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I was pleased to see that residential contracts are on the rise outside of London – so much so that house building outside the capital is now greater than within it.

This also bodes well for the commercial building sector where major office developments amongst others are now being seen in our larger cities – Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool, Sheffield and so on. The two go hand-in-hand – commercial property developers will only go where they are sure their occupiers will find staff; house builders only want to go where people will have the jobs to be able to afford the houses they build.

Perhaps the Northern Powerhouse will emerge despite the Government's London-centric outlook when it comes to infrastructure.

Brexit Schmexit

A survey has found that most people don't expect house prices to fall or rise even in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit. But I suspect that most people still don't realise what might happen in the event of a no deal Brexit...including the half-wits running the country.

A lesson

Nice to see that although uncertainty is affecting both house and commercial property building (part of the rise in the comparative success of regional house building when compared to London is sadly that London building is declining), one sector is still a shining beacon. The education sector is still improving its teaching facilities and its accommodation blocks at the same time. Universities across the country realise there are lots and lots of UK students ready to fill uni coffers – but the UK is still a massive destination for overseas students keen to take advantage of our educational excellence, the UK experience and top notch facilities.

Refurbishment on the rise

Regenerating underused parts of cities and towns by building mixed-use developments could provide a golden bullet to help both the ailing high-street and the construction sector Michele Wietscher of Newview Windows and Conservatories said recently.

I agree with Wietscher – there's loads of work all over the country and a changing scene – and I think there's appetite for investment. Installers sniffing out work in this sector, let me know will you – installer@profinder.eu

Drink driving

The Dept for Transport reckons drink driving has shown a dramatic rise (utilising figures from 2016). We know we've had a long hot summer full of sport – and quick pints after work that turn in to too many pints after work. Do everyone a favour – including yourself – take a note and if you think you or any of your teams have maybe had one too many in the past few months and then gotten behind the wheel...please don't do it again!

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