

**SPRING / SUMMER 2010**

**THE WESTSHIELD NEWSLETTER**

## HOME RUN

We're very proud to have been awarded a place in Oldham MBC Highways Minor Works Framework agreement.

The three-year contract starts immediately and reflects the Council's priorities for transport, mainly road user safety and promotion of sustainable alternatives to the car. The opportunity to work on 'home' turf for our own Council is a long held ambition achieved.

Works will include footpath and carriageway widening and reconstruction plus the installation of traffic signage and signals, road markings, ducting, drainage, inspection chambers, gullies, road humps, speed tables and cushions, raised junctions, chicanes, build outs, mini roundabouts, kerbing, bollards and retaining wall repairs.

The contract has a total value of £2 million with individual projects shared between four suppliers.

## EIGHTH GOLD ELATION

We may not have gone so far as to don Lycra, but we invested as much energy, commitment and effort as any Olympian to earn our coveted eighth consecutive Gold medal in this year's RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards.



Every year regulations governing Safety, Health, Quality and the Environment get tougher yet tighter budgets mean the pressure is on to get jobs completed for less money and within a tighter time scale.

We WONT compromise on the health and safety of our workforce, the environment or the communities in which we

operate to earn a fast buck. We WILL value engineer our projects and use our considerable skill and experience to work smart and deliver the most cost effective solution in a timely fashion.

Says Westshield Director Gerard Waldron, "We have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that health, safety, quality and the environment remain an important consideration of every job we do, every day.

"In our industry there is no room for complacency or error. It's not just about reducing incidents it's about removing risk; running tried and tested systems and procedures that all employees and subcontractors respect and adopt."



Chadderton Health & Well Being Centre

## RICS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD FOR CHADDERTON FACILITY

Chadderton's Health and Well Being Centre has received the Sustainability Award in the annual Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors North West 2010 'Oscars'.

Westshield was responsible for the substructure package for this £6m facility, including all elements of foundations, site drainage, service installations, section 278 works, HRA and external paving.

The Centre was completed by Carillion and includes a 25m swimming pool, fitness suite, dance studios and library.

The project faced stiff competition going up against Salford Media City, Lancaster University Eco-Residences and Ashton's West End project.

Our congratulations goes to our own employees and the collective team behind the creation of this fantastic project.

## POSITIVE HALF YEAR

After a gloomy 15 months plus, we've enjoyed a positive start to the year with £8M of new contracts secured.

New works include our appointment as an A-One+ approved supplier; working with the Halcrow, Colas and Costain alliance to deliver pollution prevention schemes and motorway refurbishment works in Area 10 MAC, appointment to a two year framework with the University of Salford, appointment to Wigan Council framework, making the approved contractor list for Blackburn and Darwen Council's Public Realm Schemes plus two new projects from long term clients Kirklees Council.

We've been named as an approved supplier to some of the UK's leading contractor groups including GB Building Solutions, ROK, Sir Robert McAlpine, Galliford Try and Mansell, amongst others.

We're also very proud to have retained our 'Building Confidence' status and to have scored highly for a consecutive year in the Achilles audits.

Onwards and upwards!

## GIVING BACK

As part of our commitment to support good causes within the communities in which we operate, we were delighted to donate a round of golf to two fundraising events staged by 2020 Liverpool with Alderhey Children's hospital and Spire Health Care for Breast Cancer Care.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Costain's Ivan Vukomanovic who, with two mates, cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats raising money for Help The Heroes. We were happy to support their efforts and donations can still be made by visiting

[www.justgiving.com/ivan-ky-and-ollie-cycle-the-UK](http://www.justgiving.com/ivan-ky-and-ollie-cycle-the-UK)

## PRAISE FOR WESTSHIELD

Our Highways division has received praise for its 'prompt action' from longstanding client Sefton MBC and Capita Symonds for our work procuring and installing 'anti ram bollards' and carriageway signage for two major road routes within the Borough.

Our Civil Engineering and Construction teams have also received a big pat on the back from the Costain Ltd for the role they played in helping achieve the HWRC handover at Longley Lane, part of the Greater Manchester Waste PFI.

The efforts made by our employees were cited as being essential to the completion of this part of the project. We hope to continue to delight them on other on-going projects.

## KICK OFF

We enjoy a good working relationship with the guys from Costain but there is no love lost on the football pitch! Regular five-a-side meets at the Soccer Dome at Trafford Park have resulted in Westshield chalking up FIVE consecutive wins.

Football is a great way to let off steam during the working week and an excuse to smash down a few beers in the bar afterwards. Challenge us to a game (warning - we take no prisoners)

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call him at head office.



Mottram Hall - Hotel and Golf Resort

## TEE'D OFF

A round of golf at Mottram Hall in Prestbury, or any other UK De Vere Golf Resort \* for 2 – 4 people is up for grabs.

To enter, answer this simple question:  
How old was Rory McIlroy when he played his first pro European Tour Event?

Email [gerard.waldron@westshield.co.uk](mailto:gerard.waldron@westshield.co.uk) before Friday 20th August 2010.

\*subject to availability

## BANTER & BACON ROLLS

As a result of attending a number of insightful Forum for the Built Environment early morning breakfast meetings (not for those who enjoy hitting the snooze button), Westshield's Ged Waldron and Mo Whittaker are now members of the FBE.

The FBE provides an opportunity to meet and network with like-minded professionals and attracts members and guests from a wide range of sectors in the Construction Industry.

Events are regularly staged in Manchester, Liverpool and Preston, If you are thinking of attending please come and say 'hello'!

for more info visit: [www.fbe-org.co.uk](http://www.fbe-org.co.uk)