



news from MAY GURNEY

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May Gurney awarded top environmental accolade second year running

May Gurney has been presented with a Green Apple Environmental Award again this year, one of the highest accolades for environmental best practice.

The Green Apple Awards, an annual international campaign to recognise, reward and promote environmental best practice around the world, were held at the House of Commons in London on the 9th November 2007. David Bellamy OBE, the well-known author, broadcaster and environmental campaigner hosted the awards.

May Gurney was presented with a silver award in the Building and Construction category for its forward thinking and consideration of environmental issues during the route design and construction for 9km of ductile iron pipeline connecting the Pynes and Tottiford Water Treatment Works supply areas in Devon. May Gurney proved the project could be environmentally friendly without increasing financial costs.

Gavin Scarr Hall, Utility Services Managing Director at May Gurney, said: "It is excellent for our Utility Services team to be associated with the Green Apple Awards again this year and to collect another prestigious award from the organisers at the London event. "It is important that May Gurney sets the highest environmental standards and this is reflected in the work we do with our customers both in delivery and the support we can give during the planning phase of the works."

The award winning project was commended for tackling numerous location and transportation challenges in order to minimise the environmental impact of the work undertaken. The route was designed to avoid the more established woodland and plantation areas to protect wildlife and where possible, stream crossings were kept to a minimum. The effects of ecological issues such as hedgerow crossings were identified in a report produced by a specialist ecologist.

As part of the construction activities, it was also identified that there were potentially significant environmental costs in removing all excavated material from site. In order to convert the excavated material into pipeline bedding, a new rotating filter bucket was sought which allowed the team to re-use over 95% of the excavated material. The riddling bucket

also avoided the need for imported material to be transported to site for 3000 metres of pipeline bedding.

The Green Organisation teamed up with Tree Appeal to carbon neutralise each award winner's journey to the event by planting a tree on their behalf.

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About May Gurney

May Gurney is a dynamic integrated support and construction services company providing maintenance and enhancement services to the highways, rail, utilities and general infrastructure markets, primarily with public sector and regulated sector customers, across the UK. The company focuses on long-term relationships, has 3,850 employees and delivers solutions through two primary business segments - Maintenance Services and Engineering & Project Services.

The **Maintenance Services** segment is focused on the core markets of highways and utilities. Activities include highways maintenance under long-term partnerships with local authorities and network improvement and maintenance services provided to major UK utilities networks under long-term framework contracts.

The **Engineering & Project Services** segment serves public and regulated sector customers across a broad range of industries. Core services include the enhancement of road and rail infrastructure, waste management, flood protection, ground remediation, foundations, geotechnical engineering and building.

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