

## Site of the Month-Hucknall C21/10



Hucknall Substation started in May 2011, the first phase was due to be completed by early August, with the second phase being put back until sometime in 2012, however WPD moved the goal posts and bought the delivery of the first transformer forward by nearly 3 weeks, with very short notice.

The lads on site led by Russ Baxendale and Andy Poole with engineering by Dave Baker rallied together and worked longer hours and weekends to hit the new target. Despite numerous hurdles being dropped in their path they still managed to achieve the revised date, not only did they meet the new date the standard of work they produced was excellent. It is a pleasure to sit in a meeting with the client and hear the lads on site praised for their effort and quality of work. Well done and thank you to you all.

Rod Reeves—Contracts Manager

### New to the job?

According to statistics published by the HSE the level of serious accidents reported under RIDDOR is at its highest in the first six months of a new job. Why is this?

The HSE has identified a number of reasons, these include:

- Lack of experience in the new industry or workplace
- Being unfamiliar with the site layout and places of danger e.g. loading bays
- Failing to recognise hazards and not understanding obvious rules for work equipment
- Reluctant to raise concerns to managers or colleagues, because of a desire to impress their new employer, the worker may rush by cutting corners and ignoring warning signs and rules

**Accidents happen due to lack of experience and job familiarity. They can be avoided by selecting suitable staff for the job, giving them proper induction training and placing them under close supervision.**

### National Construction College Awards

Congratulations go to Ryan McGinley on passing his NVQ Level 2 in General Construction and achieving his Framework. In recognition of his hard work whilst completing his Apprenticeship, Ryan was presented with a Trophy by Geoff Miller at the National Construction Awards Ceremony in Birmingham. Watching him receiving his award was a proud father (Shaun McGinley) and his Grandfather. Well Done.

Gavin Knight—Office Manager



Alpha exhibited at the UK & AD Biogas event, NEC Birmingham 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Despite a challenging market in the current economic climate, the event was a success for Alpha.

Alpha have yet again raised the companies profile and further developed existing and potential business relationships. Hopefully the event will help to provide some potential opportunities.

This industry event was definitely worth attending, specifically as the waste and energy market is a growing one, the goal being that Alpha would like to further their profile in this market.

Miss Melanie J Cartledge – Business Development Manager

We are delighted to announce that we will be exhibiting at RWM Show 13th, 14th, 15th September 2011 at NEC Birmingham



### New Contracts

#### C14/11 Shipping Warehouse Extension Nestle UK

Substantial building works to extend the existing building.

#### C15/11 Rework & Spice Buildings Nestle UK

2no piled, clad, structural steel buildings.

### Corrective Action Reporting

Under our soon to be reissued Management Systems, we will be required to produce a written record of any **Significant** failure to achieve our standards or requirements.

In simple terms and to offer some clarification we detail below two events that highlight the type of issue that should be documented and those that don't need recording.

#### Significant Event - needs recording

A concrete pour that is out of dimensional tolerance or poorly compacted (honeycombing)

#### Insignificant Event - not recorded

Following striking of formwork blow holes and or surface blemishes that require minor concrete finishing.

**If an issue arises and you are unsure if it needs recording please discuss with your Contracts Manager**

**C01/11 Nestle Small Works (Nestle UK)**

We continue to collect a stream of smaller contracts for Nestle UK at Tutbury. The majority of those this month are temporary buildings to allow demolition and extension of the permanent buildings.

**C05/11 Nestle Egron Penthouse (Nestle UK)**

We cannot get any higher at Nestle Tutbury, +40m above ground level. The work is nearing completion with a big push required during the Nestle summer shutdown.

**C07/11 Project Dali (Nestle UK)**

Nestle had their new machinery delivered on Friday 22nd July which allows us now to complete our works during the summer shutdown. The end is in sight.

**C13/11 Westside Warehouse Extension (Nestle UK)**

The work involves the construction of a car park extension, lorry park, road widening and a 4000m<sup>2</sup> new factory. This should be an exciting and prestigious project.

**C12/11 Office and Locker Room Extension (Nestle UK)**

We have completed some of the very awkward foul and surface water drainage prior to piling. Two small piling rigs are starting on site 25th July for two weeks. Works have progressed very well to date.

**C08/10 Spring Gardens (Balfour Beatty Engineering Services Ltd)**

Return visit completed on 27/7/11 led by John Insley and his team, well done to all involved

**C18/10 Milk Depot Demolition (National Grid)**

The demolition was completed on time and went very smoothly without incident. Rob, Bujar and the rest of the Alpha team who have been involved in the various demolition site were given a big thank you by Matthew Ray the National Grid project manager.

**C21/10 Hucknall Sub Station (Balfour Beatty Engineering Services Ltd)**

Phase 1 virtually complete ahead of time, well done to all concerned, well praised by BBES and WPD too, well done, Phase 2 has been delayed until sometime next year.

**C03/11 Checkerhouse (Balfour Beatty Engineering Services Ltd)**

Return visit to start w/c 25/07/11. Minor works to complete for John Insley and his team.

**C07/10 Lincs Onshore (Siemens)**

The end of the project is now within sights, with all contract work complete by mid August with only the main access road, which is additional to complete. Site has continued to be busy with internal roads and paths, internal and external fencing and final M&E installation. Hopefully by the next newsletter we can report completion! Thanks to all involved, there are too many of you to mention – you know who you are!

**C09/09 Wakefield (ABB)**

All works are now complete at Wakefield following a final flurry of activity in July. Both ABB and Yorkshire Electricity are very happy with the end result. Thanks to all have been involved in this project over the last 2 years.

**C11/10 Lister Drive (National Grid)**

We are pleased to report that National Grid have now signed off the Oil Containment Works at Lister. We have in the meantime been awarded some extra work on the project and as such will be returning in August to complete these.

**C12/10 West Boldon (National Grid)**

The main works have now been completed at West Boldon with only additional fencing reconfiguration and gate installation and final commissioning to complete. Hopefully these works will be handed over to National Grid in mid August. Thanks to all involved in this project

**C15/10 Skelton Grange (National Grid)**

Design Change Request 19 has recently approved which should signal the final completion of this battle of a project which has effectively been completely re designed following our start on site. So, just the outfall to complete, some pipelining and final commissioning.

**C08/11 Hayes (Nestle UK)**

These works are now 99% complete, we await the final fitting of a control panel for the Roller Shutter Door. Client very pleased with the works we have undertaken and have since instructed additional works which we will complete in August. We are also pricing more work on this site. Thanks to Carl, Bob Marsh, Kyle Marsh, Stuart W, Ben and Paul Morris for their efforts on this project.

## EMPLOYEE NOTICEBOARD

**Caption Competition**

Well done to John Insley who has won the caption competition with the very original "Mirror, Mirror on the wall" Your winnings are on their way!



**Ron Wakelin Retirement**

Ron has taken early retirement following recent major surgery and has decided quite rightly that good health is everything. Ron has been with Alpha for many years, been on many sites and has worked hard for most of them!! He will now be able to spend more time with wife Yvonne and his family, in particular his grandchildren, who will no doubt make sure he is kept busy. Everyone at Alpha including office staff, site staff and work mates wish Ron a long and happy retirement

Ken Durham - Contracts Director



**New Starters**

It has been a busy few weeks with newcomers to the Alpha team. The Contracts Department welcome Rod Reeves as Contracts Manager, Richard Baydon joins the Commercial Department as Quantity Surveyor and Sue Gordon joins Gavin as Admin Assistant. Good luck to them all and welcome to the team

At end of June we said goodbye to Richard Dawson who leaves us in preparation to begin university in September. We wish him all the best with his studies.

**Employee Representative for all HSE Matters**

Please remember your employee rep is Ken Richards. Ken is always available if you wish to talk to him about any concerns you may have regarding HSE matters or any suggestions for improving our systems of work.

Ken's mobile number is 07717 580115.



**Wedding Bells**



Congratulations to Ben and Lisa Brooks. The happy couple tied the knot on 23rd July. Good luck and best wishes for a long and happy future together from us all here at Alpha.

