

NEWSLETTER

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Keep Moving Forward

We are nearly at the end of 2015 which has been an encouraging year. As we are still competing in a tough market and work orders remain difficult to secure due to the continued low pricing, however, with your continued help we will strive to maintain our reputation for providing a first class service without compromising on quality or safety.

Slow Start Forward March

Turnover for the first quarter of the year's trading was a challenge but we made a good recovery and our forward load into the New Year is around £2.5M, which is in line with previous years.

It's Been an Education

Where the vast majority of the work has been in the Education and Health sectors we have seen a significant turn towards Commercial, Retail and Leisure projects this year.

First Class Performance

We have completed some major projects this year such as 'Home' (First Street) and Wrightington Hospital and have received very positive feedback. Current projects Gateway and Stepping Hill Hospital remain a challenge and demand our fullest attention at all times, but I have no doubt we will meet that challenge head on, keep up the good work!

A Sound Board to Say Healthy

We have recently conducted our quarterly Health and Safety Team Meeting, attended by the workforce, again there were some good points raised from site activities and the minutes will be distributed over the next few weeks. This forum is not the only means to communicate, should you have any concerns or issues please do not hesitate to speak to a Contracts Manager, Supervisor

or Courtley's our health and safety advisors, either individually or raise them at toolbox talks that are carried out regularly on site.

Cutting Down on the Excess

We have also carried out our quarterly Environmental Meeting and still the hot topic was plasterboard waste on site. We are striving to reduce the amount of plasterboard waste to landfill and divert to recycling. Where we have been responsible for this we have monitored the outcome and have been able to transfer over 300 tonnes from landfill to recycling again this year. At this moment, apart from Gateway & One New Bailey, waste management is being carried out mainly by the Principal Contractor and we will be engaging with them to ensure the details are passed back to us to continue monitoring. We have also managed to return ceiling tile off cuts to Armstrong with the help of CCF and SIG.

Talking a Load of Rubbish

Keeping waste to a minimum also keeps us competitive in the marketplace and good housekeeping also ensures better usage of materials as well as working in a safe environment.

Course for Action

Training courses will continue to be rolled out over the coming months. This is being monitored on our training matrix to make certain you remain competent and compliant.

Does Your Face Fit Soundly?

Following the launch of the HSE campaign with regards to dust control you should now have undergone a 'face fitting' training session to establish the correct face mask for you. If you have not received training this will involve a

fitting demonstration (lasting approx 20 minutes) with a certified trained advisor. Please contact a member of the staff immediately if you haven't received training to date.

A Sound of Applause

We would also like to say well done and big thank you to Jason Mangan and Wayne Casey for receiving Health & Safety Awards on their respective sites. They will both receive £50 in vouchers for their efforts.

A Sound Reminder

Now a few issues which we need your input to ensure we maintain our high standards.

1. Responsibility of fixers to have small tools PAT tested. Without current certificates you will not be able to work.
2. Maintain high standards of lightweight mobile towers (lock off wheels, toe boards, scaff tags).
3. Wages must be received by close of business on the Monday.
4. Ensure your Public Liability insurance is kept up to date.

The Only Way is Up!

And finally, We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our fixers, subcontractors, suppliers, distributors, manufacturers and last but not least our customers for their continued support. Let's hope the trend in 2015 continues in to 2016.

From all the staff at Sound Interiors we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2016.

