

Bradford 'Clean Up' day is a great success

Team Milnerbuild enter a 70 mile charity bike ride

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Environmental Awareness



▪ As a business we are committed to delivering services in a sustainable manner and reducing our carbon footprint.

▪ The main impact of our business on the environment is fuel consumption. In 2010 Milnerbuild's fleet travelled a total of 4 million miles. To help us reduce the impact (environmental and financial) this may have please take time to read and take on board the advice issued in the 'Fuel Efficiency Bulletin'. This bulletin is attached to this issue of Milnernews and can also be found on the various notice boards.



- Other simple measures which we can all take include;
 - ✓ Turning off all lights, PCs and monitors when not in use
 - ✓ Un plug chargers and other equipment when not in use
 - ✓ Printing double sided and only printing when necessary
 - ✓ Using designated recycling bins for paper, plastic, food & metal
 - ✓ Car sharing where possible both when commuting to work and travelling to meetings

Welcome to Milnernews

Keep up to date with the latest developments at Milnerbuild with this new bi-monthly newsletter

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Engineers of the Month



Congratulations to Lenny Steele who was recognised for his outstanding contribution and support to the Out of Hours team in April / May, thank you and well done!

Pictured here receiving his £50 vouchers from Operations Manager Jock Coates.

Community Involvement

▪ A group of 8 housing providers, Leeds Federated, Aire Valley Homes, Connect, East North East Homes, Affinity Sutton, Unity, Chevin and West North West Homes, joined forces in April to create an innovative project called *Passion4Fashion*.

The aim was to engage people from the local areas, build their confidence, teach them new skills and support them on to further training and employment opportunities. Participants attended a series of workshops during March 2011 where they worked with local established 'eco' designers to create fantastic outfits developed from charity-shop finds.

On April 21st a fashion show was held at Leeds Town Hall, where participants got the chance to model their own creations. The evening was hosted by JoJo from Capital Radio's breakfast show and featured local bands, acts and a raffle drawn by the Lord Mayor of Leeds. Milnerbuild were proud to support this event donating a Xbox 360 with Kinect for the main raffle prize.



▪ On Wednesday 20th April Milnerbuild supported Accent Foundation at a Community Clean Up day for residents of Clousdale Avenue & Megna Way, Bradford. Milnerbuild provided refreshments for residents and those helping out on the day, and skips which were filled in no time. Residents were also able to get hold of some energy savings devises for their home free of charge provided by Milnerbuild. Thank you to Joe Cowlinshaw, Shaun Phillips and Helen Fitton for their support on the day.

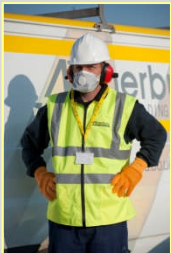
Health, Safety & Quality

It remains important as always for site specific risk assessments to be completed before works commence. If in doubt about how to perform operations safely you **must not take risks**. Contact your supervisor or line manager for advise and assistance.

Health & Safety Awareness Briefings on the subject of Sharps Awareness and Dust and Fumes were delivered in April and May.



Please remember to take the risks discussed in these sessions on board when preparing your onsite risk assessments and update your Information Pack with the handouts provided.



Van inspections will be carried out in June please ensure that all relevant PPE is available and that your vans are clean and tidy.

If you have any questions or ideas that may improve H&S onsite please contact either Mark or Peter from the Support Services Team.

**Get fit.
Go green.
Save money!**

In March we re-opened the Cycle to Work scheme, staff members who have been with the company over 3 months can benefit from the scheme.

Please speak to Mike O'Donnell for further details.

Teams & Training

- April and May have been busy months for recruitment, with a number of new office based staff and engineers joining the team at Milnerbuild, please do all you can to welcome new recruits and help them find their feet.
- Congratulations to Pete Hackett, Electrical Engineer who has passed Inspection and Testing Certificate City & Guilds 2391.
- Well done also to Mike O'Donnell, Procurement & Logistics Manager who has completed a professional qualification and become a member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply.

Great Yorkshire Bike Ride

- As most of you are aware on Saturday 18th June a team from Milnerbuild will be taking part in the Great Yorkshire Bike ride, this entails cycling 70 miles from Wetherby to Filey. The team; Alice Gibson, Helen Fitton, Wayne Brown, Mark Asquith, Craig Johnson, Richard Sanderson & Alistair Hodgson would really appreciate your support, please follow the link below to sponsor the team or alternatively please see Helen or Alice who have sponsor forms. All donations go to a number of nominated charities which includes; Martin House Children's Hospice, Heart Research UK, Yorkshire Cancer Research, The Candlelighters Trust and Epilepsy Research UK.



<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Milnerbuild>

Company Performance & Contract Progress



- **Accent Group:**
A number of planned works projects are underway on behalf of Accent. Our teams are working on a number of full refurbishments at Marlborough Road, Kitchen, bathroom and central heating replacements at Longrow Court and various chain breaker properties requiring full refurbishment.

- **Yorkshire Housing:**
The kitchen and bathroom refurbishment project at properties in Sheffield is progressing well. Our planned works team have now started further refurbishment works at Lupset and Malton carrying out similar works.



- **Johnnie Johnson Housing Trust:**
We have successfully secured a place on a Procurement for All framework for general building work. Under this framework we will be completing a programme of works for Johnnie Johnson.

- **East North East Homes Leeds:**
Responsive repairs and void works for East North East continues to progress well and a number of refurbishment projects of chain breaker properties are now underway.



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