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JOSEPH GRIGGS & Co. Ltd. 130th BIRTHDAY

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Wood has been good for Griggs since 1875



■ **HEADQUARTERS:** Joseph Griggs and Co's base in Bristol Road, Gloucester



■ **DELIVERING THE GOODS:** a Griggs lorry goes about its business in the 1960s



■ **FOUNDER:** Joseph Griggs was twice mayor of Loughborough

JOSEPH Griggs & Co. Ltd, the timber and timber engineered products company based at Bristol Road in Gloucester, this year celebrates its 130th anniversary.

The origins of the firm trace back to 1875 when Joseph Griggs, the son of a timber merchant, established his own enterprise in Loughborough.

His company prospered and by the time Queen Victoria's long reign was drawing to a close, it boasted branches in Hartlepool, Hull, Manchester, London and Gloucester.

During the First World War it was decided to restructure the business by concentrating its resources on one site. The 4.2 acre location on the eastern side of the Gloucester-Sharpness canal was chosen and in 1917 Joseph Griggs & Co. began operating solely from the Bristol Road address that has been its home ever since.

Although being a softwood timber importer and merchant remains at its core, Griggs has expanded its activities, products and range of services – particularly in the past 25 years.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Today, engineered timber products account for some 60% of turnover. The firm designs and manufactures engineered timber products, including timber framed houses, trussed rafters and Finnframe engineered 'I' joist floor systems. These are used locally and nationally in the construction of houses, flats, nursing homes, schools, recreational and commercial buildings.

Griggs is recognised as a one-stop-shop for timber, sheet and engineered timber products.

In addition to its centre of excellence in design and manufacture capability, the company has a full milling facility, a Protim wood treatment plant, plus a white priming service that offers acrylic and oil based primers, along with knotting and a base coat if required.

While being true to say that the company is best known in its specialist field as the first choice supplier to the construction and allied trades, Griggs also offers a range of services and products –

such as its own competitively priced garden decking system – to landscape gardeners and private customers.

The highly regarded reputation that Joseph Griggs & Co. has earned over the years is based on the quality of its products, the consistent close attention to customer service and a willingness to invest in new methods and products.

By doing so this Gloucester firm with an illustrious past has developed into a highly professional supplier of Timber and Engineered Timber Products and is well positioned for a long and successful future.

Joseph Griggs & Co. Ltd. has the distinction, perhaps unique in the city, of being closely associated with two mayors. The founder was invited to be the first Mayor of Loughborough in 1888 and served two terms.

Almost a century later, by which time the company had long been established at its present location on Bristol Road, Gloucester, the Chairman was the late Sydney W. Smith, Mayor of the city from 1978/79.



■ **CIVIC LEADER:** Sydney W. Smith, chairman and Mayor of Gloucester 1978/79