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Job Well Done Say Leeds Residents

Our Highways Division has received praise for its recent works on signalised junction improvements in Leeds, not only from the city council that awarded them the project but from local residents.

Several people who live in the area contacted Waldron House to commend us on the way we carried out the project.

The £120k contract covered the area of Bramley in Leeds, where Henconner Lane meets Green Hill Lane. Westshield was tasked with widening the junction to provide a left hand turn into Green Hill Lane and associated pedestrian islands, road markings and traffic signs. The job also involved relocating and upgrading two bus stops and improving drainage.

Before commencing the project, Westshield wrote to all local residents informing them of the work and how they might be affected. They also provided residents with a contact number for information and to register any complaints but instead they only received calls commending them for their 'friendliness' and the 'unobtrusive' manner in which they completed the project.

The project took 20 weeks to complete. Says Project Manager Tony Roberts; 'We always try to cause minimum distress to local residents when conducting a job of this kind. Some level of disruption is unavoidable but in the main, when you are improving the area around their home and if you respect the fact that its taking place on their doorstep and let them know in advance, then usually they are very accommodating.'

This project was completed under the Considerate Constructors Scheme and Westshield was delighted to receive a certificate of compliance at a very high standard.

Patrick New CECA Vice Chairman



Patrick Waldron has been voted in as Vice Chairman of CECA North West – the Civil Engineering Contractors Association.

CECA represents over 350 civil engineering companies of all sizes across the UK and works to promote a beneficial image of the industry, acting as a united voice when dealing with Governments, civil servants, major client companies, relevant national bodies, other professional institutions and European figures.

The regional committees meet on a monthly basis to discuss industry trends, changing regulations and any other issues which affect the general running and growth of the Civil Engineering Industry. As Vice Chairman, Patrick will draw on his natural ability as a leader and problem solver and his extensive experience as a Westshield Director to represent the Association and its North West members.

Builders home in on Westshield talent

Westshield is still cream of the crop when it comes to supporting the nation's biggest and best homebuilders.

We are delighted to have been awarded contracts from Barratt Homes, for the preparation of roads and sewers at a development in Middleton, and from David Wilson Homes, again for roads and sewers at a development in Runcorn.

Arley Homes has also employed Westshield's expertise to create the retaining wall for its St Georges Place development in the picturesque town of Mossley.

Thank you to Arley Homes, Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes for their continued business.

Westshield Roadrunner Signs up to NY Marathon



Westshield Director, Patrick Waldron, is joining 90,000 runners from all over the world to take part in this year's ING New York Marathon on 4 November.

26.2 gruelling miles of pavement pounding lie ahead of Patrick but motivating his every move will be the knowledge that he is raising vital funds for national charity Cancer Research.

The marathon route will take Patrick from Staten Island through Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and finally to Manhattan where it will finish in Central Park.

As well as the support of family, friends and the team here at Westshield, Patrick will be cheered on when he gets to New York by nearly 2 million spectators who line the streets to watch and motivate those taking part.

Patrick's tough training schedule has included thrice weekly trips to the gym, a strict healthy eating regime and his first tough challenge: the Wilmslow half Marathon, which he completed in just over 2 hours.

Why not make all his efforts worthwhile and sponsor him for the NY Marathon?

You can sponsor him by visiting www.justgiving.com/patrickwaldron

It's a Working Lunch, Honest...

Everyone in business knows that it's not always what you know but WHO you know which is why we've taken the opportunity to attend more networking lunches and business development seminars.

Of course as well as enjoying a slap up lunch and an entertaining debate about relevant industry topics its also a great excuse for us to give something back to those who have supported us over the years by inviting them along. And if they too make some great new business contacts then even better!

Amongst the best of those we've recently attended are the Dewi Morris Curry Club, held at Shimla Pinks in Manchester and at Sale Sharks, and also the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Business & Development Lunch at the Yang Sing.

Tender Time

Many thanks to all of the companies who have invited us to tender for projects. We wait the outcome with baited breath! To everyone else, please do offer us the opportunity to tender for your business, we'll make it worth your while and if you need proof of the quality of our work then just read the articles on Sefton and Leeds in this newsletter!

TENDERING	
Client	Project
DAW	Pinpoint of Chappelford Urban Village
White Boulders	Kingway Development
Urban Regeneration	Pinpoint North Hutton
PJ Livezey	Pinpoint Hall, Cheshire
PJ Livezey	Parkwood Mills, Huddersfield
Leeds City Council	Pinpoint Great South - Sefton
Leeds City Council	Sefton Council's St James' Hospital
Thameside MBC	Beckett Close
UU Ltd	Sefton Upper Lincow St
Trifford MBE	Stratford High School
Alfred McAlpine	Foregate House Hotel

Double Celebration for Ray and Westshield



Between us we can boast 60 years of civil engineering experience: Ray King, (45) is celebrating three decades in the industry with a new role as Contracts Manager at Westshield, and, of course, this year we also celebrate our 30th anniversary (15th June).

Ray was previously with P J Power for fourteen years and Woodford Civil Engineering for two. He will join Westshield's Groundworks division and one of his first challenges will be the refurbishment of basements in an old horse tram depot in Standish in preparation for a development of luxury apartments.

Although never having the opportunity to deal directly with Westshield he was aware of our organisation and our 'hands-on and hard work' approach.

He says; "I've admired the ethics and approach of the company for a long time and liked the way they tackled a job head on. The team is friendly and the work interesting and challenging."

A BIG WELCOME TO RAY FROM THE WHOLE WESTSHIELD TEAM.

The Westshield Way

After reporting in the last edition our joy at celebrating ten years as a Sefton Borough Council approved supplier with another new contract we are delighted to be able to reward their decision with efficient, high quality work and great community relations.

Southport's new coastal road was completed two weeks ahead of schedule. Said Cllr Dave Martin, Sefton Council's Cabinet Member for Technical Services; "This was a very important scheme to improve a junction which is used by thousands of people every day. We are delighted that excellent progress has been made on the job and that this has allowed us to reopen the road earlier than expected."

A recent job in Bootle also prompted letters of praise to Sefton about Westshield's conduct on the job. A resident writing on behalf of the whole street said; "We would all like to say that we are very happy with the job and the workforce involved in carrying out this work were extremely polite, helpful and courteous in every way."

We are very proud of the team involved in this project for representing us so well and for fulfilling the commitment we make to our clients to deliver 'excellence'.

Westshield Utd still Top

Work; it always gets in the way of the important things in life, like Football. Since our last newsletter we've been too busy off the pitch to give anyone a severe beating. We do, however, have matches planned with United Utilities, Morris Homes and Publicity Design and Print. If you are deluded enough to think you stand a chance of beating us then challenge us to a game.

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YOU HAD TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT

If you viewed most of St Patrick's Day through the bottom of a pint of Guinness then chances are you enjoyed it as much as we did here at Westshield. Winners of our St. Patrick's Day competition were:



Lawrence Murphy at P.J. Livezey Group Ltd

Thomas More Kagezi at Kirklees Metropolitan Council

Stephen Walsh at David Wilson Homes NW

Ron Daniels at Sefton MBC

Frank Tiplandy at Morris Homes NW

Freda Greenhalgh at Allied Irish Bank (GB)

Terry Leedham at Rochdale MBC / Impact Partnership

Congratulations to you all, we hope you enjoyed your Guinness and chocolates.

In our last edition of In Site, we offered two match tickets to the person who could name the year Westshield was established. The very clever Peter George and Dave Hitchin from Wain Homes North West won and received the privilege of top seats at the Man City v's Liverpool match on 14th April escorted by our very own Adam Clarke.

COMPETITION TIME



Remember, if you want to be on the receiving end of some free goodies then all you need to do is send back your quiz entry...and now is your chance, we have a round of golf for four people at Mottram Hall to give away. You can choose the date and time and who you take with you - subject to availability of course. Simply answer this question - how many miles will Patrick have to run when he takes part in the New York Marathon?

Send your answer on email to happybirthday@westshield.co.uk before 22nd June 2007.

A winner will be chosen at random.