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With a natural ability to build teams and create positive working cultures, Chris is a true and authentic leader.

With nearly 15 years team management under his belt and nearly 8 years in the army, Chris understands the absolute importance of team cohesion and leadership. As a glass-half-full man and a strong believer in practicing a no blame culture, Chris' 'we will fix it' attitude is infectious and refreshing.

Just like his own many 'extreme DIY' house renovations Chris always puts his projects first and genuinely cares about everyone. He takes personal responsibility for their success and is first to roll up his sleeves and get stuck in.

As well as delivering schemes for several Oxford Colleges and the University of Oxford, Chris has expertise working for independent schools and science and tech institutions – currently working on 4 projects at Harwell Science Park and involved with the masterplan for their site.

Chris loves the variety of this job, meeting people and learning something new every day. One morning he could be working on a final negotiation for a £200m contract and in the afternoon determining where a plug socket doesn't quite align to a piece of furniture. Going from macro to micro in a heartbeat is what keeps things interesting for Chris.

Key relevant project experience

Somerville College – Catherine Hughes Building

Management of the delivery of the Catherine Hughes Building which comprises 68 en-suite rooms specified for student and conference use. A key factor of the brief was to work with the College to understand their business case and capture these requirements within the project.

Somerville College – Mary Somerville Room

Management of the demolition and removal of an extension to the Mary Somerville Room which sits within the oldest part of the college and was lacking the periodically sensitive finish of other parts of the college. The project was programmed and completed to avoid disruption to the occupants of the building and wider college and allowed the creation of an elegant, well-proportioned and useful room praised by the city council for its positive re-instatement given its Listed status.

Abingdon School – Beech Court Re-shuffle

Refurbishment and renovation of three school teaching facilities in a busy and live prestigious school site and to a challenging programme. Bidwells delivered a comprehensive feasibility study, early contractor engagement to firm up a tender list and worked to ensure programme risk was mitigated wherever possible.

“You just trust them. They are good, honest people and they are very professional and very good at their job”

Andrew Parker, Bursar, Somerville College