

# CIHT Yorkshire & the Humber 2020 Newsletter

## Chair's Update

Welcome to the Yorkshire and the Humber newsletter for 2020. It has been a challenging year for the region, and likely for us all as we weather the challenges that the global pandemic has wrought. As you have seen from the regular updates which Sue Percy has provided in the national updates, CIHT as an organisation has worked hard to continue serving its membership by fully embracing the digital age in the delivery of our courses, CPD material, AGM, regional and national awards. We hope that you have been able to enjoy participating in our events which for the first time have been able to benefit from a national reach. Our seminar held in June with Knights Ltd on the legal implications of Covid 19 on Contracts was incredibly well attended, same with our virtual awards ceremony and AGM.

The Regional Committee have considered feedback from the membership and we are working hard with the Emerging Professionals Committee to produce an informative and interactive programme for 2021. Our next events will be shown on the CIHT website shortly with two planned seminars for January and February on the basics of Traffic Data Collection and a look at Advancements in Traffic Data Collection technology. We are also preparing more online events to provide updates on major schemes in the region. Please keep an eye on the regional website for more information as dates become known.

For now, we will continue publishing and hosting our events online using the CIHT portal and software and we hope you will join us. As always, if you are looking or are interested in a particular event, or wish to provide feedback, please contact us on the CIHT Yorkshire and the Humber email inbox: [yorkshireandthehumber@ciht.org.uk](mailto:yorkshireandthehumber@ciht.org.uk).

Following our AGM, we welcomed new members to the committee, and we are always looking for new members to help organise events. If you would like to help, please use the email above and we will be in touch. Also, in 2021, we see our Regional Council Representative, Steven Carmody, finish his second three year term. We would like to thank Steven for his service and welcome members from the region who wish to stand as a candidate to let the governance team known at CIHT via email [governance@ciht.org.uk](mailto:governance@ciht.org.uk).

From myself and the rest of the Regional Committee, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Sebastian Reid**

Chairman CIHT Yorkshire and the Humber

## CIHT Committee Member Spotlight



**Name** - Tom Howard

**Job Title** – Regional Pipeline Sponsor at Highways England

I am Sponsor for Highways England's pipeline of schemes being developed for consideration in the third Roads Investment Strategy. I am responsible for ensuring that the schemes are developed meet the objectives and outcomes of the Roads Investment Strategy. I engage with stakeholders across the portfolio to ensure that their needs are being addressed.

**Best aspect of the job –**

Being able to influence the projects we develop, engaging and understanding our stakeholders, mentoring emerging talent.

**Role on committee –** Vice Chair

I have served on the committee for 3 years, having spent the last year as Secretary and now Vice Chair. I have organised regional evening meetings and coordinated committee activities and communications.

**What is the most important transport issue today?**

Developing and harnessing carbon neutral transport infrastructure whilst addressing the problems of today.

**Most proud of –**

In work – Delivering the A1 Leeming to Barton improvement, at the time the largest highways infrastructure project in the country, in the face of significant pressure including some amazing archaeological finds. I also recently gained Chartered Project Professional status, which I'm proud of.

Personal – I have always wanted to fly aeroplanes and in 2017 achieved a long held ambition of gaining my Private Pilot's Licence after many hours of hard work. I suppose it is still transport related.

## CIHT Yorkshire & the Humber Events & Webinars

Whilst we do miss the valuable networking opportunities that we get out of meeting face to face at our events, we have been able to supplement these with more digital learning. For CIHT Yorkshire and the Humber, this has seen us deliver several webinars including:

- A63 Castle Street Update (with the AGM and Awards)
- Financial Implications of Covid19 on Construction Contracts (held by Knights Plc)
- 'Battle of the Brains' quiz, as part of the wider Young Professionals Festival in October 2020
- Spotlight on Career Development, organised by the CIHT Yorkshire & the Humber Emerging Professionals group

As we look ahead to 2021, we are hoping to have two upcoming webinars in early 2021 from Paul O'Neill. Details on these webinars and how to book will be available soon, so please check the website [HERE](#) for the latest information.

## Committee Information

### Committee for 2020/21 Session

**Chair:** Seb Reid

**Vice Chair:** Tom Howard

**Honorary Secretary:** Gillian Allan

**Treasurer:** Michael Chung

**Membership Officer:** Yue Huang

**Events Coordinator:** Rob McCartney

**Young Professionals:** Lucy Crann

### General Queries:

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### Do you want to be involved?

We are always looking for new members from the region to support us. It's not a full-time role, is voluntary and you would be able to help increase membership, provide advocacy for CIHT, organise events, connect with other professionals and let's be honest, it will look great on your CV too!

We like to have good representation from across the industry so no matter what sector you are in we would love to hear from you!

Please contact us at: [yorkshireandthehumber@ciht.org.uk](mailto:yorkshireandthehumber@ciht.org.uk) if you are interested.