

## Connecting with Communities

On our current Seahouses Pier Refurbishment scheme we have teamed up with Balfour Beatty to undertake a number of project led initiatives, including, making a donation of Easter eggs to Amble Foodbank, and taking part in a litter picking operation across one of Northumberland's most popular beaches.



*Our site team litter picking on Seahouses Beach.*

Separate from this, 8 members of staff, led by our Managing Director Paul Stephenson, have entered the Great North Bike Ride to raise funds for the Chris Lucas Trust, a local charity who support research into childhood cancer. The bike ride, which will cover 60 miles, starts in Seahouses and ends in Tynemouth. If you would like to make a donation, our just giving page can be found at the following address.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/southbaycivils>

Our Technical Manager Adrian Haggart will once again be assisting the Sporting Bears charity, where sick children and their families are invited to Teesside Autodrome to enjoy unlimited passenger rides around the race track in a variety of high-performance supercars. Adrian will be driving the invited guests around the track in his Lotus Exige. This is the fourth year in which Adrian and Southbay have supported the event.

## WELCOME

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter, which marks another busy 6 months for the company. This period has included the start of our £1.3m Seahouses Pier Refurbishment contract, delivered on behalf of Balfour Beatty, one of several tier 1 contractors we are currently working closely with to deliver strategic projects across the North of England. We are also pleased to announce that we have secured RoSPA Gold status for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, which is testament to the commitment shown by all individuals in maintaining high standards of safety across our business.

Following the introduction of our Social Value Policy in 2018, we have made a significant effort to engage with the local communities within which we operate. This has included working together with our clients in supporting a number of project led initiatives and local charities. We are also continually looking at ways to address skill shortages within the industry through increased investment in training, and by developing relationships with educational institutions. I hope you find this newsletter informative and remain reassured in our efforts to grow a socially responsible business.

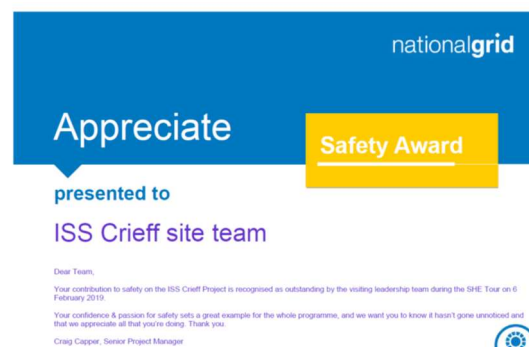
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## PROJECT IN FOCUS – National Grid Infrastructure Protection Framework

Under this framework agreement, Southbay have been awarded 4no. contracts to upgrade existing security measures at gas distribution sites across the UK, namely at Crieff, Blackness, Wooler and Shocklach. This has involved replacing existing fencing, and providing infrastructure associated with new security measures. All four contracts involve the construction of a reinforced concrete sill around the site perimeter, complete with galvanised steel fence posts, and service crossings. Service crossings include the installation of RC bridge beams to safely carry the load of the new sill across gas infrastructure. Further works include the construction of RC foundations to accommodate camera, lighting, and miscellaneous security equipment. An excellent collaborative relationship has been maintained with main contractor Trant, and ultimate client National Grid, with Southbay investing heavily in specialist training courses.

In delivering the Crieff Infrastructure contract, the site team were awarded the National Grid 'Appreciate' safety award in recognition of the excellent standards maintained across the site.



## Top of the Class

We are proud to announce that two members of our commercial team, Dale Dickinson and Isabelle Jackson have successfully achieved a first-class honours degree in Quantity Surveying from Northumbria University. Dale and Isabelle successfully combined their study with working part time for the company. Both have now undertaken full time positions and will form an integral part of our commercial department. We also continue to invest heavily in our direct labour force, for which our Formwork Joiner Dan Hunter is currently undertaking his NVQ Level 3 in Joinery Formwork.

## A race against the clock

Southbay successfully delivered a programme of works to the South Shields ferry landing across a 7-day closure of the service. This involved refurbishing the bearings on the 50m long bascule bridge, which connects the quayside to the landing platform. The bearings are vital to the landing platform, as they allow the bridge to pivot with the changing tides on the River Tyne. Our works involved the manual lifting of the bridge by 1m at high tide, providing access to the bearings. The bearings were then refurbished, with new pins installed, before being repositioned. The works were successfully delivered ahead of programme in partnership with our steelwork partner G.Nicholson's. This is one of a number of repairs Southbay have recently completed to the North and South Shields Ferry Landings.



*'It is clear through your leadership and direction that you have all built a very strong site team, who have all bought in to the programme objectives and our five strategic priorities of safety, collaboration, time, value, quality and people. You should be extremely proud of what you have achieved'.*

*Craig Capper, Senior Project Manager (National Grid).*

## Raising the bar for safety

In line with our commitment to safety, we continue to look for ways to raise standards across all of our operations. On our current Seahouses Pier Refurbishment scheme we have successfully completed a number of simulation rescue scenarios within this challenging marine environment. This has included undertaking a live water rescue using a training manikin, and a foreshore rescue exercise using a manikin and basket stretcher.



Seahouses Pier Refurbishment: We successfully completed a foreshore rescue exercise using a training manikin.

Both exercises were commended by our client for professionalism and the time taken to complete. Footage of the water rescue can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jYLZobG3bM&feature=youtu.be>

In addition, on the same project, we have introduced a number of environmental mitigation measures including the use of specialist booms to collect plastic fibre's arising from all FRC works. We continue to invest heavily in environmental training and are committed to ensuring all Site Agents and Foreman have completed the CITB Site Environmental Awareness Training Scheme. We are also pleased to announce that we have been awarded RoSPA Gold Status for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, in addition to our annual Achilles UVDB Audit conducted in February, for which we achieved a score of 98% compliant.

## Workload

Across the first 6 months of 2019 we have secured a number of exciting and challenging contracts which will allow us to continue to illustrate our full range of capabilities. These awards include:

*Wooler Civils Package (Trant Engineering), £965,000*

Construction of 750lm of Reinforced Concrete (RC) sill, complete with galvanised steel fence posts and service crossings.

*New Brighton Aids to Navigation (Wirral Borough Council), £680,000*

The removal and replacement of 3no. piled navigational aids across a section of foreshore on the River Mersey.

*Blyth River Frontage Remedial Works (UK Innovation), £640,000*

The removal of an existing timber quay structure and derelict dock gates, installation of an engineered rock revetment, and pile repairs.

*Tilbury Power Station Culvert Sealing (Mason Brown), £410,000*

The casting of a stone and heavy concrete plug to seal an existing culvert used to supply cooling water to the former power station.

*Dunbar Slipway Extension (RNLI), £170,000*

The construction of a new fixed ramp slipway extension at Dunbar Lifeboat Station across a length of 13.25m.