

NEW FACES



Paul Sharp Jr



Ross Bradley-Dixon



John Grace



Ronnie Kennedy



Gary Jones

What's New?

- **Paul Sharp Junior – Site Manager**
Paul, brother to Andy and Phil & former floor & wall tiling specialist joins the M&S Grimsby project working nights as a Site Manager.
- **Ross Bradley Dixon – Site Manager**
Ross is no stranger to Audas having previously worked for the company on various projects, latterly M&S Thurmaston.
- **John Grace – Site Manager**
John is currently working at the M&S Macclesfield project with Paul and Graham.
- **Ronnie Kennedy – Quantity Surveyor**
Ronnie, our new QS joins the Audas small works team, working alongside Gary Lawrence.
- **Gary Jones – IT Manager**
Another familiar face to most of the Audas team, Gary is joining Audas as our very own IT specialist



Constructing Better Health



We have been approached by our client to run a 'Health Screening' pilot programme on one of our projects during the first half of 2011. Consequently, we have nominated the Manchester Urban Exchange project.

There will be two clinics held – one in June and one in early July for both our employees and sub contractors. The health and fitness assessment will provide a comprehensive evaluation of an individual's lifestyle and health. Tests will include: stamina; blood pressure; lung function; body fat; basal metabolic rate; water content; height; weight; cholesterol.

The assessment then allows a potential improvement to be made and a projected risk is made based on making improvements to lifestyle.



NVQ We now have 95% of the team enrolled for an NVQ level 6 qualification which we are anticipating completing June/July 2011.

The Site Managers will undertake 'Site Management' whilst the project managers and commercial team will undertake the 'Contracting' option. The modules within each option are optional for the individual to select

NATIONAL SITE AWARD FOR OUR M&S CONGLETON PROJECT

Our M&S Congleton project was awarded a 'BRONZE' award at the Considerate Constructors National Site Awards in March 2011. Paul, Lindsay, Steve, Rose and Peter Macleod attended the ceremony to receive the presentation at The Lowry Hotel, Manchester. *Below: Paul, Lindsay & James Wate. For more info. Visit www.considerate*



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BUPA Great Manchester Run 2011

Training is well under way for the Audas team members participating in the BUPA Manchester run on 15 May 2011. The average distance being attained at the time of press is 3-5 km. We have set up a 'just giving' web page and are inviting our supply chain to make a donation. All proceeds for the Prostate Cancer charity.

Donations can be made at: www.justgiving.com/Audas-Project-Management

Salford College



Students from the University of Salford were invited to the M&S Blackburn project to enhance their understanding of H&S on construction sites. Tony Davis discussed the procedures undertaken by Audas in relation to: manual handling; Asbestos removal; working at height; risk assessments



Out & About with 'Community Engagement'

Since our last newsletter four of our project teams have been out and about in the local community visiting primary schools to deliver the message - 'danger of building sites to children'. This was delivered using the Considerate Constructors' Ivor Goodsite presentation followed by a colouring competition with prizes being awarded to the winning entries. The teams efforts were recognised by the Considerate Constructor Scheme in relation to the 'Good Neighbour' commitment contributing to the overall scores: M&S Cheshire Oaks Outlet – 36; M&S Grimsby - 36.5; Blackburn – 36; Macclesfield tbc. Schools visited: The Oaks Primary School, Ellesmere Port; Holy Souls, Blackburn; St Marys Primary School, Grimsby, Parkroyal Primary, Macclesfield.



Stanlaw Childrens Centre

In addition to the school visit during works at the M&S Cheshire Oaks project, Audas joined forces with Simons, the main contractor for the new M&S store at Cheshire Oaks to transform an area of garden at the Stanlaw Childrens Centre in Ellesmere Port. This was undertaken with the help of Audas' sub contractors - John and Jake from DA Developments Ltd. In addition Ed, the Environmental Champion from Simons installed bat boxes around the garden constructed from 'waste' timber collected from site.

Left: Holy Souls Blackburn. Above: Children's Centre



Principles for Risk Assessment Success

The Reality:

On its own, paperwork never saved anyone. It is a means to an end, not an end in itself - action is what protects people. So risk assessments should be fit for purpose and acted upon.



Spring Cleaning? - Be careful out there!!!



"I haven't found anything wrong yet, but it's OK for you to go ahead and worry a bit longer."

ONE IN FOUR SITES FAIL SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Nearly one in four of Merseyside's construction sites failed safety inspections during the first two days of a month-long initiative. Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspectors carried out checks at 88 sites during intensive inspections in the county on 14 and 15 February. A total of 21 sites were found not to meet legally required health and safety standards. Several of the sites visited received more than one enforcement notices either stopping work activities immediately or requiring improvements to be made. In total, inspectors issued 22 prohibition and 21 improvement notices, with more than half of the notices relating to unsafe work being carried out at height. The inspections are taking place across the North West after eight construction workers lost their lives and more than 1,000 were injured

The inspections are taking place across the North West after eight construction workers lost their lives and more than 1,000 were injured in the region between April 2009 and March 2010. Half of the deaths occurred during refurbishment, repair and maintenance activities, which are the main focus of the latest HSE inspections being carried out up until Friday 11 March. Inspectors are making unannounced visits to sites to ensure that work at height is being managed safely, sites are in good order, and the risk of exposure to asbestos is being properly managed. Wayne Crumpton, Principal Inspector for Construction, said: "Workers' lives were potentially being put at risk on a quarter of sites we visited in just the first two days.

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CDM Regulations Refresher Courses

The whole Audas team will be attending a CDM Regulation refresher course throughout the months of April and May.

The CDM Regulations are aimed at improving the overall management and co-ordination of health, safety and welfare throughout all stages of a construction project to reduce the large number of serious and fatal accidents and cases of ill health which happen every year in the construction industry.



Waste Recycling Figures Jan/Feb 2011

Cheshire Oaks	96%
Grimsby	95%
Blackburn	95%

The above returned recycling figures, together with the recycling rates from our 'small works' projects gives us an overall average figure of 96% - resulting in a good start to the year.



After months of preparation for the triple certification (ISO 9001, 14001 18001), we are now in a position to start the ball rolling with the external auditing which we are anticipating mid May.

What is ISO?

ISO stands for International Organisation of Standardisation. In complying with standards, Audas must say what it does through documentation and processes, do what it says through action, and

prove it to an independent, objective third party

Why is a certified system important to me?

The ISO certification gives our stakeholders assurances that we are doing exactly what we say we are doing.

How will Audas benefit?

An integrated management system is not just about compliance with a set of standards. It's about developing a competitive edge, opening up new markets as well as showing clients, customers and employees our commitment to best practice.

Why do Audas need it?

There are many benefits:

- Improved productivity & efficiency.
- Improved consistency of service resulting in higher customer satisfaction.
- Improved perception of our image, culture & performance.
- Improved communication, morale & job satisfaction – staff understand what is expected of them & each other.
- Competitive advantage & potential for increased marketing & sales opportunities.

SITE SUSTAINABILITY PLUS

Five members of our team:

Tony; Andy M; John; Lindsay; Andy S; attended a two day course hosted by Marks & Spencer on Site Sustainability.



The aim of the course was to ensure that delegates were able to:

- understand the need to consider sustainability
- have an understanding of environmental law
- understand how sustainability fits into their role

The method of assessment was by multiple-choice questions at the end of the course. All the guys were successful and received the CITB Site Sustainability Training Certificate.

FSC Timber



Timber Usage Update – Jan/Feb 2011

Our FSC timber usage rate for the first two months of the year is an impressive:

100%

