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CRL marks 70 years with a commitment to a net-zero future

CRL celebrates 70 years of concrete refurbishment and asset maintenance while looking ahead to a net-zero future

Concrete Repairs Ltd (CRL) is proud to celebrate 70 years as a leading specialist in concrete refurbishment and asset maintenance, while looking ahead to a net-zero future.

Founded in 1955 to repair wartime bomb damage in London, CRL has grown into a multi-disciplined contractor with a turnover of £65 million, delivering projects ranging from £5,000 to £15 million across the highways, water, rail, marine, nuclear, utilities, and built environment sectors. Today, the company employs 340 staff across seven UK offices and one office in Melbourne, Australia.

Built on repair, focused on sustainability

From early projects in London to major works such as the Thames Flood Barrier, CRL has steadily expanded its expertise. Its services now include corrosion control, concrete condition surveys, structural strengthening, bearing replacement, external refurbishment, and grouting.

CRL's business model, extending the life of concrete structures through repair rather than rebuild, is inherently sustainable. The company has committed to achieving net-zero operations by 2045, with interim targets including:

- 76% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030 (from a 2020 baseline)
- Net-zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030
- 50% reduction in all emissions by 2040
- Elimination of single-use plastics and a reduction of waste across all projects and offices

Progress is already evident: CRL has reduced its carbon emissions by 33% since 2010, diverted 97.5% of all waste from landfill, and upgraded 80% of its fleet to Euro 6 or low-emission vehicles. Staff also support community initiatives, such as woodland conservation projects in Coventry and improvements to local school playgrounds in Walsall.

Steve Jones, Southern Regional Director, said: "The construction sector has a vital role to play in tackling climate change. CRL is committed to doing its part. By working together as an industry, we can deliver a cleaner, more sustainable future, one that will stand strong for the next 70 years."

To mark the anniversary, CRL will plant 70 trees across its UK and international sites, a symbolic gesture that reflects its long-term sustainability goals.

Sanjay Patel, Managing Director, said: "Reaching 70 years is a remarkable achievement. Our success rests on the professionalism of our people, past and present, and the support of our clients and partners. As we celebrate our history, we're focused firmly on the future, reducing our carbon footprint and helping safeguard the built environment for the next generation."

For updates on CRL and its Carbon Reduction Plan, visit https://crl.uk.com.





