

Training

The following have undertaken Pesticide Usage PA1 and PA6a training with David Morris, with the operatives from the North Somerset contract also having taken the examination.

Shane Frapple, North Somerset Contract
Vic Cross, North Somerset Contract
Matt Laidler, North Somerset Contract
Bryan Dawkins, South Bedfordshire Contract
Paul Shirley, South Bedfordshire Contract
Will Smith, South Bedfordshire Contract

Tim Coke, North Somerset Contract
Graham Williams, North Somerset Contract
Douglas Bissett, North Somerset Contract
Dale Sinfield, South Bedfordshire Contract
Chris Rogers, South Bedfordshire Contract

The following personnel from the Lewes contract undertook RoSPA Training:

Linda Lusted, Luke Boal, Phil Winchester, Chris Moore, John Simmons, Michael Harmer and Ian Ellis.

Linda Lusted and Luke Boal, the Community Wardens on the Lewes Contract also undertook a course tackling anti-social behaviour.

And lastly, several operatives from our Lewes and University of Sussex contract are benefiting from training at Plumpton College, which includes shrub maintenance, manual handling and a supervisory course.

Competition Winner

Mark Gale based at our North Somerset depot won the £10.00 voucher for the first correct answer drawn from the word search competition in the April 2006 issue.

Congratulations to:

On the 1st August 2006, Robert Birt, Grounds Maintenance Operative for the Runnymede contract, married Justine. We wish them both all the best for the future.

We would like to congratulate the following employees on becoming parents and hope that they do not have too many sleepless nights!

Paul Beacham had a son, Laine, born on the 22nd May 2006
 Luke Sinclair had a son, Stuart, born on the 4th July 2006
 Richard Harris had a son, Taylor, born on the 1st September 2006
 James Bryan had a son, Louis, born on the 1st September 2006
 Sonny Ranger had a son, Charlie, born on the 8th October 2006

Mobile Phones

As part of the company's ongoing observation and improvement to the cost base, we are migrating to T-Mobile on the majority of contracts. This will be seamless transfer, as numbers will simply switch across.

We have also scrutinised our bills and detected fraud, which is being dealt with in the strongest manner possible. We have a clear mobile phone policy and will take action should abuse be discovered. We will continue to look closely at this aspect and pursue any abuse. If anyone has used their phone excessively for private use, we would encourage you to speak to your manager, before it is formally brought to their attention as a consequence of our ongoing checks.

Liz Ellis Retirement

Liz Ellis worked for Wyevale for nearly nine years, in the accounts department at head office, retired on the 31st August 2006. In recognition of Liz's service and loyalty to the company, an evening meal was arranged where David Brew, Managing Director presented a cut glass bowl inscribed with the company logo.



Follow these steps to win £25.00

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Wyevale News

Operatives Bravery

Wyevale employees, Robert Birt and Chris Francis have both undertaken immense acts of bravery, that have resulted in saving the lives of a woman and a child. We are extremely proud of them and would like to commend them both on these following acts of courage.

A Child Safely Rescued

Robert Birt, an operative on the Runnymede contract, recently rescued a four-year old child, who lost their footing and slipped into the river, nearby where Robert was strimming. Robert immediately dropped his strimmer and jumped into the river and lifted the child out to safety. The water was approximately 4 1/2ft deep. Fortunately the child did not incur any injuries, but was just left little shaken and very wet. The child's uncle thanked Robert at the time and the grandfather came and personally thanked Robert the next day.



Chris Francis Presented Royal Humane Society Award

And earlier this year Sgt Robin Fuller awarded Chris Francis, a Grounds Maintenance Operative on the Lewes contract, with a Royal Humane Society award, for rescuing a lady from the sea off Peacehaven promenade.

The incident occurred last year when Chris was fishing from the sea wall and noticed a lady, sitting about 20 yards away, who when she went to stand up, unfortunately slipped and fell into the choppy sea, due to the day's adverse weather conditions. The lady immediately shouted for help, as she could not swim.

Unable to pull the lady out from the sea, as the sea wall was too high, Chris selflessly risked his own safety by jumping into the sea. He swam to the lady, took hold of her and heroically struggling against the roughness of the sea, swam to a concrete groyne, where he was then able to pull her out on to dry land.

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Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance Questionnaires have recently been sent out to a number of our clients, across both the landscaping and grounds maintenance divisions. The questionnaires aim to ascertain how our service delivery is perceived. The results from this exercise will be published in the next newsletter.

In addition, Colin Lennox, Mike Mitchell and David Morris have been busy undertaking audits, of the various depots where they do not have day-to-day involvement. Overall the audits revealed that the depots are adhering to our quality system, however it is essential that all depots and head office are vigilant and ensure compliance at all times.

The next external audit will be conducted during January 2007 and the results will be published in the next newsletter.