

Fabricon links up again for CEMEX

Maintaining their successful long-term relationship with CEMEX, Fabricon has recently started a twenty week, £2.5m contract in rural Bedfordshire to install two new sections of 10" diameter steel pipeline which will be used to transport the water/chalk slurry used for cement manufacture.

The new pipeline is 8km long and is being installed in two sections which will connect to an existing 15km section that was also installed by Fabricon nearly ten years ago.

Most of the works are being undertaken using conventional open cut methodology although one section runs directly beneath Dunstable Cricket Ground and this will be installed using horizontal directional drilling methods.



Accident reporting

At Holleran we all work hard to prevent accidents but they can still happen. If an accident does occur, it is vital that we learn what lessons we can to help prevent it happening again.



Those who provide this valuable information must always do so in a full and frank way and by cooperating fully they could help save someone's life by preventing a similar type of accident happening in the future

So please make sure that, if you are unfortunate enough to witness or be involved in an accident, you help your colleagues as much as possible to improve site safety.

Toolbox talk for the month

In view of a recent accident that led to a serious facial injury, the latest Toolbox Talk on the use of abrasive wheels is particularly relevant.

The Stihl Saw is widely used throughout our work and it is essential that all of those using this equipment work in a safe manner at all times. You must be absolutely certain that you understand how to operate this equipment safely and follow the correct procedures at all times.

For further information use the Tool Box Talks Book (ref GT 700) or ask your Supervisor.



Site staff dress code update

As part of our quality procedures, Holleran operates a strict dress code that is applicable to everyone working on our construction and maintenance projects.

At all times our operatives must be smartly dressed, using the Holleran branded clothing provided. Personal appearance is also important in ensuring that we always appear smart and professional when carrying out our work.

When visiting members of the public it is also essential that you carry your Holleran photo ID and present this to the customer. You should also carry contact details for Head Office to enable customers to verify your credentials if they wish.



Holleran helps the AWAAIRE BEAR Project

Because child protection legislation can prevent teachers from comforting young children directly, the AWAAIRE BEAR Project places large teddy bears in classrooms to encourage children to 'Go and give the bear a hug'. The bears also highlight the vital importance of asthma awareness in schools.



Nigel Foss (right) and Holleran's Graham Read

The project was started in memory of Victoria Foss, who died from an asthma attack earlier this year. Victoria was the daughter of Nigel Foss, from Southern Water, with whom we work on the USC contract.

Holleran has made a contribution to the project which we hope will help the campaign to expand, raise awareness of the dangers of asthma and continue to pay tribute to Vikki's love of children.

If you would like to find out more or would like to make a donation please visit the Awaairebear website at www.awaairebear.com.

Holleran Safety Training Bus hits the road

Safety training is now being undertaken on a continuous basis across all of our operating areas and to maximise the effectiveness of training carried out on site, we have invested in a purpose built training bus.

Fully equipped with video and computer equipment, up to twelve people can be trained at each session and having the bus now means that we can arrive ready to train and can be independent of site facilities.

Kevin Howe, the Group Training Manager, operates the bus five days a week to meet the demand for site based training and says that this investment now enables him to be more productive, training more people in better surroundings.



Induction procedures at Head Office

Shortly after commencing work with Holleran, all new staff undergo an induction at Head Office in addition to their induction on site.

Our aim is to ensure that all new staff are fully prepared for the works they will undertake and they receive training in five core disciplines – Manual Handling, Hand-Arm Vibration, CAT and Generator operation, the use of abrasive wheels and small tools and plant.

During each induction any further training requirements are identified and by undertaking this centralised approach to new staff induction we are already seeing the benefits in consistent standards of training for new staff.

Second phase start for Holleran at Beenhams

Holleran is about to start the second phase of the Raw Water Transfer Project from White Waltham to Beenhams WTW for South East Water.

The 315mmOD SDR 17 PE100 pipeline will be approximately 5.2 km in length and will be fed by two boreholes. The new pipeline will transfer water to South East Water's Beenhams Heath Water Treatment

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