

## Balfour Beatty Group tops the Contractor League Table for December

Balfour Beatty took the top spot this month with three contract awards totalling £297 million. The award of the Midland Metropolitan Hospital in Smethwick, a project that was originally contracted to Carillion, contributed £267 million to their total.

Kier Construction and John Graham Construction were in second and third place for December 2019, with a total contract award value of £149 million and £117 million respectively. This month the top three contractors have been awarded a combined 17 projects at a total value of £563 million. In November the top three were awarded a total of 15 projects valued at £781 billion.

Balfour Beatty just pipped Galliford Try to the post for the top contractor in 2019 following a lucrative December. Balfour Beatty finished the year on a total of 47 projects with a combined value of £1.75 billion Galliford Try completed the year on 82 project awards at a total value of £1.7 billion.

The latest edition of the Top 50 League Tables published by industry analysts [Barbour ABI](#), highlights the number and value of construction contracts awarded during November. This month shows that the combined value of contracts awarded to the Top 50 was £2.0 billion with a total of 104 projects.

Rank		Contractors	Value of projects (£m)	No. of projects
1	NEW	Balfour Beatty Group Limited	297	3
2	▲	Kier Construction Limited-Building UK	149	12
3	▲	John Graham Construction Limited	117	2
4	▬	Morgan Sindall Plc	116	8
5	▲	Winvic Construction Limited	90	2
6	▲	Ogilvie Construction Limited	78	2
7	NEW	Caddick Construction Limited	70	3
8	NEW	Fairview New Homes Limited	63	1
9	NEW	Bennett Construction Limited	60	1
10	▲	Skanska UK	60	1
11	▼	Vinci Construction	57	4
12	NEW	Seddon Construction Limited	50	3
13	NEW	Mulalley & Company Limited	50	1
14	▼	VolkerWessels UK	49	3
15	▲	McLaughlin & Harvey	48	3
16	▲	McLaren Construction Limited	46	2
17	▼	Willmott Dixon Construction Limited	42	4
18	▼	ISG	41	3
19	▲	Galliford Try Construction	37	2
20	▼	Hill Partnerships Limited	31	2
21	NEW	JBA Bentley Limited	30	1
22	▲	Countryside Properties (UK) Limited	28	1
23	NEW	Wates Construction Limited	28	2
24	NEW	Buckingham Group Contracting Limited	21	3
25	▼	BAM Nuttall	20	1

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26	▼	Interserve Plc	20	2
27	NEW	RED Construction Limited	20	2
28	NEW	Acheson Construction	19	1
29	NEW	Corley and Woolley	17	1
30	NEW	Taylor Wimpey	16	1
31	NEW	KN Group GHQ	15	1
32	NEW	Engie Regeneration Limited	15	1
33	NEW	Mott MacDonald Group Limited	14	1
34	NEW	Bowmer & Kirkland Limited	13	2
35	NEW	Clegg Construction Limited	13	1
36	▼	P Casey Enviro Limited	12	2
37	NEW	Cruden Group Limited	12	2
38	NEW	Commercial Development Projects Limited	11	2
39	NEW	TSL Projects	10	1
40	NEW	KKMG Building Services Limited	10	1
41	NEW	Study Inn Limited	9	1
42	NEW	Lawrence Baker Limited	9	1
43	NEW	Barratt Homes	9	1
44	NEW	Kind & Company (Builders) Limited	9	2
45	NEW	Connor Construction	8	2
46	NEW	Jack Lunn Construction Limited	8	1
47	NEW	Island Drainage & Groundworks	8	1
48	NEW	J Harper & Sons (Leominster) Limited	8	1
49	NEW	Knights Brown Construction Limited	8	2
50	NEW	Beard	8	1

Quarterly figures indicate that construction activity in the final quarter of 2019 was down compared to the previous quarter. October-December 2019 saw a total contract award value of £9.2 billion to the top 50. This is a decrease of 9.8% compared with July-September 2019. There was also a decrease of 8.9% on the number of projects awarded in Q4 compared to Q3.

Tom Hall, Chief Economist at Barbour ABI & AMA Research said, “Interestingly this month, the top contract award for December was a project that had initially been awarded to Carillion back in December 2015. Activity numbers in both value and quantity were low in December, perhaps this is to be expected due to companies awaiting the outcome of the General Election, uncertainty of the Brexit outcome, and seasonal effect.”

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