

South East - In Our Prime

Cox Green School Grand Opening with Theresa May

On 7 December Prime Minister Theresa May officially opened the new extension at Cox Green School in Maidenhead, her constituency.

Dawnus completed the project in August this year, which involved the construction of a new two-storey teaching block with kitchen and dining area, refurbishment of the changing rooms and associated external works including demolition of the existing dining block. Also in the photo are the scheme delivery's Project Manager Paul Kenny (now retired) and Site Manager Lewis Brown.



Peach Place Regeneration Scheme – MP Welcomes New Business

MP Claire Perry, the Government Minister for Business, visited the Peach Place site in Wokingham on 30th November and expressed how delighted she is to see the ongoing regeneration of Wokingham Town Centre, which has been in need of transformation for many years. One of the businesses locating to the new development will be a family-owned Bar which will serve over 200 gins, craft beer, an array of wines plus food supplied from the local region. The new Bar will have a botanical garden theme and be based in the courtyard area of the new Peach Place development, which is due to complete in the spring of 2019.

Clare Perry was also joined by Wokingham MP John Redwood. You can watch the interview with Clare recorded at the Peach Place site, where she also discusses the challenges facing new businesses, on the following YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHdGnUDcBs>



Hampshire SCOLA Recladding Projects

The Thatcham team continue to deliver excellent SCOLA recladding projects in the Hampshire area. These works give rise to a total visual transformation of the simple steel framed, flat roofed buildings, which were initially hastily built from readily available materials during the 1970s to accommodate extra pupils when the school leaving age was raised. The original buildings have very large single glazed elevations which inherently have poor insulating properties, leading to low energy efficiency.

Recladding and reglazing brings the buildings up to current thermal standards, ideal for these winter months, giving a fresh contemporary appearance and ensuring they are fit for the next 25 years. Pictured are our recent transformations at The Arnewood School in New Milton and Noadswood School in Southampton.



Arnewood Before



Arnewood After



Noadswood Before



Noadswood After

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Midlands - How Very Civil-ised

Congratulations
Steffan Davies for
achieving a distinction
& 3 merits on his Level
3 Extended Diploma -
Civil Engineering

HS2 Chipping Warden for Fusion

The Midlands have continued with HS2 successes in 2018. An HS2 enabling works design and construction contract was secured in June 2018 for a highways project in Oxfordshire. The project consists of six highways schemes in the Chipping Warden area north of Banbury. These entail a 1.0km village bypass, a 1.5km haul road, two junction remodelling sites, road widening and upgrading of traffic signals at J11 of the M40 motorway. The project is designed to provide enhanced access for construction traffic from the M40 to the location of the new high speed construction site. During 2018 the design has been largely completed, and construction work on the site compound began in August. The main construction works started in November, with site clearance and earthworks at the Chipping Warden Bypass. Congratulations to the team who have endured some challenging obstacles in order to get this project off the ground. Through a lot of hard work and determination they have now come together with the Client, Fusion, as a high performing team.

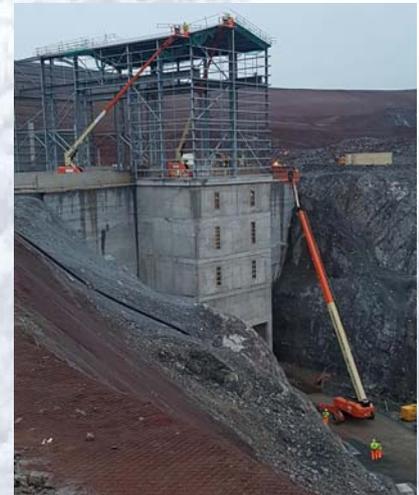


HS2 Civils Framework for Fusion

The Midlands have also secured a place on a civil engineering framework on the High Speed 2 project, again with Fusion. Dawnus are one of five contractors selected to undertake all future civil engineering enabling works projects for Fusion in the central section of the new railway line. This spans from Leamington Spa in Warwickshire to the M25 near London. The scope includes highway works, compounds, access roads, haul routes, temporary bridges and structures, and site clearance. A number of tenders have been submitted under this framework already and Dawnus are hoping to hear news of these in the near future.

Project Sence

Fantastic progress has been made at Project Sence in Bardon Quarry in recent months. A significant amount of civil engineering works have been delivered in a challenging quarrying environment for the client, Aggregate Industries. The large and complex crusher building (48m tall) is nearing completion after being delivered to an accelerated programme, and the infrastructure for 4km of rock conveyors has been built. A number of structures to overcome physical constraints have been constructed including a highway bridge, an aqueduct to carry a river and a conveyor split level tunnel cross over structure. The ground profiles have also provided construction challenges, not least conveyor bases that have been built up a steep slope to carry rock from the bottom to the top of a quarry. Well done to an amazing team who have delivered a difficult design and construction project for a demanding Client.



Bradley Lane Park & Ride

The Midlands team have commenced work on a new Park and Ride scheme at Bradley Lane in Bilston. The scheme is the first contract to be awarded by the recently formed West Midlands Combined Authority under the Black Country Framework.

The scheme is to construct a 196 space car park to serve the existing Bradley Lane Metro stop; the Metro links Wolverhampton to Birmingham.

Phase 1 of the scheme, which involves a drilling and grouting operation to consolidate shallow coal mine working, commenced in October and is due to be completed in February. Phase 2 works, which involve the construction of the carpark, access road, access ramp to the platform and associated M&E works, is due to commence in the New Year.

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North West - Snowcial Value

Social value is very high on the agenda for our clients Manchester and Salford City Councils on our Manchester-Salford Inner Relief Road Project, and new member of Dawnus staff Paula Nesbitt has been working hard for neighbours of the scheme. At Medlock Primary School we are putting in a foundation for a reading bus, which is in memory of their Head Teacher Ms Herbet. Also, prior to the work commencing, Regional Director Kevin Lucas attended the school to give the pupils a talk on the importance of keeping out of construction sites.



Other good work in the community has included collecting over £300 worth of toys for Wood Street Mission, collecting food from our staff for the Food Bank at Mustard Tree, helping the Nature of Hulme scheme by moving numerous planters to a nursery school from an area where they are not being looked after, and working with 'We Love Manchester' regarding the mentoring of young students. There is much more to come and we are proud to be making such a positive impact in the community within which we are working.

North Wales - 'Spreading' Christmas Cheer

Anglesey Council are responsible for 1181.90 km of carriageway and provides a first priority gritting service for around 420 km. As of the 1st April 2017 Dawnus took on this operation as part of the Highways Maintenance Term Service Contract.



At times of predicted low temperature our team undertake the salt spreading to help prevent frost or ice forming on the thoroughfares. In times of festive snowfall which accumulates on highways, surface ploughs are used to remove the snow in addition to the salt spreading operation.

Anglesey is divided into 5 domains and each domain has its own gritting route; the road temperature is monitored from weather stations in each domain to give accurate information on the state of the highway and this information is used to calculate a forecast before any gritting actions are made.

We run and maintain a fleet of 7 gritters for Anglesey, keeping 2 as spares or back up vehicles in extreme weather. All the gritters receive 6 weekly maintenance checks and are fully calibrated prior to the winter season starting. Our Winter maintenance drivers are all trained in City & Guilds Winter Maintenance and qualified with a drivers CPC card, ensuring the job is done properly to keep Anglesey moving this Christmas.

South Wales & West - Ho Ho Hopen For Business



The elves/team have been working around the clock on the Kingsway regeneration in the heart of Swansea in preparation for Santa's arrival! We have worked closely with the client, agreeing to accelerate elements of the programme to allow stoppage of all construction works for the Christmas period, ensuring that shoppers are able to access all retail outlets safely and without hindrance at this crucial time of year. The site team worked tirelessly to clear the area and will return in January to continue to transform the City Centre.

While delivering these complex works the team have been committed to maximising community benefits and are set to exceed Employment and Training targets, providing valuable learning opportunities for our Graduate Engineers, Trainees and Apprentices. The team have also taken part in community and educational engagement activities including funding free city centre parking as a boost to the Swansea Small Business Saturday in partnership with Swansea BID (Business Improvement District) - pictured.



Success! We are reappointed to both South East and South West Wales Civils Frameworks

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South Wales & West - ...and a Happy New Year!

Across the Region there are many reasons to be cheerful looking ahead to 2019! In South Wales, recent awards include the £3M Llys y Fran Reservoir scheme for Dwr Cymru Welsh Water in Pembrokeshire, to develop the existing facility into an exciting first class tourism destination, and a new £8M Pupil Referral Unit for the City and County of Swansea.

In the South West, work has commenced on a multi-million pound scheme for Highways England, to provide queue protection on the M5 through detection and signage. At Hinkley Point we have secured further work with Balfour Beatty on the site, testament to the excellent performance of our team in Somerset.



ICE Members

Development and training of our talented employees across the workforce has continued throughout this year.

Huge congratulations to Hadley Hands and Ben James for passing their ICE professional reviews, with Hadley becoming Chartered and Ben achieving Incorporated Engineer status.

Adding to his achievement of correctly guessing the length of a strudel at the MacMillan coffee morning earlier this year, Ben is now the first Dawnus employee to become an Incorporated Engineer with the ICE, as a step to becoming Chartered. More of our talented engineers will be following in his footsteps as we pursue this route for further employees in the future.



Rhodri: First Blood

Rhodri Jones, one of our Graduate Engineers, has been building upon his leadership skills, recently undertaking, and completing, the gruelling CECA Wales Leadership Challenge (a very different affair to the leadership challenge recently in the news).



This two day challenge involved a combination of, sleeping outside, completing engineering based challenges and undertaking army training - Well done Rhodri!

Is there anything different you would like to see in the Newsletter or do you have a story you would like published? Send us your feedback at news@dawnus.co.uk

We hope you have a Merry Christmas & a very Happy New Year!



Dawnus People

Once again we have been celebrating the commitment and dedication of our employees through the long service awards, which reward employees at each 5 year milestone.

Congratulations all those listed below for their fantastic achievement and thank you to all employees for your continued hard work.

10 years

Alex Bowen
Alun Jones
Kyle Mitchell
Paul Smith

Gareth Morris
Gary Cliffe
Gavin Stanfield
Grahame Chapman
Hannah Roberts

5 years

Andrew Burkett
Ben Carlisle
Barry David
Ben Durber
Bill Hing
Colt Davis
Chris Martin
Dale Williams
Fran Alexander
Gareth Hudson

Jeffrey Neeson
John Seed
Lucy Raddenbury
Mat Obrey
Nicole Lloyd
Owen Williams
Philip Thorley
Richard Ingram
Sharlene Warburton
Simon Parkinson
Trevor Scannell



Thatcham Staff Receiving Long Service Awards:

From left to right: Alex Bowen - Civilis Project Manager, Richard Nixon (presenting) - Regional Director, Andy Burkett - Quantity Surveyor and Bill Hing - Site Manager.