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Welcome

To the first of our new, quarterly newsletters designed to ensure we regularly update you with the latest information, news and stories from our depots. In this edition we highlight the most recent investment in our fleet, which remains one of the newest and most advanced available in the area. We can also confirm we've won an award commending our health & safety practices for the 6th year in a row; this is testament to our pioneering work in this area. We hope you enjoy receiving this update. If you are a customer and would like to be featured with your piece of kit from WHC Hire Services, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team.

James Clutterbuck, MD

New roller is popular with customers

At the end of last year we invested in our very first Remote Controlled Roller from Bomag. The BM8500 is proving to be an exceptionally versatile piece of equipment and is very popular with customers. The controls are very easy to use and remove all the issues of hand arm or whole body vibration to the operator. Further health and safety features are in-built in this unit. If an operator approaches to within 1 to 2 metres of the machine the travel system will automatically stop to prevent the risk of an accident. With its precise, articulated steering feature the Bomag BMP is also highly productive. Compacted surfaces are prevented from loosening due to the steering movement, ensuring high surface quality whilst precision steering ensures the machine stays on track –even in the most difficult soil conditions. Safe and productive; the right combination of performance for our customers.



Massive investment in new kit

The resurgence of the construction industry has had a knock-on effect to our business and we're very pleased that high demand for equipment has resulted in us placing a huge £1.2 million order for a range of the latest machines from JCB.

The order, which was placed in February, will be divided between both our depots to ensure we have the latest kit available to all our customers and includes:

- 45 new excavators from the Micro to 13Tonne
- 6 Dumpers from 2Tonne to 9Tonne

The order extends our fleet and also replaces machines on our natural 3-year replacement schedule – the lowest in the industry. All the new machines are being delivered from March to October this year by Gunn JCB, our local JCB dealer and many are now ready for hire.



Six in a row

We were delighted to be informed again this year by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) that we were awarded a silver medal in their prestigious Occupational Health and Safety awards 2015. This is the 6th year on the trot that we've won this award and it confirms that our progressive attitude towards health and safety management, both within our own business and on behalf of our customers, is the right strategy. WHC Hire Services proactively developed a comprehensive programme of preventative measures to ensure





customers are not over exposed to vibration and noise when they hire kit from us. We test equipment in our purpose- built testing areas and assess the vibration impact of equipment. The results are used to formulate our buying policy - ensuring the effects of whole body and hand arm vibration and noise is minimised for customers. Such was the effectiveness of this testing that we now carry out vibration and noise testing for customers' equipment and this service has been busy since its launch.

RoSPA 2015 SILVER Award

Apprentice joins Tewksebury branch

We've been a big advocate of apprenticeships here at WHC Hire Services since we started our business over 18 years ago. With the firm belief that learning whilst working suits many young people, we've taken on a new apprentice in our Tewkesbury depot.

Joe Bradley joined us on a 3 year apprenticeship, with a 4th year extension, in January 2015. As well as attending South Worcester College in Evesham in two week blocks throughout the year, he will be undertaking courses in the workplace and learning practical skills from our own highly experienced workforce. Mentored by one of our previous apprentices, Dan Kinnersley, Joe is definitely happy to be working in a job that suits the practical side of his nature. He comments;

"I stayed on at 6th form after sitting my GCSE's successfully but decided school wasn't really for me. I then applied for an accounting course at college. However the prospect of working in an office all day after qualifying didn't appeal and it quickly dawned on me that I wasn't cut out for a desk-based job. I saw the opportunity to become an apprentice here and to get paid for studying and working at the same time. I worked full time in various roles outside the business until I was accepted here at the start of the year and now I'm here I really love it. I've always had an interest in plant and machinery so it made sense to pursue it as a career. The work is hands-on and varied and working for Dan is great because he provides both personal and professional support to me. I've got a long way to go to qualify but I'm looking forward to a career with WHC Services It's a great business to work for."



Off to the races

Cheltenham racecourse has been made famous by the annual Festival that takes place over 3 days in March. The course owners have invested in a new 5- storey grandstand to cater for growing visitor numbers and we're delighted to be associated with the build. A local contractor working on the new stand construction at the famous course has two machines on long term hire from us – a JCB RTFL (rough terrain fork lift) and a 5m JCB Telehandler. The prestigious contract, which includes a new royal box as well as a 6,500-capacity grandstand, are due to ready for the 2016 festival and we expect our machines, which have already been out on hire for over a year, to remain on site until the building work is complete.



Local Contracts

It's great for local businesses to work together and support each other. We are currently supplying machines for a number of prestigious local contracts.

New office build in Tewkesbury

A range of plant from 8 tonne excavators right down to small tools is being hired out to contractors working on a significant build adjacent to Tewkesbury Station. The contract, which is for a global manufacturer involved in the space, aircraft, F1 and defence sector, is expected to be on-going for some time and we're delighted that it gives great visibility to our WHC Hire Services branded machines.

Severn Trent contract going well

SEVERN TRENT WATER

The contract to supply Severn Trent with their plant and equipment was won by WHC Hire Services in May 2014 and now, one year later, it is working smoothly and efficiently. The key to the successful partnership is our brilliant relationship with the client. We provide the utility company with 24/7 cover and we are highly responsive to all their needs. Not only do we supply a range of top quality plant and equipment but a through level of after-care too.

Interested in long term hire? We have special rates. Please contact us to find out more.

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