

Latest News- July 2026

Building for Britain's Harvest



As another busy harvest season gets underway, it's a good reminder of the role our buildings play long after we've handed over the keys. While combines are out in the fields and grain stores begin to fill, farmers rely on strong, dependable buildings to protect their crops, livestock and machinery.

Every frame we manufacture and every building we erect becomes part of a working farm, helping businesses operate efficiently for years to come. Whether it's a new grain store, livestock shed or machinery building, our work supports the people who feed the country.

The summer months are often our busiest too, with teams across design, production, transport and site working together to deliver projects safely and on schedule. It's a great opportunity to thank everyone at **Fowler & Gilbert** for the hard work, commitment and teamwork that goes into every project.

As we move through another busy season, let's continue to focus on quality, safety and delivering buildings we're proud to put our name on.

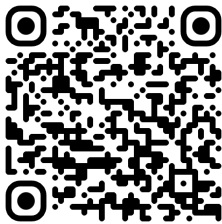


Our big Giveaway- Win this Shed!

You still have time to enter our big anniversary giveaway, you could win this Fowler and Gilbert shed, the draw will be on September 1st.

If you'd like to enter the draw to win the shed, you need to sign up to our You Tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@leegilbert-wegobigorwegohome>



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Ventilation: The Hidden Profit Factor

When planning a livestock building, it's easy to focus on floor space, feeding areas and access. But one feature that can have a significant impact on animal health and productivity is **ventilation**.

Good **airflow** helps remove warm, stale air along with excess moisture, dust and airborne contaminants. In cattle housing, effective ridge ventilation allows rising warm air to escape naturally, helping to create **a fresher, healthier environment**. During warmer weather, good ventilation can also reduce heat stress, encouraging cattle to remain comfortable and maintain feed intake.

Simple design features, such as the correct ridge opening, appropriate roof height and well-positioned **side ventilation**, can make a noticeable difference without relying on mechanical systems.

Whether you're planning a new livestock building or extending an existing one, **ventilation** should be considered from the outset rather than added as an afterthought. A well-designed building doesn't just protect your investment—it helps create the right conditions for **healthier livestock and more efficient farming**.

At **Fowler & Gilbert**, we work closely with customers to design steel-framed buildings that combine durability with practical, effective ventilation for year-round performance.



Apprentice of the Year Finalist for Fowler and Gilbert

We are delighted to share that Drayton Gasson of **Fowler and Gilbert** has been shortlisted as a **finalist** for the Construction Apprentice of the Year in the 2026 **Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Apprenticeship Awards**.

Drayton first visited **Fowler and Gilbert** in his final year of High School when he undertook a work experience placement with the company. Managing Director, Lee Gilbert, recognised Drayton's potential and offered him the opportunity to return as an apprentice when he finished school.

Lee explained "Today, Drayton has become a key member of our team at **Fowler and Gilbert**. It has been a pleasure to watch him grow into his role with confidence and to mature into a dependable leader with a strong skillset. We are proud of everything Drayton has achieved so far and we look forward to seeing his future career blossom."

From all of us at **Fowler and Gilbert**, we wish you the very best of luck at the awards Drayton, you would be a very worthy winner of **Apprentice of the Year**. Well done for the recognition of being shortlisted.



Project Update

This month's project is a follow up to last month's update, the large livestock shed near to our HQ in **Shropshire**.

You can see the roof being put on using Eternit Fibre Cement Profile 6 sheets in Natural Grey.

The open protected ventilated ridge is bordered by a full length heatguard 50 rooflight which will run the full length of the building.

It's a great build in a beautiful setting with the attention to detail and high quality finish you expect from **Fowler and Gilbert**.





Date for your diary-

Be sure to call in and see us at the Black Isle Show 5th and 6th of August 2026

Don't forget to enter the competition to win the shed, you've got to be in it to win it!

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