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**SPECIALIST**  
**CONTRACTORS**

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# THOMPSONS OF PRUDHOE



# FOUNDED IN 1948

## HISTORY

by William (Bill) and Margaret (Madge) Thompson as a simple husband and wife partnership, the business began by hauling agricultural lime, manure, hay, straw and slag (a beneficial fertiliser by-product from steelworks).

Flat-bedded trucks were first used for hauling, with all loading and unloading being done by hand with shovels. In 1948, the first truck cost £494 17s 4d, whereby in contrast a modern Thompson's truck costs in excess of £120,000.

The business continued to outgrow its premises and in 1987 a purpose-built depot and Head Office was constructed at the Low Prudhoe Industrial Estate, Northumberland. The business continues to operate from these premises today.

The ethos of hard work was embedded into Bill and Madge's sons, Billy and John. They joined the business full-time as soon as they left school aged 17 and 15 years respectively and were soon driving wagons, spreaders and excavators.

Although Bill and Madge set up the business and gave it a firm footing, it was Billy and John Thompson who really drove the business through the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s to expand from hauliers and suppliers of agricultural products, to a multi-million pound regional heavyweight.

John's son, John Jnr., and his eldest daughter, Helen, joined the business when they left school in the 1980s, and today are Directors of the business with their father.

With a focus on safety, training and a passionate commitment to long-term local direct employment, rather than 'hire and fire', or use agency labour, the professional management team of family and non-family members at Thompsons have maintained its reputation for hard work, value and fairness developed by Billy and John. One of the biggest challenges the firm faced however, was in April 1999 when Billy Thompson died suddenly at the age of just 59.

John (now known as John Thompson Snr.) still plays an active role as Chairman of the Group, offering his huge wealth of experience and advice to John Thompson Jnr. and Helen Hillary (the third generation) who run the business with three other Directors who are long-standing, non-family, members of staff: Kevin Robson, Frank Hurst and Nick Shilling.



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# INTRODUCTION



**THOMPSONS**  
OF PRUDHOE

Industrial Dismantling

We offer a fully comprehensive turnkey service, allowing our customers to deal with one company throughout the entire site preparation and enabling process, from initial consultation to handover of the site ready for the construction phase.

Thompsons of Prudhoe remains a family owned business, operating for over 70 years and directly employing in excess of 300 employees. We strongly believe in the growth and development of both our loyal and long-serving workforce, as well as local communities.

We continuously invest into the training and upskilling of our workforce and the purchasing of new and advanced plant and equipment. Our commitment to QHSE excellence and technical performance is demonstrated by our awards, externally validated certifications, accreditations and memberships.

Thompsons of Prudhoe are long standing members of the National Federation of Demolition Contractors (NFDC) and the Asbestos Removal Contactor's Association (ARCA). Our staff are also members of the Institute of Demolition Engineers (IDE) and Chartered Institution of Waste Management (CIWM).

## THOMPSONS OF PRUDHOE ARE

- A SPECIALIST DEMOLITION
- DECONSTRUCTION
- DECOMMISSIONING
- INDUSTRIAL DISMANTLING
- ASBESTOS REMOVAL
- SITE RECLAMATION
- EARTHMOVING
- CONTAMINATED LAND REMEDIATION

AND SITE CLEARANCE CONTRACTOR

**OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE UK.**

# THOMPSONS OF PRUDHOE

Thompsons of Prudhoe offer a fully comprehensive Demolition, Deconstruction, Decommissioning and Industrial Dismantling service, allowing our customers to deal with one company throughout the entire site preparation and enabling process, from initial consultation to handover of the site ready for the construction phase.

We term this our **“One Stop Shop”** service for Brownfield developments.

Thompsons of Prudhoe have undertaken all types and sizes of demolition projects on;

- **Housing Estates**
- **Schools**
- **Universities**
- **Hospitals**
- **Tower Blocks**
- **Shopping Centres**
- **Car Parks**
- **Bridges**
- **Façade Retention Works**
- **Railway Works**
- **Government Buildings**
- **Industrial Estates**
- **Chemical Plants**
- **Pharmaceutical Plants**
- **Gas Holders**
- **Nuclear Licensed Sites**
- **Oil & Gas Refineries**
- **Offshore Wind Turbines**
- **Food & Beverage Plants**

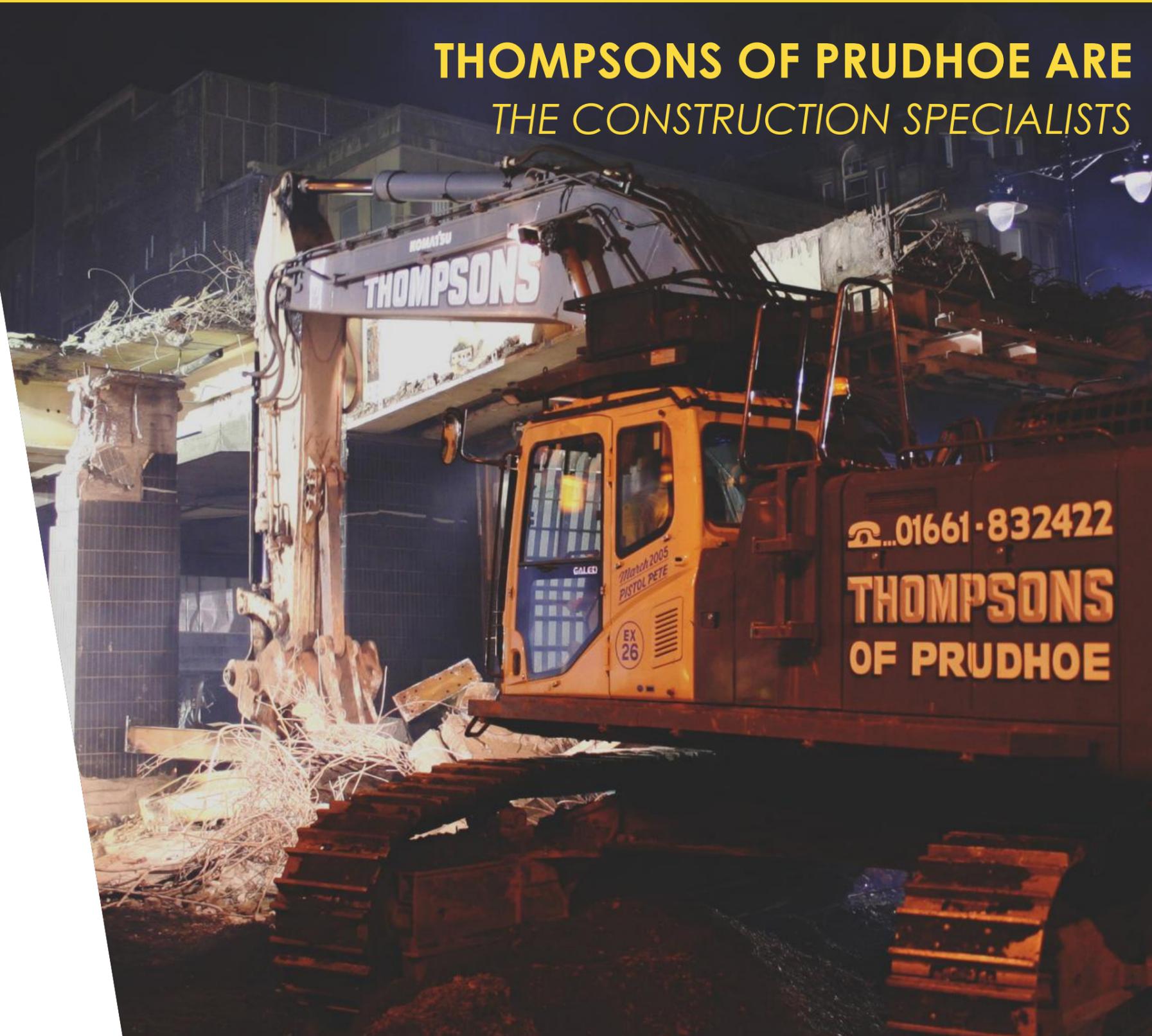
We are a national demolition and dismantling specialist, honoured with the title of **“Demolition Specialist of the Year 2014”** at the prestigious national Construction News' Specialists Awards. To demonstrate our consistent level of quality we were also short-listed as finalists for award again in recent years.

It has long been the policy of Thompsons of Prudhoe to recycle as much of the material that arises from our operations as possible. Not only is this more cost effective, but also helps our clients demonstrate and deliver a sustainable approach to their project delivery.

Our commitment to this can be demonstrated through our Integrated Management System, certified to **ISO 14001** (Environment) and **ISO 50001** (Energy).



THOMPSONS OF PRUDHOE ARE  
THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIALISTS



# ASBESTOS REMOVAL

**THOMPSONS HAVE UNDERTAKEN  
A VAST RANGE OF ASBESTOS  
REMOVAL PROJECTS:**

- Housing Estates
- Schools
- Universities
- Hospitals
- Tower Blocks
- Shopping Centres
- Car Parks
- Bridges
- Government Buildings
- Industrial Estates
- Chemical Plants
- Nuclear License Sites
- Oil & Gas Refineries

**THOMPSONS OF PRUDHOE  
HAVE *DECADES* OF EXPERIENCE**

AS LONG-STANDING MEMBERS OF

# ARCA

(ASBESTOS REMOVAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION)

Thompsons are trained and licensed contractors who are experienced in the management of asbestos.

We ensure all types of asbestos we encounter are removed safely and effectively from our customers' projects. We hold a full asbestos removal license issued by the Health & Safety Executive, demonstrating that our asbestos removal teams work to the highest possible standard within this highly regulated area of industry.

Thompsons of Prudhoe have decades of experience safely removing a broad range of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) from a wide variety of different structures and sensitive working environments.

Our team can integrate asbestos removal within a fully comprehensive demolition and dismantling service, allowing our customers to deal with one company throughout the entire site preparation and enabling process, from initial consultation to handover of the site ready for the construction phase.

All our asbestos removal operatives are experienced, highly trained and hold asbestos medicals.

Upon completion of asbestos removal projects, we work with an independent and approved analytical company to provide the documentation and reoccupation certification required for our customers' records.

# SITE CLEARANCE AND

# RECLAMATION

Thompsons of Prudhoe are able to offer a fully comprehensive Site Clearance and Reclamation service, allowing our customers to deal with one company throughout their entire project.

Our extensive knowledge and practical experience of waste management has been developed over 70+ years, including obtaining Environment Agency Site Permits and utilising industry approved end-of-waste protocols.

Using experience and knowledge of waste legislation Thompsons can help our customers clear, reclaim and remediate any site in readiness for its desired use.

We have expertise in handling all types of waste including but not limited to;

- Inert
- Non-Hazardous
- Liquid
- Heavy and Bulky
- Asbestos Containing Materials
- Hazardous Soils
- Industrial Wastes

We are fully licensed by the HSE to remove and dispose of all types of asbestos, completing all required paperwork and ensuring it is dealt with in full and transparent compliance with legislation. This will usually mean that it will be sent to a properly licensed hazardous waste landfill.

However, on certain projects where we have been engaged from the very early stages, some have been known to have contaminated soils including asbestos, we have been able to engineer a remediated site so that the contaminants can be safely "locked into" the site, without the need for off-site removal, following a complete environmental risk assessment and liaison with the Environment Agency.

There are two options for treating the waste arisings and excavated material from a project either on-site and off-site. This will be determined by factors such as space available, client requirements, planning restrictions, environmental factors, programme and proximity to off-site facilities.

OUR RECYCLING RATE IS **97%**  
WE OFTEN EXCEED THIS, ACHIEVING **99%+**

Due to our strict procedures on waste segregation and disposal, a large percentage of our customers' demolition waste is re-used or recycled.

We have an extensive modern fleet of plant and equipment of all sizes, including 100 tonne excavators with specialised attachments, a fleet of dump trucks, traxcavators, rollers and items of machinery such as screens, crushers and dust suppression equipment.

Our staff are experienced and qualified to carry out contaminated land remediation utilising whichever technique is appropriate to the level and nature of the contamination. Our experience covers hydrocarbon, chemical, asbestos and knotweed contamination.

Our experience and understanding of site remediation options can help clients achieve considerable cost saving benefits.

ALL BRICK, CONCRETE AND MIXED SOILS/BRICK/CONCRETE MATERIAL WILL BE PROCESSED INTO RECYCLED MATERIALS MEETING THE SPECIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY THE CLIENT AND RE-USED ON THE PROJECT OR ANOTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AREA.

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# EARTHWORKS

## Why Choose us?

Thompsons of Prudhoe undertake every aspect of earthworks, from initial site surveys, compliance with environmental legislation, right through to developing engineered building platforms and discharging required planning conditions. The company's wealth of experience in major earthworks contracts enables us to offer alternative low-cost solutions at tender and design stages.

We cover the whole spectrum of earthworks packages, including bulk excavation, cut and fill, aggregate supply, muckaway and site preparation.

## Extensive History

With our extensive knowledge and practical experience of site waste management developed over **70+ years**, including obtaining Environment Agency Site permits and utilising industry approved end-of-waste protocols, we have a management solution to handle every waste stream for your project.

## Our Fleet

We have an **extensive** modern fleet of plant and equipment of all sizes, including dozers, excavators, dump trucks, traxcavators, rollers, screens and dust suppression equipment. Utilising our 90+ strong HGV tipper fleet makes us one of the most complete earthworks and site preparation teams in the country. Our GPS controlled dozers can work to computer models, producing exact levels to fine tolerances.

We have undertaken all types and sizes of earthworks and enabling projects including the construction of;

OVER  
**70 YEARS**  
OF EXPERIENCE

Our teams have extensive experience of working within close proximity to live services, equipment and transport links.

It has long been the policy of Thompsons to recycle as much of the material that's arises from our earthworks operations as possible. Not only is this more cost effective, but also helps our clients demonstrate and deliver a sustainable approach to their project delivery. Our commitment to this can be demonstrated through our Integrated Management System, certified to ISO 14001 (Environment) and ISO 50001 (Energy)

Thompsons are long standing members of the Environmental Services Association (ESA) and our staff are members of the Chartered Institute of Waste Management (CIWM).

- New Roads/Footpaths & Verges
- Bridges
- Railway Lines
- Reservoirs
- Water Treatment & Sewerage Facilities
- Industrial Estates
- Warehouses & Factories
- Housing Developments
- Shopping Centres
- Landfill Sites
- Stripping Overburden
- Leisure Centres
- Public Amenity Land
- Football Pitches
- Golf Courses
- Test Tracks
- Office Blocks
- Above/Underground Car Parks
- Schools
- Universities
- Landscaping

## SUPPLYING AGGREGATES, AGRICULTURAL LIME, AND SLAG FOR OVER 70 YEARS

Thompsons of Prudhoe have been supplying aggregates, agricultural lime and slag for over 70 years. Thompsons operate six quarries throughout the North of England supplying crushed rock, sand and gravel, rock armour, agricultural lime and recycled aggregates to the construction and agriculture industries.

Coupled with one of the largest haulage fleets in the North of England and West Yorkshire, Thompsons have the capability to deliver all types of aggregate for construction and redevelopment projects and offer the added value service of removing materials from sites for disposal and recycling as a back load.

We are able to provide a competitive offering by significantly reducing vehicle movements and associated transport costs, as well as lowering the carbon footprint and environmental impact of our customers' construction projects.

Our quarries have environmental permits to accept inert materials from our customers' sites including brick and concrete, which are then processed and crushed to produce recycled aggregates and soils for progressive restoration.

We can deliver any tonnage of any product to any location in the UK using our own extensive HGV fleet of 20 Tonne 8-wheel and 26 Tonne Articulated Tipper Trucks.

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### Dolomitic / Magnesian Limestone

- Agricultural Lime - Maglime™
- Granular Sub base - Type 1, 2, & 3
- Crusher Run - various sizes
- Capping Materials - 6F1, 6F2 and 6F5
- Pipe Bedding - 40mm, 20mm and 10mm
- Clean Stone - 150mm, 100mm, 75mm, 40/50mm
- Blinding Fines
- Bulk Fill
- Decorative Aggregates

### Sand & Gravel

- Sand
  - Building
  - Concreting
  - Paving
  - Fill
  - Equestrian
- Washed Gravel - 40mm, 20mm and 10mm

### Secondary Aggregate - 100% Recovered & Washed Marine Sand & Gravel And Slag - Supplied Only In West Yorkshire Area

- Granular Sub Base - Type 1, 2, & 3
- Crusher Run - various sizes
- Capping Materials - 6F1, 6F2 and 6F5
- Pipe Bedding - 40mm, 20mm and 10mm
- Clean Stone - 75mm, 40/50mm
- Recycled Sand

### Fertilisers & Soil Conditioners

- Maglime™
- Calcium Lime
- Fibrophos
- Fertiliser Screenings
- Slag

### Carboniferous Limestone

- Granular Sub base - Type 1, 2, & 3
- Crusher Run - various sizes
- Capping Materials - 6F1, 6F2 and 6F5
- Pipe Bedding - 40mm, 20mm and 10mm
- Clean Stone - 150mm, 100mm, 75mm, 40/50mm
- Blinding Fines
- Bulk Fill
- Decorative Aggregates
- Rock Armour
- Gabion Fill
- Coarse Calcium Lime

### Recycled Aggregate

- Granular Sub Base - Type 1
- Capping Materials - 6F2 and 6F5
- Crushed Tarmac
- Mixed Hardcore

### Soils & Clay

- Topsoil
- Sub-soil
- Boulder Clay - ideal for lining works

# CONCRETE



## SINCE 1984,

Tyneside Minimix (Concrete) Ltd has been a supplier of ready-mixed concrete to professional and DIY customers throughout the North East.

Since becoming part of the Thompsons Group in 2007, we have been able to increase our fleet of vehicles to offer an **efficient** and **high-quality service** to a wide range of customers.

We cover a **vast** area with our modern fleet of truck mixers and offer a broad range of concrete products to suit all types of work, from **large scale** construction and civil engineering projects, to household extensions and driveways.

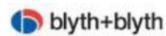
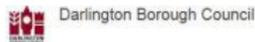
We can supply a range of different concrete mixes depending on the type of project and purpose. If you are unsure of the type or quantity of concrete product you may need our staff will be more than pleased to advise you on the best materials for your project.

For more details please visit

[WWW.TYNESIDEMINIMIX.COM](http://WWW.TYNESIDEMINIMIX.COM)

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# CLIENTS



# TESTIMONIALS

## IMB MANAGEMENT - MILBURNGATE REDEVELOPMENT, DURHAM

“ I have found them to be **quite exceptional** in how they work. **Experts in their field** coupled with high levels of client focused collaboration to deliver optimum results.

We entered into a **complex demolition and remediation contract** in trying circumstances for both parties (Carillion insolvency), we could not have found a better partner for these works.

Honest, straight-forward to deal with contractually, appreciative of complex legal position and **willingness** to work with us to get site works recommenced as soon as possible.

Developing on from this in delivery of the works the same ethos is there, client focused collaborative and most unusually **when a commitment is made, it is delivered. No ifs, buts or excuses!** ”

## CONSTRUCTION MANAGER SELLAFIELD DEMOLITION GROUP -

“ Can I congratulate the Nuvia/Thompson's of Prudhoe team for another successfully executed demolition project at Sellafield.

**Given the challenges** faced by the weather, the Christmas break, the space restrictions and the unusual waste processing/disposal ops, it makes the performance even more impressive.

The alliance continue to **raise their bar on their demolition tasks.** ”

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS GALLIFORD TRY -

“ A **professional** company, **reliable, safe** – a company you can work with.

**Thompsons are the 'go-to' company** when you have a job that requires a great degree of care and attention, **difficult schemes are safe in their hands** which is what sets them apart from their competitors. ”

**DECADES** OF EXPERIENCE  
SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

# TESTIMONIALS

## PROJECT MANAGER - SIR ROBERT MCALPINE LTD

“

On behalf of Sir Robert McAlpine can I pass on our praise to you, your management team, site supervisor Robert Brewis and your operatives for the professional and diligent manner in which they are presently carrying out the demolition works in both Greys Quarter and Unit 10-14.

The **attitude** of your site team is **exemplary** in due notice to **safe working practice** and this has been **consistent** with Thompsons' approach whilst working at Eldon Square over the past 8 years. This is a credit to you and the company.

On that note I would also wish to pass on my own thanks for the **continued cooperation and approach** applied by Thompsons, as we enter the final phase of the redevelopment plan at Eldon Square and look forward to successfully completing this final phase.

”

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR BOWMER & KIRKLAND -

“

Demolition can be extremely complex and you rarely come across contractors that are set up to tackle complex projects in a **professional/safe** manner.

In my opinion Thompsons fall into this category.

Without doubt one of the most **professional**, well-organised demolition contractors **in the business**.

”

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS BALFOUR BEATTY -

“

A **professional** company, **reliable**, **safe** – a company you can work with.

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**PROFESSIONALISM  
YOU CAN RELY ON**

# OUR PROJECTS

## SPIRIT ENERGY MORECAMBE BAY TERMINAL, BARROW VALUE: ONGOING

South Morecambe Field covers an area of 32 square miles of Morecambe Bay with a total of 35 wells and an accommodation platform for this field. The Gas was transferred by undersea pipeline to the South Morecambe Terminal. The Process has now ceased, and the Client are in the process of fully isolating and decommissioning the South Morecambe Site.

Thompsons of Prudhoe Ltd are contracted as the Principal Contractor by Spirit Energy to undertake the following scope of works:

- Asbestos Decontamination / Removal
- Demolition of Buildings
- Removal of Plant Structures
- Removal of Pipework
- Removal of (above ground) Cables
- Removal of Pipebridges
- Controlled Lifting of Large Items
- Crushing and Placing of Demolition Arisings
- Removal of Surplus Concrete
- Removal of all Demolition Waste

## INEOS GRANGEMOUTH OIL REFINERY VALUE: ONGOING

Thompsons were awarded the Contract in January 2017 to demolish a number of plot areas within the live INEOS refinery tier 1 COMAH site. The Plot Areas were;

- Plot 4 (Benzene)
- Plot 5 (Gas Treatment Unit)
- Plot 6 (East Warehouse)
- Plot 7 (Ethylene 3)
- Plot 5a (Hydro Isomerisation Unit)

Prior to commencement of works the Client arranged for a UKAS approved surveyor to undertake a series of Pre-Demolition Asbestos Surveys of the structures within Plots 4 to 7. The surveys indicated the presence of asbestos or asbestos containing materials. The asbestos was removed by our own directly employed labour, under our own Asbestos License. An Environmental pre-clean of Pigeon Guano and the removal of residual chemicals from specific vessels, tanks, process plant & structures was also completed prior to the main demolition.

Work started in Apr '17 and was due for completion in Dec '17. However, further phases of work were directly negotiated with the Client meaning Thompsons' have continued operations on-site and due for completion Aug '19. We are now in advanced negotiations with the Client to extend for a further 2 years past Aug '19.

The initial Contract value was £2.5m, with the further negotiated phases valued at £2m.

## CONFIDENTIAL DEMOLITION & SITE CLEARANCE OF AROMATICS PLANT 1 & 2 VALUE: ONGOING

The site is located within the North Tees site, which occupies a large plot on the north bank of the River Tees. The works comprise of the hazardous insulating material removal, dismantling, demolition and site clearance of Aromatics Plants 1 and 2 comprising of various petrochemical process plant structures, associated utilities, switch rooms, pipework/cables/pipebridges, plant and equipment. The facilities comprise a variety of design standards dating back to the 1960's with a combination of traditional concrete, brick, steel and timber constructions.

Thompsons of Prudhoe Ltd are contracted as the Principal Contractor by Sabc to undertake the following scope of works:

- Asbestos & Hazardous Materials Decontamination / Removal
- Pre & Post Demolition CCTV Surveys
- Recovery & Disposal of Residual Products in process plant & equipment
- Dismantling of Process Plant Structures
- Dismantling & Removal of Associated Utilities
- Dismantling & Removal of Switch Rooms
- Protection of Existing Services, Drains, Roads, Footpaths & Ground Water Sampling Points
- Processing of Demolition Arisings
- Removal of Plant Structures
- Removal of Pipework / Pipebridges
- Removal of (above ground) Cables

## BLUESTAR FIBRES BLUESTAR FIBRES PH2-5, GRIMSBY VALUE: £310,000

Following extensive pre-qualifying considerations, Thompsons were contracted as Principal Contractor by Bluestar Fibres, Moody Lane, Grimsby for the first time to carry out the subsequent phases of Bluestar's site rationalization

Programme to prepare and remove the plant which used to manufacture compounds for jet engine brake linings. This particular project had several phases and covered the following areas:

- Exclusion Zone setup
- Background noise monitoring
- Asbestos Removal
- Demolition

# OUR PROJECTS

## ELEMENTIS CHROMIUM LLP SITE CLEARANCE, EAGLESCLIFFE VALUE: £6.5M

Thompsons were contracted as Principal Contractor to carry out the asbestos decontamination, removal, demolition, dismantling and site clearance at Elementis Chromium's Eaglescliffe facility. The site contained various process plant structures, warehouses, offices, associated electricity sub-station, switch rooms, extensive pipework, cables, pipe-bridges, plant and equipment.

It had not been possible for the client to fully decontaminate the chemical process plants prior to demolition. Thompsons therefore had to include for, and manage, the presence of residual product in all process equipment, and deal with the highly hazardous hexavalent chromium residues and contamination present throughout most of the structural and process plant.

A segregated wash bay system was implemented in various locations on site throughout the project to ensure all contaminated scrap/vessels were washed prior to disposal or off-site recycling.

Thompsons were responsible for the collection of suspended solids and wash water, ensuring they were all sent to the Client's separate treatment and disposal facility.

The Elementis site production facility had a significant quantity and full array of asbestos containing materials, including those that are licensable; asbestos materials were found right across the site within the building and structures, on pipework and equipment throughout the plant structures.

As a Licensed Asbestos Removal contractor, Thompsons safely removed all asbestos across the site and disposed off via the appropriate authorised waste streams.

## CARILLION NORWICH UNION HOUSE, NEWCASTLE VALUE: £630,000

Thompsons were appointed by Carillion Plc to carry out the asbestos removal, soft strip, demolition, earthworks and stoning up of this six-storey reinforced concrete structure in the heart of Newcastle City Centre on the busy Westgate Road, directly opposite Newcastle Central Station.

Carillion, Thompsons, the pilers and the groundworkers worked with and around each other from the start to help maintain progress across the site as the main contract schedule was very tight.

Prior to commencement of the demolition works a specialist scaffolding contractor was appointed to fully scaffold and sheet two elevations of the structure.

Following the completion of the asbestos removal and soft strip works, demolition works were undertaken using our high reach demolition excavator.

A live substation was located in the basement of the building. Our demolition method was agreed with the utility provider, to allow them full access during the demolition of the structure and for their apparatus to remain working and undisturbed, prior to them re-moving the asset.

We were able to complete the demolition works once the asset was removed. As part of our contract works, we carried out excavation and stone importation to construct piling platforms, to a line and level agreed with the main contractor.

We excavated and disposed of offsite approx. 2,000m<sup>3</sup> and imported 2,500m<sup>3</sup> of granular materials to construct the piling platforms. Works were carried out over an 18-week agreed programme.

## GSK UNIT 5 TANK FARM, ULVESTON VALUE: £1.15M

Thompsons were appointed as Principal Contractor by GlaxoSmithKline, working under ABB Ltd as CDMC, to undertake asbestos removal and dismantling works at GSK's pharmaceutical manufacturing facility at Ulverston. The GSK facility remained live and operational throughout.

The project was delivered in two contract phases and covered;

- Phase 1 - Asbestos Removal of Pipebridges
- Phase 2 - Various Dismantling, Decommissioning, and Removal Works

Thompsons undertook the following works;

- Asbestos Removal
- Dismantling of Pipebridges
- Dismantling of Process Systems
- Demolition of Buildings
- Demolition of Gantries

Various demolition and dismantling techniques were used throughout the project with a combination of different types of demolition plant used. The most challenging part of the project was the demolition and clearance of Building 5B, a steel framed structure which stepped from 2-storey to 3-storey in height, with its three-storey annex located at the East of the building. The building was clad in steel sheeting. The structure contained various low-level plant and equipment. The Annex section of the building contained plant/equipment which was specified to be salvaged by Thompsons. Equipment for salvage was lifted out using a 55-tonne crane.

## ROBERTSON CONSTRUCTION PLUMMER HOUSE, NEWCASTLE VALUE: £575,000

In the summer of 2015, Thompsons of Prudhoe were contracted by Robertson Construction Ltd to carry out the demolition of a former Grade II listed building in Newcastle City Centre.

The site was located within a very busy part of Newcastle upon Tyne City Centre, adjacent to offices, bars, a night club, hotel, NHS walk-in centre and a leading architects practice located in the Grade II Listed Plummer Tower – only 4 metres from the edge of the site. To add to the level of difficulty, the site was on a bend in the road and on a slope.

The site was divided into 3 zones, each requiring differing levels of demolition work.

Thompsons erected a sheeted scaffolding externally to the full height of the building around 3 of the elevations in order to provide a safe working platform for the works to be conducted and for a suitable 'buffer' zone to be in place. Thompsons also specified an internal 'birdcage' scaffolding to the third floor of the building in Zone 2 to protect the listed dancefloor beneath. Each level of the scaffolding was reduced periodically as the demolition progressed.

Prior to commencement of demolition works Thompsons' specialist asbestos removal operatives completed the removal of asbestos materials in the building and conducted a full internal soft strip to remove any items remaining within the building, removing all fixtures & fittings and stripping the structure back to its original shell to allow for a safe and unrestricted demolition. This technique also ensured that the resulting demolition debris was as clean as possible so as to maximise its potential for being recycled.

Due to the varying Zones, differing extent of demolitions required and extremely tight site constraints, the specialist demolition team at Thompsons carried out the work using a mix of specialist techniques including manual work, robotic and mini-machine, high-reach machine and traditional machine demolition and clearance.

# OUR PROJECTS

## BAM CONSTRUCTION MERRION HOUSE, LEEDS VALUE: £1M

10-Storey Merrion House sits in the centre of Leeds on a very busy traffic thoroughfare to two sides, in an extremely busy shopping and leisure area and physically adjoining a live Morrisons' Supermarket which had to remain undisturbed throughout.

The deconstruction works involved:

- Asbestos Removal
- Soft-Strip
- Concrete Cutting
- Full Deconstruction back to the concrete shell, including completely opening up the roof and plant removal to allow further building above
- Scaffolding and Edge Protection Erection
- Use of Remote Robotic Machines
- Craneage Operations
- Drilling and Fixing of Specially Sourced Lifting Eyes

Thompsons carried out the trial removal of a panel prior to Contract Award to prove that their intended methodology was safe and achievable within BAM's required time-frame for a lump sum price.

Thompsons managed its own team, specialist scaffolders, concrete cutting specialists and co-ordinated very closely with BAM for the use of the two tower cranes and man-riders on the external facades of the building which were always in demand for both deconstruction and construction needs. A choreographed pattern of working developed so that neither team was left wanting use of a crane / man-rider because others were using it.

## NORTHERN GAS NETWORK GAS HOLDER, JARROW VALUE: £310,000

Thompsons were appointed by Northern Gas Networks (NGN) to undertake the demolition of the Jarrow Gas Holder, located on Curlew Road in Jarrow, Tyne & Wear. The site was located within proximity to several sensitive stakeholders and with several constraints. Curlew Road ran to the south of the site, with commercial properties lining the land between this road and Priory Road. To the north the site bordered the River Tyne; to the east were open recreational areas, including a skate park; and to the west was the Cemex Jarrow Wharf and Recycling facility. There were nearby residential properties and the site was in close proximity to a local school.

The scope of works included the demolition/dismantling and removal of the existing natural gas storage apparatus, comprising a spiral guided above-ground water sealed gasholder and equipment associated with gas storage equipment. The works excluded certain equipment such as boosters, their associated brick-built housing, and the incoming pipeline all of which had to be retained and protected during the demolition works.

The Gas Holder Station had been previously de-commissioned by NGN, and Thompsons had to work collaboratively with specialist cleaning and de-watering company chosen by NGN to isolate, inertly purge, de-water and clean the holder. The pipelines and governor remained operational at all times during the works, and therefore a 'live' gas hazard was present at all times.

The project was completed in time, to the complete satisfaction of the client and to reflect the level of performance excellence delivered on the whole project, the site achieved 43 marks out of 50 for its CCS compliance, earning NGN and the site not only a Gold Award at the 2018 Considerate Constructors Scheme Awards, but also the Runner-Up Award for Most Considerate Site in the UK for its category.

## CARILLION / MGH CARD / TOLENT MILBURNGATE HOUSE, DURHAM VALUE: £10M

Milburngate House, was, up until 2016, used as an HM Government Passport Office. It included a basement in the northeast of the building (c.3m deep). The building was constructed in the 1960s on the site of an old gas works in the north and an old residential site in the south. It was situated right beside the busy city centre shopping area Durham and its immediate neighbour was a very popular riverside hotel.

In 2016 Thompsons were appointed by Carillion Plc to conduct full site asbestos removal and demolition of all above ground structures, breaking up and recycling of roadways, slabs, pile caps and selected retaining walls, remediation of known hydrocarbon contamination, and creation of development platform for subsequent construction phase of mixed use residential, retail, leisure and commercial development by the site owners, at Milburngate House, Durham.

Thompsons of Prudhoe Ltd were contracted as the Contractor to undertake the following scope of works

- Asbestos Removals
- Demolition of all Structures
- Breaking out of Slabs
- Identification of Ground Water Levels/Implement Diversions
- Reduced Level Excavations
- Containment and Treatment of Contaminated Land
- Creation of an Engineered Development Platform

In January 2018, our immediate client (Carillion) went into liquidation with the project being put on hold. Thompsons proactively engaged with the relevant shareholders, resulting in Thompsons being appointed as the Principal Contractor. The Site reopened within 2 days of Thompsons being appointed Principal Contractor. Thompsons took on additional scope including:

- Provision of Welfare, Security & Discharge Planning Conditions
- Provision of Sheet Piling works
- Construction of a new Permanent Car Park
- Construction of a new Electricity Substation

## DURHAM UNIVERSITY ELVET COURTYARD, DURHAM VALUE: ONGOING

The site is situated at the Elvet Waterside, Durham City Centre. The project consists of carrying out a series of enabling works to allow for the construction of a new building for Durham University Business School. The project is split into 2 separate phases of work. During the phase 1 works of the project, Archaeology works will be undertaken by Durham University Archaeological Services, with Thompsons providing attendance such as excavators, dumper trucks, drivers, welfare, general management etc.

Due to the sensitivity of the site location (City Centre and Waterside), the listed building, residents occupying local properties, the archaeological works, tree protection orders (TPO's) and Public Rights of Way, this project provides significant challenges.

Thompsons of Prudhoe Ltd are contracted as the Principal Contractor by Durham University to undertake the following scope of works;

- Demolition and grubbing foundations of 4 existing buildings known as (Baths Building, Pottery Hut, Nursery and Elvet Courtyard)
- Careful dismantling of associated garden walls
- Transporting and storing of materials off-site for re-use
- Improvements works to the Green Lane Depot (fencing and access route)
- Asbestos Removal
- Stripping car parks to below sub-base and removing associated car park equipment
- Site clearance
- Drainage Diversions
- Tree removal and vegetation
- Mitigation planting
- Cut and fill
- Crushing of demolition arisings for use in a piling mat
- Provision of a piling mat
- Attendances on Archaeological investigation
- New temporary access road
- Management of utility diversions and isolations (orders placed directly by Durham University)

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- Universities
- Hospitals
- Tower Blocks
- Government Buildings
- Food & Beverage Plants
- Bridges
- Facade Retention Works
- Leisure Centres
- Water Treatment & Sewerage Facilities
- Reservoirs
- Landfill Sites
- Football Pitches
- Office Blocks
- Golf Course
- Landscaping



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“The development of our plant, equipment and resources is fundamental in ensuring we provide the **highest levels of performance** for our Clients”

### INVESTMENT

We **heavily invest** year after year allowing us to provide **modern and innovative** solutions to our Clients Projects”

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By developing and investing in our Company, we are able to create a **dedicated, loyal and experienced workforce** which has a direct positive impact on the successful delivery of the project”

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“Our unique business model and company strategy will allow us to continue providing our **specialist services for future generations**, whilst **protecting** the human and **natural resources** required to deliver these bespoke services”



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