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### **NASC President's New Apprentices Challenge Hits 400 Goal**

The NASC President, Kevin Ward's 'New Apprenticeship Challenge' to create 400 scaffolding apprentices in his two year tenure has been achieved – three months before the November 2015 deadline.

Mr Ward will be announcing the good news and providing the final apprenticeship numbers – along with the grand total figure of money raised for the chosen Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT) charity – at the confederation's AGM in Leeds in November, two years on from the scheme's launch, following Mr Ward's inauguration as President in November 2013.

Mr Ward, who was once a scaffolding apprentice himself, said: "I am absolutely thrilled that we have reached the goal of 400 new scaffolding apprenticeships, and earlier than anticipated too. Apprenticeships are the lifeblood of the industry and I am pleased the NASC member companies are doing their bit to fill the skills gap in the construction industry, whilst also raising much needed funds through the challenge's sponsors for Teenage Cancer Trust, a great cause close to my own heart. I am very grateful for the generous support of our members on both counts.

"Bringing in all this essential new blood is vital for the scaffolding sector and I could not be more delighted at the response from NASC member companies, in terms of the number of new CISRS apprentices being taken on. I wish them all a long and rewarding career in our proud industry. NASC Managing Director, Robin James said: "We are very pleased at the response to the NASC's New Apprenticeship Challenge. The creation of 400+ apprenticeships in just two years – boosting the scaffolding industry and raising money for a great charity simultaneously – is an absolutely superb achievement and a lasting legacy from Mr Ward's presidency."

NASC Training Manager and CISRS Scheme Manager, Dave Mosley added: "What an excellent achievement. It shows the commitment of the membership in relation to employing apprentices, whilst helping a very worthy cause at the same time. This really is a 'good news' story – particularly when the future of employer

funding for apprenticeships is looking so uncertain. It's great to be able to support such a positive initiative."

Michelle Aucott, Regional Fundraising Manager for Teenage Cancer Trust, West Midlands said: "We are delighted to have the support of NASC and its sponsor members. The money raised from the New Apprentices Challenge will help to support young people with cancer, so they don't have to face their diagnosis alone."

For details and updates on the New Apprentices Challenge, please visit the NASC website [here](#). And for more information about becoming an NASC member, or to find out more about TG20:13 and the NASC – the scaffolding industry trade body organisation – please visit [www.nasc.org.uk](http://www.nasc.org.uk) or email: [enquiries@nasc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nasc.org.uk).