

Lighthouse Christmas Cracker



It's a cracker!

The Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity is delighted to announce our exciting Lighthouse Christmas Cracker promotion!

With Christmas events cancelled across the country we have just the thing to lift everyone's spirits. Many companies already opt for an e-card or 'charity Christmas cards' but ours comes with a real bang! How about a personalised 'Christmas Cracker' e-Card that contains a prize pot of £25,000 that you can send to your employees, suppliers and sub-contractors!?

Spread some Christmas cheer whilst raising much needed funds for our Charity.

How it works:



Christmas e-cards cost just £1 and we've got five great designs to choose from. Or opt for a plain 'cracker' and use your own design.



We will send you your e-card with your personalised greeting and company logo



You can then email this to your employees, supply chain contacts and subcontractors to give them an opportunity to win one of the great cash prizes



All they need to do is register their unique reference for a chance to win a share of the Prize Pot

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Find out more at lighthouseclub.org

Join the live draw and Christmas celebrations on 18 December 2020 at 20:20

We desperately need to replace all the funds lost as a result of cancelling our hugely popular fundraising Christmas events across the UK and Ireland. Please help us sustain the much needed charitable services we deliver to support our construction workforce and their families, particularly during these difficult times.

Only purchases on behalf of your company are permitted. Minimum order quantity 100.

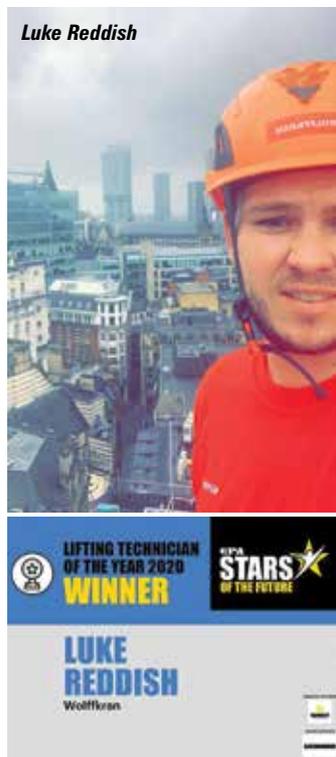


Luke Reddish - CPA Lifting Technician of the Year

This year's CPA Stars of the Future 'Lifting Technician of the Year' award was won by Luke Reddish, 28, of Wolffkran - one of the first crane companies to adopt the new Lifting Technician Trailblazer Apprenticeship. Wolffkran's Samuel Slocombe was also highly commended.

Reddish recently began his apprenticeship with a 12 week programme at the National Construction College in Bircham Newton, which involved tower crane and slinger signaller training. Back at work he has been operating different cranes on sites across the country, while his two year apprenticeship is due to finish in September next year. He started out playing football for Sheffield United, but his professional football career came to a premature end due to a recurring knee injury. He went on to study Physical Education at university, becoming a School PE teacher. However he soon realised that teaching wasn't for him and left to look for an alternative career. He initially worked as a delivery driver and continued to help out with after school football training.

A family friend then tipped him off that Wolffkran was recruiting



apprentices, in his own words: "I heard that Wolffkran was taking on apprentices through a friend of my Dads. I have always driven past cranes and wondered if I could ever climb a tower that high and sit in a cab. I was scared of heights at first but once I had spent time in a 30 metre crane at Bircham Newton, I wanted to go higher and higher. Joining Wolffkran and becoming a Lifting Technician Apprentice and has been the best decision I have ever made."

Once his initial training with the



Samuel Slocombe and Luke Reddish

CITB was completed, he moved to the next stage of his apprenticeship, working alongside experienced tower crane operators, in order to gain on the job experience, knowledge and confidence. He is now moving on to working on more challenging lifts, such steel erection, formwork installation, concrete pouring and working in restricted areas.

"I am so glad I chose to enter into the construction industry. It was totally new to me and I'm not the handiest guy to be honest! But I have found a career which I am excited about and which I am enjoying every aspect of. It's a dream job - I love the views and it's also a solo job which I like. I am currently

operating a 40 metre crane but am ready for a 100 metre. I've learnt it's important to be flexible. One day I could be working locally and the next day I could be working on a

site on the other side of the country. Even though I'm still an apprentice, I'm earning more money now than when I was a teacher. It's put me in good stead. My partner and myself have a five year old daughter, with another baby on the way so are delighted to have been able to buy our own house."

Reddish also has ambitions to eventually move into other areas of the business, with an eye towards training or operations manager roles. Liebherr sponsored the 'Lifting Technician of the Year' award and Arran Willis of Liebherr GB was a judge. Speaking of the experience he said: "Being asked to judge Stars of the Future was an incredible honour and it's humbling to help shape the future of our industry and be involved with such passionate young people. The standard of entries was exceptionally high, and it gives us great hope that the future will be very bright for the lifting sector."

CPA Conference rescheduled - Online events programme adopted

The 2021 CPA Conference has been moved from April to Thursday 14th October at the Heart of England Conference Centre in Fillongley near Coventry. In the interim the organisation will host a series of online events. The first will be held on Thursday 21st January with the theme of 'Reducing Emissions and Working Towards a Zero Carbon Future'. Other themes will include skills, remote learning and a focus on independent hirers.

The 2021 CPA Conference will be hosted by Merryn Myatt who hosted the event in 2019 and introduced a new format with a series of panel speakers, with the those attending encouraged to participate with debate and audience interaction through a series of panel discussions with key people from across the industry.

