



NEW MANUFACTURING WORKSHOP FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

In January 2020 we completed an impressive steel frame workshop building extension.

The new building provides much needed extra space to our manufacturing facilities adding significantly to our production capacity.

The workshop has been designed specifically for larger projects to be undertaken, and incorporates 2 x 10 ton overhead gantries.

This investment marks Groundhog's commitment to the welfare manufacturing industry in the UK.



£250K INVESTMENT IN A NEW XPERT PRO PRESS BRAKE



The recently installed Xpert Pro Press Brake machine demonstrates our commitment to continued innovation and is seen as a pivotal step forward in enhancing our existing manufacturing processes in Welfare Accommodation development.

The Xpert Pro will increase productivity and performance with the hydraulic quick clamping feature – the automatic clamping shortens set-up time by more than 20%.

The assisted hydraulic bending aids also improve health and safety; manual lifting is reduced, our operators gain greater control and precision when manufacturing components and it makes bending large, heavy and long-sided parts easier. It also enables material-friendly handling of sensitive materials such as stainless steel.

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TOILET & CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT

Our recent investment to improve the quality of our staff facilities has seen the refurbishment of the toilets, showers and changing rooms in Factory 1. It was important to introduce energy and water efficiency combined with high quality finishes for our valued staff.



GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATIONS

At the beginning of February we all enjoyed some beautifully baked cakes to celebrate Groundhog day.

Based on this old legend, lets hope that the Groundhog didn't see it's shadow and we get a nice early Spring!



Groundhog are proud to be sponsoring Bee 1 in increasing awareness and educating local schools about the importance of Bees



2020 signifies the beginning of a new partnership with Bee 1, an organisation that strive to raise awareness of bees and other pollinators, their importance to our eco-system and more importantly, our planet.

Groundhog are now sponsoring six beehives that are allocated to the following local primary schools:

- Castell Nedd • Cilfrew Primary • Ynysfach Primary
- Blaengwrach Primary • Tonna Primary • Creunant Primary

The beehives are helping to make a difference to the local bee population and also helping to conserve a local meadow and woodland.

The children are provided with hands-on experiences by Bee 1, and gain a clear understanding about the importance of these amazing creatures and associated benefits.

We are really excited to be part of this Schools/eco project and are sure that the children will not only gain a lot of knowledge but also have a lot of fun!



Children's Christmas Party

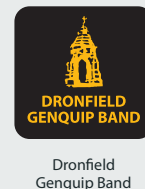
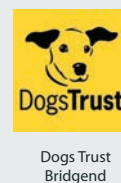
In December 2019 we had great pleasure in organising a Christmas Party for Groundhog staff, children and grandchildren held at the Ynysgerwen Cricket club. In total, 38 children attended the party.

There was a magician, music, games, buffet food and, of course, Santa and his elves. There was something for all the ages, including the adults!

Each child had a gift from Santa and it was great to see them have so much fun.

SPONSORSHIPS & CHARITIES SUPPORTED IN 2019

In addition to our continued support of Brentwood Rugby Club and Dronfield Genquip Band, we are delighted to announce that in 2019 Genquip Groundhog raised over £30,000 in sponsorship and donations to the various organisations and charities nominated by staff members.



Praise flows at Water Industry Awards



Balfour Beatty, in collaboration with its supply chain partners Hogen Systems and Genquip-Groundhog, were commended at the Water Industry Awards, as it secured the 2019 Sustainability and Resource Recovery Initiative of the Year.

The Water Industry Awards is the annual celebration of outstanding achievement and innovation in the UK water industry.

The award recognised the partnership's initiative which combines rainwater harvesting, atmospheric drinking water generation and renewable energy sources to provide facilities for on-site workers. Currently being trialled at Balfour Beatty's Plant and Fleet Innovation Centre in Thurnscoe. The initiative uses solar and wind energy to power a generator which produces water for drinking and other uses.

Richard Mason, Product & Innovations Manager, who led on the initiative for the partnership, said: "We are delighted to have won the Sustainability and Resource Recovery Initiative of the Year award.

"By collaborating with our supply chain partners, we were able to design innovative and sustainable solutions that offer better welfare facilities for our on-site staff and are better for the environment. The use of this innovation could reduce the need for water deliveries to remote areas and result in reduced carbon emissions from associated transport of water bowsers or tankers to site."

STUART BAIL - 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Stuart who has completed 40 years service!

Stuart joined us in 1979 and has been a valuable member of the Groundhog team. Stuart works in our Stores Department where he organises the stock levels and liaises with our suppliers.



Considerate Constructors Scheme Award



We are proud to receive a Considerate Constructors Scheme National Supplier Silver Award.

Since 1998, the Scheme has been rewarding the UK's most considerate sites for the contribution they have made towards improving the image of construction. The Scheme looks at the measures a site has put in place to be more considerate towards local neighbourhoods and the public, the workforce, and the environment. Winning a National Supplier Award is an exceptional achievement, and recognises those Supplier that have made the greatest contribution towards improving the image of construction.



Catherine O'Brian General Manager receiving the award







GREENER CLEANER POWER



FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY from *groundhog*

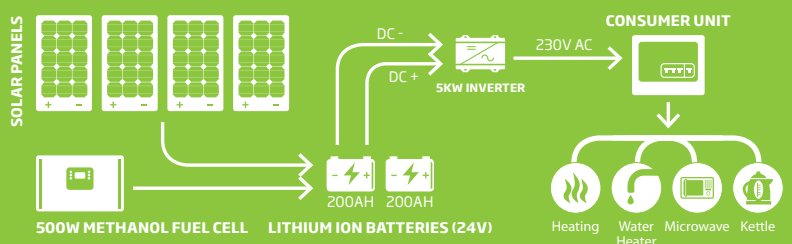
In March 2019 NMCN launched their Positive Impact Plan which is a business wide strategy to achieve a 34% reduction in carbon emissions by 2025.

The Plant, Transport and Accommodation business within NMCN provide an internal hire service to the operating divisions throughout the country. With this business unit being instrumental in reducing carbon emission, NMCN have agreed a target of 25% fleet carbon reduction during the same time period. Together, NMCN and Genquip Groundhog have developed the FC0500, which will be a first-of-its-kind, sustainable alternative to the typical diesel generators or hybrid solar, low emission welfare unit options.

-  Clean energy
-  Low noise pollution
-  Long operating life, maintenance free
-  Can be produced from renewable sources
-  100% Reliable
-  Reduced Operating Costs



How the system works



RJC PURCHASE THE SOLAR HYBRID ECO TOILET

RJC have a working relationship with clients demanding toilet units offering reduced generator and water usage in clean safe and robust environment.

Innovative, functional, environmentally efficient and cost effective the Solar Hybrid Eco Toilet units have been a great addition to the RJC fleet of welfare products. The units have an in-built effluent tank, so there is no need to hire separate effluent tanks saving time and money whilst offering a huge reduction in fuel usage, carbon emissions and service schedules.

The units can also be fixed to a trailer or demountable.



Key Features:

- Low flush eco toilet
- One male and one female toilet
- Waterless urinal trough – 100% reduction in water usage
- Demountable or fixed to trailer
- Rain harvester tank for toilet flush – 61 Litres
- 1000 litre in built waste tank
- Powered by roof mounted solar panels with generator back up

HOOKLIFT UNITS LAUNCHED AT THE DEMOLITION EXPO 2019



In July 2019 we exhibited the innovative Hooklift Static Welfare Unit at the Demolition Expo. The SWO7600 static unit has the added advantage of a hooklift chassis, meaning ease of movement for businesses with hooklift vehicles on their fleet.

The units meet HSE requirements, and offer anti-vandal features which include steel personnel double locking door systems and internally secured steel window shutters.

This was a great stage to launch the Hooklift to the demolition industry, a new sector for us and we received excellent feedback and interest which has helped us develop and manufacture a full hooklift range.

Please visit www.groundhog.co.uk to view the full range.

EXECUTIVE HIRESHOW

WHERE PASSIONATE HIRERS MEET INNOVATIVE SUPPLIERS

5th & 6th
February 2020,
Ricoh Arena,
Coventry



EXECUTIVE HIRE SHOW 2020

Genquip Groundhog enjoyed a hugely vibrant show, with many Hire visitors on our stand expressing the need for high quality, robust and easy to use welfare units.

Feedback was that our range certainly fits this requirement and our ongoing commitment to reducing carbon emissions on site was welcomed by all visitors to the show.

We are looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead and already looking at improving our product offering ready for the 2021 show.



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