



# IN-SITE

SPRING 2009

## HEALTH AND SAFETY HEROES



We're delighted to be recognising several members of our team for their commitment in helping us to reach our Health and Safety target of zero incidents.

Kevin Cafferty working on the Wyre UID site for United Utilities has been put forward by his colleagues on site following praise from our client Tony Samways - Network engineer. Following a site visit, Tony emailed Kevin saying 'I just want to say how I was very pleased to see the time, care and professional way the work has been carried out in protecting our Aqueduct. I wish everybody worked to these standards'

Paul Keane has also put forward his team working on the Chadderton Health and Well Being Centre. He says, "Chris McLoughlin, Barry Ince, Warren Vickers, Tommy Kendall and Mick Clements have been excellent, and have worked in a careful and professional manner at all times."

Each of our Health and Safety Heroes will be rewarded with a £20 Trafford Centre voucher.

## 'SHOW AND TELL' SAFETY SESSION



Children and staff from Happy Days Nursery with Westshield Site Manager Alison McLaughlin (back right)

Happy Days Nursery in Poulton-le-Fylde has enjoyed a visit from a real-life 'Bob the Builder and Wendy'.

Westshield, which is working close to the nursery on a new sewage system improvement programme for United Utilities, staged a 'Show and Tell' safety demonstration in order to communicate the dangers of playing on construction sites.

The children, aged between 2 and 5, were invited to try on hard hats and goggles and were encouraged to draw pictures of diggers and other construction machinery which are now on display in Westshield's site office. Westshield and United Utilities also donated ride-along toy diggers and bulldozers to the nursery's toy collection and mini high visibility vests for the children to wear on walking trips.

Says Westshield site manager, Alison McLaughlin: "Part of United Utilities' improvement programme meant laying new pipes through the Nursery yard, playing field and out on to Carr Head Lane. We wanted to minimise inconvenience caused to the nursery staff and parents so we met with them and developed a programme that worked around the times parents would be dropping off and collecting their children. We also organised additional signage and kept each other up to date on a daily basis. They have been extremely accommodating and we're very grateful."

Whilst Westshield's visit to the nursery was designed to be fun for the children, there was also a serious message to communicate. Says Alison: "Programmes like Bob the Builder are fantastic, they mix play with important safety lessons which is exactly what we wanted to achieve. But they also give personalities to what are really potentially dangerous pieces of equipment that should only be handled by experts. We want to make sure children learn at an early age that, in real life, construction machines are not toys and construction sites are not playgrounds."

## WESTSHIELD ON THE WEB



Watch this space for updates on our new website, currently under construction at [www.westshield.co.uk](http://www.westshield.co.uk)

You can download an electronic version of this newsletter and can also register for an email alert when the site goes live in late Spring. If you require any additional information or have any tender requests in the meantime please call Gerard Waldron at head office or email [gerard.waldron@westshield.co.uk](mailto:gerard.waldron@westshield.co.uk)

## WESTSHIELD EARNS BUILDING CONFIDENCE ACCREDITATION



Following a very thorough two day internal assessment of our SHEQ procedures by Achilles auditors we are delighted to have achieved the Building Confidence Accreditation.

Developed by Bovis Lend Lease in association with Achilles Information Ltd, the programme is designed to assess the construction industry supply chain in safety, environmental, sustainability, quality, occupational health and financial areas.

It aims to build a greater understanding between key contractors and their suppliers and to set a benchmark across the industry for corporate social responsibility as well as CDM and other compliance issues. Achieving this accreditation allows us to tender for work from Bovis without going through the initial pre-quals. Firms such as Carillion, Costain, Shepherd, Laing O'Rourke, Mace, BAM construction and Skanska are in the process of using the accreditation for their project allocation.

# PRAISE FOR SURFACING TEAM



Surfacing Manager Adrian Kendrick was pleased to receive praise from QS Wayne Russell of Tameside MBC for work undertaken on Cheethams Park in Stalybridge.

the client at Cheethams Park Stalybridge, I feel obliged to inform you that the quality of the surfacing to the footpaths is superb and a credit to your workforce. Both myself and the client are more than happy with the finished product and we look forward to working with you on future schemes."

Congratulations to Adrian and the Surfacing Team for another fantastic performance.

The Surfacing Division continues to produce works of the highest calibre. Recent projects include carriageway resurfacing and anti-skid works undertaken in Ashton-in-Makerfield for Wigan Council, the refurbishment of footpaths along Bootle Canal for Sefton MBC and the reconstruction of 1175m of

The project involved the planing and resurfacing of 1650m<sup>2</sup> of public footpaths using 6mm dense macadam hardstone. Broken edging and kerbstones were replaced and all of the existing ironworks were adjusted to new levels to accommodate the new surface course.

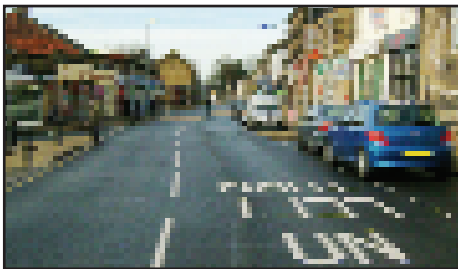
In his email, the QS stated: "Having just returned from a "snagging" visit with



main trunk road along the A643 Westgate in Cleckheaton for Kirklees Council.

For more information or to discuss a forthcoming project contact Adrian Kendrick on 07966 622 116 or email [Adrian.kendrick@westshield.co.uk](mailto:Adrian.kendrick@westshield.co.uk)

# WESTSHIELD HAT TRICK

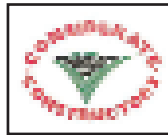


Westshield was recently awarded three new contracts by Kirklees Council. The contracts, with a combined value of over £1.75M, were each won via a competitive tender process.

Over the last few weeks, Westshield has been helping the Council deliver an ambitious regeneration and investment strategy, which includes improvements to highways, footpaths and streetscapes in Heckmondwike, Stile Common and Birstall (pictured).

The comprehensive plan of works includes junction upgrades, traffic

signaling, highway resurfacing, hard and soft landscaping, pedestrian footpath widening and construction, CCTV, street lighting and bus stop installations, drainage improvements and the creation of attractive feature areas with natural stone detailing, seating, landscaping and even a traditional style phone box.



All of the projects were conducted in adherence with objectives identified by The Considerate Constructors Scheme, a standard Westshield is operating to on all jobs as a process of working towards full membership in the very near future.

"We've been working closely with each community to ensure minimum disruption is caused to residents, visitors and businesses. It was an honour to be awarded these contracts and we will continue to complete them to the very best of our abilities."

# COMPETITION:



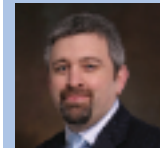
## KICKING OFF THE YEAR

Sticking with the sporting theme, this issue's competition offers you the chance to treat yourself and three guests to tickets at a forthcoming Manchester United game. To enter, simply tell us in which year Alex Ferguson took over as United Manager and the name of the man he replaced.

**Email your answer to:**  
[gerard.waldron@westshield.co.uk](mailto:gerard.waldron@westshield.co.uk)  
before Friday 13th March.

# STAFF PROFILE

## LAURIE BRADLEY



Laurie Bradley has two great passions; property and flamboyant tie/shirt combos. His performance in both fields is impressive.

This is Laurie's second innings at Westshield. He first joined the company back in 1995 as Commercial Manager responsible for the cost and value of all works undertaken. He was lured back by Patrick in 2006 to take on the role of Divisional Manager for Building and Development.

Laurie was one of the famous 'five geeks' who conquered the three peaks challenge last year raising over £6,000 for charity in the process.

Laurie lives with his partner Clare and their two daughters in Rochdale and is a rugby man.

# TEE'D OFF



We had such a HUGE response to our golf competition we thought it would be mean to choose just one winner, so we chose lots!

Getting a game for four on the prestigious championship green at Mottram Hall is: Phil Appleby and Chris Aspinall at Costain, Colin Wills from Bam Construction, Andy Sawyer from Sefton MBC, Martin Ryle from J21, Craig Francis from Denis Wilson Partnership, Jon Moister from Curtins Consulting, Ruth Hair from Barnes Walker and Chris Kibble from RBS.

**Well done to you all!**

Look out in the Summer issue for another golf competition.