

## Quick News Update

June and July have flown by here at ACP. We've been busy with a variety of jobs, ranging from bespoke copings to go around a large pond, to steps for Waterloo Park in Norwich.

The outside of our building has been repainted, so it's looking nice and smart for the summer.

We recently went to visit Poundfield Precast in Ipswich, after meeting them at a networking event.

It was good to see their set up and we look forward to developing a professional working relationship with them.

## A Unique Approach to Cill Provision

A big challenge for large scale housing developers, is the bulk purchasing of materials. This can cause issues with storage on site, often for long periods of time. It's inevitable that items will be damaged or even misplaced, leading to extra costs in terms of time and budgets.

Here at ACP we have developed a unique approach to supplying Precast Cills.

We work closely with our Partners to plan their requirements according to their building schedule. As they are called off, each plot has a pack made up of the Cills that are required. The pack will include details of what size Cills are included. We may deliver several plots at a time, but as each are clearly marked, they go directly to where they are needed.

This approach has been well received by our Partners. It has helped to streamline their construction process and has reduced lost time and wastage - which all affects the bottom line.

## Concrete Isn't Just for Building

Experimenting with concrete is something that we like to do here. It's always interesting to see what new ideas the Team come up with, and to see how versatile concrete can actually be.

The latest project has been to produce some industrial style lamps. Our Pattern Maker, James, constructed a mould, which was then packed with wet sand to form the 'recess'. The lamp holder and cord were added at this point too and carefully protected. Concrete was then poured in and the steels added, and then it was left to cure.

Once cured, the packed sand was removed from the mould and cleaned from the lamp.

Here is the result!

