

Alpha Construction Ltd

NEWSLETTER

your construction needs... our engineering excellence

Meet The Team - Tony Bamford



What do you like and dislike about alpha?

I like everything about Alpha
What's your favourite outdoor activity?

Sitting in the garden with a nice cold beer on a hot summers day.

What's your favourite T.V show?
The lost room.

If you had one wish what would it be?

To be happy! :)

Who are your inspirations?

- Sir Steve Redgrave
- Mark Thomas
- Richard Branson.



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Well Done Everyone At Alpha



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

I am very pleased to announce that we have again been recognised as an Investor In People.

Elly Green who carried out the two day review stated in her report;

“This review achieved a very positive outcome and highlighted particularly the strong leadership aspects and commitment of all employees to deliver a high quality service to clients.”

“Your hard work and effort over the last three years have certainly enabled the company to remain successful and to grow, and I am happy to support continuing recognition as an Investor In People for Alpha Construction Ltd; it is well deserved.”



I am also pleased to announce that following a BM Trada audit in February we have now become one of the first construction companies in the country to achieve accreditation to the latest Health & Safety standard OHSAS 18001 : 2008



INCOME TAX



Following independent advise, several employees last year received income tax rebates, this involved their tax consultant providing a Tax Return on their behalf. You should thereafter be aware that once the Inland Revenue have you on their Annual list you will always be expected to send in a Tax Return. It is your personal responsibility that the Return is completed. There are financial penalties for not making a Tax Return when asked to do so.



Shattered Lives



HSE ran a new advice campaign in February and March 2008 on slips, trips and falls in the work place. The aim is to raise awareness of the risks and help those involved to take simple actions that will prevent slips, tips and falls. Building, plant maintenance and the construction industry will feature heavily in the campaign.

This is the follow-on to the falls & trips in construction campaign undertaken primarily in the northwest last year and the current initiative being undertaken. The campaign is not restricted to construction but is industry wide.

Recent Contract Awards

Nestle bag filter C19/07

A formal order has been received for the next challenge at the Nestlé site in Tutbury. Construction of a tall steel framed building to house dust suppression equipment is now underway.

Stony Stratford C13/07

Cruickshanks have awarded the next Central Networks scheme to Alpha; £435,000 civils works for a new transformer bund and switchyard extension near Milton Keynes starting in April.

Waltham Cross C04/08

The National Grid contract at Waltham Cross continues the long running Oil Containment improvements and is valued at £750,000. No rush to set up though, as the start date isn't until October.'



CONTRACT NEWS

LUL

Latest installation at Dover St. including a variation to provide a new 11.5 tonne lifting beam and frame was successfully completed to allow B. K. to lower the new transformer to basement level on 9th March. A well received congratulations from B. K. and from Alpha Head Office was passed on to Jason, Rob, Ben, Patsy and Bujar for all their efforts. Our subcontractor, Structural Fabrications, must be given credit for their quick turn around on the lifting beam & frame.

Hendon GIS

Now completed first phase with an anticipated return July/August. Well done to Greg with Steve as his right hand man.

Buncefield Depot

At last the return to complete the EDF substation building, now that the planning issues have been resolved. Ken Richards started back on site on 25th February.

Churchover

Works progressing well and are currently on the tight 14 week programme despite last minute changes to the layout by the end user! A challenging project with the end user and adjacent site Main Contractor keeping an eye on our operations; probably picking up tips on how to do things properly! Well done to Carl and the lads, ably assisted by an army of various sub contract trades.

Hams Hall

Welcome back to John Insley, who returned to the helm in March. John returned to a project running ahead of programme and a project which has received a catalogue of accolades from various auditors and the client, so no pressure then! Well done to Keith for maintaining these high standards and to all the lads on site who Keith couldn't have done it without. Keith continues to manage the project on a day to day basis until John is back up to full speed. And congratulations to Shaun Garland on the new arrival to the family.

Nestle Omni

The Omni building extension has been 'officially accepted' by the visiting Swiss Architects, civil engineers and HVAC Engineers (a major coup.) We have some minor snags but we have built a building that all associated with it are very proud of. Great praise goes to the site management team led by Kevin and Ken, ably assisted by Jake, Dave, Dale and on site operatives Dan and Carl.

Nestle Bag Filter

We are in the early stages of constructing a 36m high building, 7 metres from the live railway. Piles are in and ground works are about to start. Lets strive for the stars.

Walsoken

We have just finished our first visit at Walsoken. Graeme has been assisted by Craig and Iain and have left our client with a tidy and safe job to erect their equipment on. Wisbech is not the place to go for a winter/spring holiday.

Kirkby

Contract doing well, on course for early May finish. Well done to all the people on site.

EMPLOYEE NOTICEBOARD



Competition



We are considering renaming the Alpha Newsletter. So if anyone has any suggestions, please let us have your entry in before the end of the next edition. You can pass this onto Jamie Gardner or your supervisor. The winning entry will receive a bottle of champagne.



?? DID YOU KNOW??

A new Swedish PPE manufacturer has recently released a new product to the market - a high-visibility kilt. No we're not joking, and before you check, its not April the 1st. Apparently, because the kilt is 100% cotton, it is very warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It even has a loop for carrying a hammer and a knife-holder.



Berkswell Contract Handover



From Left To Right; Robin Denton, Alun Davis (NG), Andy Poole, Bob Bradley (NG) and Ken Durham.



Alpha's Christmas Collection

This year instead of sending out Christmas cards and diaries

Alpha collected money for the NSPCC.

By the end of January Alpha had Donated £100.

Thank You To Everyone Involved



HSE REPRESENTATIVE

If you have any issues or suggestions over any Health, Safety or Environmental aspects please contact your employee representative **Mr Ken Richards.** (Mobile No 07717 580115)



FIRST AIDERS FOR HEAD OFFICE

The trained first aiders for Head Office are; **Tony Bamford and Gavin Knight.**