatted channels and tanks.
Additional Products

Galebreaker

Galebreaker products are at the forefront in natural ventilation and protection of agricultural buildings. Many years of experience, have enabled Galebreaker to develop a range of environmental weather screen systems which provide ideal housing conditions for healthy, productive livestock.

Gutters

We offer a variety of different gutters to suit the size, location and end use of the building. For industrial specifications we can also offer the trimline gutter to fit in with composite cladding. We also design valley and boundary wall gutters to your specific requirements.

Doortrack

At Robinsons we can supply you with your door requirements. We stock and can source spare parts to repair existing doors or quote to replace them completely. Sheeted gates are manufactured at Lockerbie and roller doors, personnel doors and fire doors are out sourced.

We can supply you with manual roller doors, electric ones for single or three phase supply and we can also source insulated or alternative doors to suit the use of your building.

Fibre Cement

Profiled sheeting comes in a wide range of corrosion resistant and low maintenance systems. There are a number of carefully developed fibre cement profiled sheeting products that are designed to meet all of your building needs. They are also specifically designed to reduce the visual impact of buildings on the landscape.

They are manufactured under the quality management system which meets the requirements of ISO 9001.

Timber

We hold a stock of tanalised timber of various sizes in our yard at Lockerbie. Whether you need to fix cladding, replace purlins or renew sheeting rails, our team can assist in finding the best solution for you.

Concrete Wall Panels

Walls constructed from pre-stressed panels are extremely damage resistant with the ability to flex and ride impact from machinery and animals and only under extreme pressure would they show any signs of fatigue.

Pre-stressed panels are more time efficient and easier to install, no concrete foundation is required as the panels clip straight onto the supporting structure and quite a large shed could be installed in a day.

We work in partnership with Concrete Wall Panels Ltd who are specialists in the Concrete Industry to bring you the highest quality panels on the market.

Cladding

Our team can supply you with a variety of different cladding materials to repair or re-clad existing buildings.

We can supply single skin box profile with either polyester or more commonly plastisol coating. We also supply vent air sheeting with polyester or plastisol coating.

For insulated buildings we can quote composite panel in a variety of colours and thicknesses or if you prefer we can quote for a more traditional built up system.

We are also able to supply different roof sheeting materials.

Additional Products
Case Study 1

Project
Katy Lowe – School Farm, Alsager

Type of Building
New cubicle building which incorporates Lely Robots.

Value of the Project
£540,000

Works included in the Project
The project included planning, site preparation, shuttered concrete tank, steel framed building, concrete floor, cubicles, built blockwork to create tank rooms, dairy and robot area.

Contract Period
8 months

I couldn’t fault Robinsons, everyone I worked with has been brilliant from sales to the boys on site.

Katy Lowe, Alsager

Case Study 3

Project
Scottish Government Bull Stud Knocknagael

Type of Building
Bull pen building, general purpose building, quarantine area and offices including internal bull pens and gates.

Value of the Project
£802,000

Works included in the Project
Steelwork and Cladding

Contract Period
16 weeks

It is more to do with the quality provided, also the erecting side of things which would include health and safety.

Iain Kirkpatrick MRICS
Scottish Government
Project Construction Manager
Case Study 4

Project
Newton Rigg – Sheep Husbandry Centre

Type of Building
For the purpose of teaching all year round, a building that will allow the college to focus teaching on lambing operations and provide a base for sheep shearing and general sheep husbandry. The aim was to be as cost effective as possible but to exceed the client’s expectations on quality and function.

Value of the Project
£430,000

Works included in the Project
The project included full demolition of the existing building and preparation of the site, full concrete works and erecting the steel framed building with Yorkshire boarding and fibre cement roof.

The works included general improvements to the farm steading, including access, new hard standing and improvements to the silage clamp to allow it to be turned into a lambing centre. We also provided all of the internals for the building.

Contract Period
20 weeks

“Robinsons were so helpful from start to finish and our building has increased the productivity of our farm and was completed on time to very high standards.”

Michael Yates,
East Logan Farm
Our Awards & Accreditations

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the top safety accreditations from Safecontractor, CHAS & Constructionline for our commitment to achieving excellence in health and safety.

Our already high standards of workmanship have been recognised through achieving these accreditations and our customers can now be assured that they are in safe hands while working with us on their new building.

Silver in Crichton Carbon Centre’s Sustainable Process Improvement Programme.

We participated in the Crichton Carbon Centre’s Sustainable Process Improvement Programme which sought to minimise the impact we have on the environment and maximise our sustainability and we were awarded the silver award for sustainable process improvement.

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