An interview with Ivor Goodsite
What is your job and what does this involve?
I am a Site Manager with my own construction company, Goodsite Construction. I manage a wide range of construction projects, from small jobs like a house extension to much bigger jobs such as a large office building.

As a Site Manager, my job is to make sure that work is done safely, on time, within budget and to the highest standards. Being registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme for nine years, the Scheme’s Code of Considerate Practice is important to me. The Code helps us ensure we consider site appearance, the community, the environment, everyone’s safety and the workforce.

How did you get into construction?
I always knew I wanted a career in construction, so I left school at 16 and started work as an apprentice bricklayer. Once I had finished my apprenticeship, I worked my way up the construction ladder to become a Site Manager and then the owner of my own construction company.

What is your proudest achievement?
Winning Considerate Constructors Scheme National Site Awards for six years in a row, from 2012 through to 2017. A lot of hard work went into achieving these awards which are proudly displayed at Goodsite Construction headquarters.

What would you advise young people to do if they are interested in a career in the construction industry?
I would say you need to work and study hard at school and make sure you listen to your teachers. It is important to get good grades so that depending on which career path you choose, you can attend the relevant college or university when you are older. GoConstruct also have some great advice on how to get into the industry and what types of jobs are available. Exploring their website is a great starting point to find out which career is right for you.

Visit the GoConstruct website by clicking here.

What do you like about your job?
I enjoy the variety of work, as every project is different and it is exciting to discover what the next project will be.

I feel proud when a project is complete and I can tell my family I built that house or office block or any other project I may have been working on. When you see how happy the client is with the work you have done, that’s one of the best feelings in the world!

My most important role is meeting young people from all across the UK to teach them about the construction industry. I think it is important that children know all about the dangers of building sites. I also hope to inspire the next generation of construction workers into the industry through meeting lots of boys and girls and teaching them all about construction.

Anything you dislike about your job?
I dislike it when workers do not wear the correct PPE or look messy and dirty when they leave site at the end of the day. I also dislike sites with untidy hoarding, muddy or dirty surroundings, or workers being careless towards the public which gives the construction industry a bad image!

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I enjoy spending time with my family. We have a family dog called Freddie, who I enjoy taking for long walks in the woods. We love going on family holidays, especially to Spain and travelling all over the UK. My interests include history and keeping fit by competing in triathlons.

What are your future ambitions?
To take part in the London to Surrey cycling event this year and raise awareness of Prostate Cancer UK.

What’s your favourite game to play on your website?
I would have to say Hunt the Hazard is my favourite game to play as it is fun and educational and is all about staying safe.

Finally, do you have a favourite food / dinner?
My favourite food is freshly cooked chips from a fish and chip shop; however, my favourite dinner is my wife’s home cooked roast dinner with all the trimmings and gravy.

Thanks Ivor, it’s been great talking with you. Do you have a final thought to share with us?
Thank you for having me and remember to always stay safe when around construction sites!
Don’t forget
to read my interview
on the Ivor Goodsite
Website!