

M&S Deepdale - Preston



Exterior of M&S Deepdale store



Safest Contractor Competition Winner...



Last month we launched our competition for the safest Contractor on the M&S store site at Deepdale, Preston.

After much deliberation we have finally selected a winner!

So our winner is Doug Chippendale of JCK Ltd, a big thanks to Doug for working safely on site and also doing that little extra.

Doug who wins £20 of M&S Gift Vouchers said "I'm really pleased to have won the prize. We all take health and safety very seriously so it's nice that audas do things like this to recognise our efforts"



Deepdale makes good progress..

We've made great progress at M&S Deepdale, Preston and all has gone to plan on the store development.

Key stages in the development so far have been the following:

- The new Food Hall which was opened to the public on Thursday 29th September.
- The First Floor front mezzanine extension opened to public on Monday 3rd October.
- Construction works to the old 'Clarks unit' is underway and is on target for completion by 21st November.
- New First Floor cafe is due to start on 17th October and complete 14th November.



Radio Appearance

Dan McCarthy and Tony Davis visited Pete Allen at Radio Preston on Wednesday 14th September to be interviewed by Pete on his afternoon Show about the Preston Deepdale Site, the show went out live between 2pm & 4pm. They arrived and were introduced to Pete just before they went out on air, both were petrified, but Pete soon put them at ease! Dan started the interview and then both Dan & Tony took turns with Questions, starting with Audas' role with M&S, about the project at Deepdale and how Audas have contributed to the community surrounding the site, such as members of Audas visiting the local community centre to give a talk about FSC timber, also site members have put together an 'Insect Hotel' using pallets and bits of site waste.

At the end of the show Pete gave a recording of the interview to the guys, surely it's an experience that they won't forget in a hurry.

Meet the audas team



Sean Fleming - Project Manager

Can you tell us a little about your career/background?

"I left school at 16 and went straight into the building industry as a hod carrier, then onto College as a bricklayer and then sat my advanced 'craft in construction' exams. I then worked for a couple of local company's covering all aspects of the building industry from underpinning to propping up buildings while working on major alterations to the structures. I then moved on to work on listed buildings and barn conversions in the Lake District, as well as new builds out of the ground to cut and carve of existing buildings .

I then went onto setting up a small company for 3 years doing the same sort of work and when the area was hit by a major recession due to local companies closing I moved south and became involved in site management of construction for the leisure industry, and then onto the retail sector some years later from site foreman to site manager to project manager so yes I've gone from the grass roots upwards."

What do you find most rewarding about your role?

"The end product and job satisfaction, I have always

taken my job very seriously and pride myself in the end product pleasing the client and my employer.

This ultimately leads to more work and me paying the bills at home!"

Which areas do you feel audas contribute to the M&S Plan A commitments?

"FSC, waste being recorded accurately and design discussions with consultants to help produce an energy effective project, this will become more so now we have a services manager with great experience on board."

We've heard about your role and audas but how do you like to spend your free time?

"My free time is spent with my children mostly, either camping, out on our bikes, walking etc. I have a large family with 5 children and 2 girls who are also in my care so as you can imagine it's a pretty busy house.

I do however like Rugby, Motor Car & Bike Racing and took my young son to Silverstone this year for the super bikes which was fantastic.

Oh and of course I do enjoy a glass of wine with my wife once they are all tucked up in bed!"

If you could trade places with any other person for a week, famous or not famous, living or dead, real or fictional. with whom would it be?

Valentino Rossi (Motor GP Champion), give me a week on the track living the dream, come on !!!!

How would you describe yourself in three words?

Fun, thoughtful, devoted.

VERY CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS!

The Preston Deepdale site was visited by the Considerate Constructors last month and received a brilliant score of 37 out of 40. This is one of Audas' highest ever Considerate Constructors scores and beating M&S' target of 34 out of 40. A massive well done is deserve to all involved!!

