

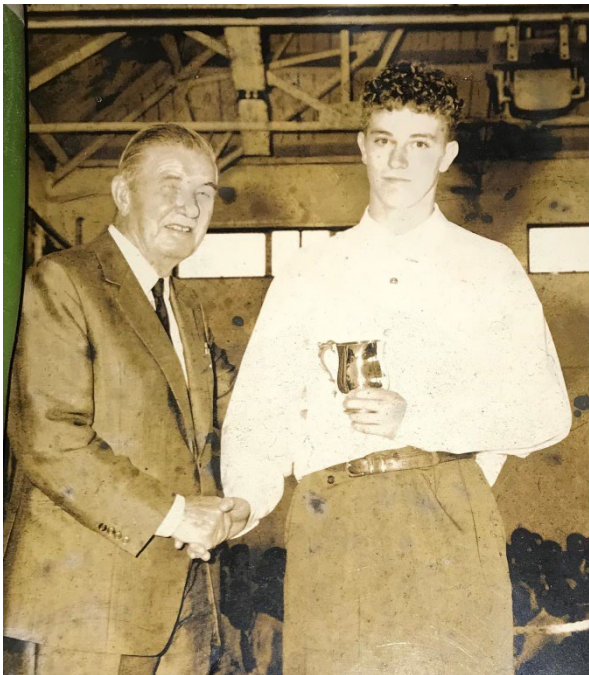
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## RICHMOND BRIGHT WELCOMES NEW INSTRUCTOR INTO THE INDUSTRY

Ever wondered about career progression in scaffolding? What's life like beyond the spanner or impact wrench?

Meet Tony Collins aged 49 – who is putting his experience to good use by becoming a scaffolding instructor, via the CITB funded Instructor Commission Scheme made available to CISRS training provider, Richmond Bright.

Tony began his career as a CECOL trainee scaffolder at Bircham Newton with Deborah Services in 1991 and quickly excelled – winning the individual outward-bound award in the process.



He was a member of the Deborah Services gang by 1992 and the scaffolder from Liverpool progressed from apprentice scaffolder up to supervisor over a three decade long scaffolding career on the tools, working for various companies across the UK.



Tony continued in the industry up until February 2024 when he joined Richmond Bright – a CISRS Training Centre based in Liverpool – as a Trainee CISRS Instructor, bringing three decades of real-life experience and knowledge to his training delivery.

“Tony joined the Richmond Bright Team and quickly became an integral part of the expanding Liverpool CISRS Centre. His knowledge and practical experience are an asset to the centre and is greatly appreciated by staff and learners attending courses here,” said Steve Odger, Richmond Bright Director.

CISRS Managing Director, Dave Mosley, added: “The Instructor commission is proving to be a great success, we really appreciate CITB’s support in helping us bring experienced scaffolders like Tony into the CISRS Training scheme.

After securing a £208,000 commission from CITB in November 2022 to train 16 new instructors up to Part 1 and taking at least 12 of them onto Part 2, CISRS is well on track and currently around 75% completion of the programme.

The CITB commission was created to ultimately boost training capacity and to increase numbers coming into the scaffolding sector.

The funding is available to core scheme CISRS training centres and allows the development and training of new scaffolding instructors within England and Wales.

The aim is to make the job of a scaffolding instructor an attractive potential change of career for qualified scaffolders, enabling them to pass on their knowledge and experience to the next generation, particularly in the regions in the UK, which have been identified as being most in need of support.

CISRS are working closely with CITB and training centres to ensure the commission delivers to its fullest potential. CISRS Managing Director, Dave Mosley added: "CISRS is making all efforts to ensure that the commission is a complete success, and we are confident that this hard work will help bolster scaffolding instructor numbers in England and Wales and ultimately help to increase a qualified scaffolding workforce."

#### Pictures

Tony Collins at work on a COTS course for Richmond Bright as a new CISRS trained instructor.

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Tony Collins receiving the outward-bound award at Bircham Newton in 1992 from Lord Mellish, former Labour Minister for public building works.

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Old newspaper clipping covering the award story.

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