

Charles Close



Wyevale have recently completed a Landscape enhancement to a former open communal grass area next to Charles Close in Evesham, a sheltered housing scheme that the company maintains as part of its Rooftop Housing maintenance contract. The project involved fencing off an open space area and creating a paved area for access and a deck for seating and tables, planting beds and new lawn area. The site was officially opened on 06 August by Richard Williams, Chairman Rooftop Housing Group and Mrs Val Gibson, Chair of Evesham Sheltered Housing Tenants Association. Also in attendance was the Evesham Mayor and Mayoress, Andrew and Wendy Dyke, Juliana Crowe Housing Director and Alan Brace, Chairman of Evesham and Pershore Housing Association. Jonathan Hulbert, Contracts Supervisor for the contract commented, "It was an interesting project and was an enjoyable change from the grounds maintenance works that we normally do".



Skittles

The Lewes contract entered a team for a local skittles tournament held on 25th June at The Grange gardens (an area maintained by the company). Whilst they put up a sterling attempt we were beaten into third place but tactics and planning is being undertaken for the next competition. This is an annual event run by the Rotary club of Lewes and is also backed by the local bonfire societies, which is an important local tradition.

Head Office

It's all change at head office in terms of who sits where and who works together. To try and bring cohesion together the Grounds Maintenance and Landscape Contract Managers are now in one open plan office. The QS and finance personnel are now all together in what used to be the grounds maintenance office and the secretaries' work together in one office. The former finance office has now become the boardroom with the reception area, which used to be used as an office, now just for welcoming visitors.

At the same time the company invested heavily in IT and phones. All head office staff now have direct dials and the new server will allow the continued expansion of the company. As always with computers it did cause teething problems with email particularly the external depots and we apologise for any inconvenience. However, that has been put behind us and we can now grow on to the next phase.

Congratulations

You will be glad to know that romance has blossomed and one of our Cemetery attendants based on the Lewes contract got married on 21st July 2004. We wish Tony Fidler and his new wife Sue all the best for the future.

Competition Winner

As we had no entries for the competition, the £10.00 voucher was given to Bernie Coleman for completing the environmental questionnaire.

Anne Keen

Anne Keen who has been with Wyevale since 1988 left the company at the end of August. Anne has moved back to her native Worthing to be near her family. Virtually all the staff will have known of Anne as she was the company's financial controller and dealt with a wide range of issues.

The company showed its appreciation for all the work and commitment Anne has given the company by having a meal at Thornbury Castle followed by a presentation of a diamond studded bracelet. Always one for figures, Anne observed that there was one diamond for each member of head office staff (pure coincidence of course).

On behalf of the company we wish her well for the future and hope that she will be happy in her new job.

Duncan Jones



The Wyevale Grounds Maintenance team has been strengthened for the further expected growth this year. Duncan joined on the 1 April (no nasty jokes please) from Wessex Water. Duncan has a B.Sc in Environmental Management and his first major project was to work on ISO 14001. Duncan has also been busy for the last couple of months as the tendering period has

got going which is always a hectic period as tenders are like buses and always come together.



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