

Meet The Team - Carl Rickerby (Site Manager)



When did you begin your service with Alpha?

I started with Alpha on the 9th July 2007. Taken on for the Hereford Substation contract.

What got you into the construction industry?

Always loved playing with Lego as a kid only now I can play with bigger blocks and Tonka toys.

What do you do in your spare time?

What spare time! I like to play football, tennis and **Lego** with the kids....great excuse!

What is your perfect holiday?

A month with Caprice and Uma Thurman on a desert Island.

What will you be asking for at Christmas this year?

A month with Caprice and Uma Thurman on a desert Island.



Hints and Tips



- When printing off large documents, e.g. the SVR try printing double sided to save paper.
- When printing internal documentation try printing in "draft" mode as this will save a lot of ink.
- Avoid printing & copying in colour unless absolutely necessary.
- Use e-mails instead of memo's for internal correspondence.



Gone With The Wind



Lincwaste (L) has recently been fined £2,500 and ordered to pay £2,390 in costs, for failing to take effective measures to prevent waste blowing off one of its sites in Louth. The waste ended up on nearby roads and in trees. A member of the public reported the waste to the Environment Agency - she'd even taken pictures of it as evidence.

Make sure all bins & skips are covered and any waste is prevented from being carried away from your site in the wind. Extra care should be taken to secure lids etc. if high winds are forecast. If it does happen, then you should ensure your staff clear it up - otherwise you could suffer a similar fate to Lincwaste.

Treatment Required

From October 30th, 2007 we have to treat all of our waste before it goes to landfill.

The Landfill (England & Wales) Regulations 2002 require the treatment of non-hazardous waste before it gets to landfill. The regulations also impose duties on landfill operators, which mean they will no longer be able to accept waste that's not been treated. Treatment includes physical, thermal, chemical or biological processes that change the characteristics of the waste. Also, treatment must reduce its volume and hazardous nature to facilitate its handling or enhance its recovery.

The waste has to be treated before it reaches landfill; it doesn't have to be treated before it's removed from your site. As waste contractors won't be able to get rid of the waste without evidence it's been treated, they'll need to have systems in place. The EA are recommending you and the contractor fill in a document (much like a hazardous waste transfer note) which states the waste has, or will be treated. This will cover your 'Duty of Care' to ensure that you describe your waste properly and only give it to an authorised person.

As with most environmental legislation, there are penalties on non-compliance.

New Contract Awards

Kirkby C18/07

Further oil containment works for the national grid with the Hartmoor team expected to pull out another good job.

Nestle Bag Filter C19/07

Following some site investigation work, we hope this will be another successful job for Nestle

Completed Contracts

Hartmoor C04/07

The company holiday in Hartlepool comes to an end this week. Thanks to all those involved for a successful job well executed and delivered on time.

Bletchley C11/07

Phase One came to a long awaited completion this week. Phase 2 & 3 to start next year.



CONTRACT NEWS



Nestle
Kevin, Ken, **Jake** (*Who is doing a good job, taking over from Jack, (Sorry for the mix up)*), Dale and Dave are still pressing on to ensure the building is completed as soon as possible. The latest problem to be overcome is the slab drying in time and the choice of floor colour. Onwards and upwards. The lake and building drainage have at last been sorted so we shall be tearing into this work.

Cantley
We are almost at the end of the work. We have been delayed a little carrying out additional work for the main contractor. Nothing changes.

Walsoken
Site set up, piling blankets and piling to program. A good start by Craig, its up to Graeme and Simon to keep it going.

Berkswell
Well done to John Insley and the team for their continued enthusiasm in the final push on this awkward project now known as BerksHELL! The aim is for completion and handover by the end of November, with the majority of the "big" works now complete leaving only some tarmac, completion of the jolly green mesh and commissioning. The winter migration from Berkswell to Hams Hall starts on 12 November with all set for a flying start.

Willenhall
An excellent achievement by Ashley Carlin in getting site set up to an extremely high standard and all ready for Andy Poole who has now returned from warmer climates to take his first role as a site manager on a Oil Containment scheme. No pressure Andy! Works are progressing nicely in line with the programme and completion is due by 11 January. The aim however, is to be out in time for Christmas!!!

Hutton Fire Banks
The Hutton revisit came to a close last week with Gary Massey finishing off what Andy Poole started.

Hereford
The contract is progressing well with Carl Rickerby feeling lonely so Steve Pantall goes down to keep him company every now and then. Hereford isn't the end of the Earth but you can see it from there.

Bradwell Abbey
Phase One nearing completion, only minor snagging outstanding.

Chesterfield
Works at Calow Green Substation for Cruickshanks continue to grow day by day with Cruickshanks constantly adding in more work. A positive start has been made by the lads.

LUL - Victoria Line Upgrade
Cobourg's first phase structural steel is in place for transformer delivery at the end of November. Cloudesley concrete plinths will be completed this week and so work is progressing thanks to Jason, Rob, Ben with great assistance from Patsy and Buja.

Hendon GIS Building
First floor construction completed and now into a tricky sequencing phase to co-ordinate the block/brickwork, cladding and M&E subcontractors. Siemens are looking to deliver equipment middle of December and so that will keep Greg and Steve busy until then.

Buncefield Depot & SJW

EMPLOYEE NOTICEBOARD



Baby Joy

Congratulations go out to; Tony & Yvette Bamford as well as beautiful Jasmine Michelle (6lb 9oz) Last month John Ireland and his wife were blessed with a new baby girl. And finally John Insley became a Grandad last month and can't wait for his babysitting duties. Two more families who are expecting to join Alpha's baby boom are Dave Rose and Robin Denton (but not together).

Congratulations To Everyone



wear it pink
26 October 2007



Alpha
Raise £80

For Cancer Research



Who Is Wearing These Pink Boots For Wear It Pink?

Answer: Rob Smith



On November 2nd



ALPHA CELEBRATE

25

Years In Business



Computer Health And Safety

Can you sit comfortably at your workstation?
Can you adjust your equipment to a comfortable position?

Do You Have Sufficient Leg Room?

Is your workstation clear from reflective glare?

If you answer NO to any of these questions or have any other problems with your workstation then you must report them to your manager.



HSE REPRESENTATIVE

If you have any issues or suggestions over any Health, Safety or Environmental aspects please contact your employee representative



FIRST AIDERS FOR HEAD OFFICE

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