

William Stobart, Group COO and Head of Stobart Transport and Distribution

Eddie Stobart's son, William, started his career with the transport company as a teenager, carrying out a broad spectrum of roles including HGV Driver, Planner and Distribution Manager.

This comprehensive early experience at the heart of the UK transport and logistics sector provided William with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of every level in the business.

As COO William focuses his extensive experience and leadership skills on the core operations of the Group with a particular responsibility for the Transport and Distribution division.



Richard Butcher, Group Deputy CEO and Head of Stobart Estates

Richard joined Eddie Stobart in 1997 after 14 years with HSBC Corporate Finance and has been closely involved in a wide range of Stobart business activities.

Richard has played a key role in the development and leveraging of the company's property assets, such as the Group's extensive land and commercial interests in the North West, with particular emphasis on the Widnes and Runcorn sites.

He has also concentrated on other property purchases and disposals across the Group, as well as continuing the Stobart tradition of building close and lasting relationships with customers.



Andy Bathgate, Divisional Co-Head

With 20 years' experience in the sector, Andy, has completed projects ranging from power stations to major water and sewage works, as well as several Stobart Rail infrastructure projects. Most recently he has overseen the development of Group assets, such as Stobart Park in Widnes and the new 500,000 square foot Tesco Chilled DC at the site.

Kirk Taylor, Divisional Co-Head

Kirk Taylor has over 20 years' experience in construction/civils, including the last ten in rail works with WA Developments and Stobart Group. As Stobart Rail MD, his knowledge and experience have helped establish its exceptional reputation for delivering projects on time and on budget - often to very tight deadlines. Most recently he has steered the construction of the new rail station at London Southend Airport.



Alastair Welch, Head of Stobart Air

Alastair Welch has two decades' experience in the airport industry, starting his career in the sector at Heathrow during the 1980s. He has held senior operational, engineering, finance, strategy and large capital project roles at several airports.

Leading the Stobart Air business since the Group acquired London Southend in 2008, Alastair is now responsible for the operation and development of both LSA and Carlisle Lake District Airport. Under his guidance the major projects at LSA, including the new terminal, hotel station, control tower and runway extension will all be completed by the end of 2011; in readiness for the large passenger influx to the Olympic Games in 2012.



Allan Jenkinson, Head of Stobart Biomass

Founder of AW Jenkinson Forest Products, Allan started in business in the mid-1960s by collecting the unwanted sawdust from mills around Penrith in Cumbria and selling it on to local farms to meet great demand for the timber by-product as bedding in cattle sheds.

A pioneering environmentalist, Allan's business expanded across the North West and into Scotland, with the growth of new emerging uses for timber by-products such as bark for garden mulch and peat-free compost preparations. Today, demand for such products worldwide is enormous, with timber by-products used on an industrial scale for board manufacture and fuelling new carbon neutral power stations.

