

# Newsletter

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## United with United Utilities

We are pleased to announce that we are one of a small number of companies in the country which have been chosen to work under the United Utilities framework agreement.

The contract is initially for a two year period and will involve assisting United Utilities in the delivery of its £3 billion investment programme. We will be providing surveying services in the form of topographical, measured building, underground services, hydrographic and 3D Laser Scanning Surveys. The survey area covers the North West of England.



## Chartered Surveyors Geomatics - Land, Utilities, Engineering & Building



### Note from the Managing Director

Tower Surveys was established in May 1998. Eight years seems to have flown by so quickly and our inaugural newsletter is long overdue. I must thank our staff for their contribution and of course our Clients for your continued support and loyalty over the years.

## Environment Agency Win

It looks as if we have got off to a good start this year by securing a two year framework agreement with the Environment Agency. The contract involves providing surveying services for the Midlands region.

## Health & Safety First

We have always valued Health & Safety and it is central to our culture. Our target is for 100% of our staff to hold a CSCS card. We are pleased to report that we are well on target to achieve this and congratulate our staff for continuing their professional development.

## Trans Peak Challenge



Last autumn, members of our team took part in the Trans Peak Challenge. This event involved a 26 mile run and cycle across the Peak District. We are delighted to report that our team finished the event in third place and raised £4000 for the British Heart Foundation, so all the hard work was well worth the effort.

## Tower Power



We have been extremely busy undertaking work with utility companies and power stations. Our latest power station project was at Spondon Power Station in Derbyshire. Work included topographical, utilities, GPS and CCTV service surveys.

## New CCTV Service

Late last year we launched our new CCTV service. CCTV surveys are ideal wherever remote visual inspection is required. Our experienced staff can help you inspect under floor and ceiling voids as well as all types of pipelines such as sewers, gas pipes and mains.

## WIN a FREE SURVEY

We are giving away a FREE one day survey for three of our lucky readers. For a chance to win, simply answer the following question:

In the FIFA 2006 World Cup, which of the football teams listed below will England not be playing in the first round?

- Sweden
- Ghana
- Paraguay



To enter our competition, please email answers to:

[competition@towersurveys.co.uk](mailto:competition@towersurveys.co.uk)

or alternatively complete the enclosed fax back form and return it to Bev Chiang. The closing date for entry is the 8th June 2006.

The winners will be the first three correct answers drawn out of the hat and will be notified after the closing date. The winners will receive one free full day site survey as part of a larger project or one free full day topographic survey as part of a project which includes our other services, such as; utility surveys, CCTV and GPS.

*Measurement is our Business*

## Tip of the Month

### Getting the most out of your Surveyors

To put it simply, surveyors love surveying, measuring, drawing, undertaking checks and receiving cheques! How do you make the most out of your surveyor? From our perspective, communication is the key. It is essential to communicate prior to the start of a survey. Here are a few pointers:-

- Specify what the survey will be used for. This will help your surveyor to determine accuracy requirements as well as the detail required. Generally, the higher the accuracy, the more the survey will cost.
- Discuss techniques with your surveyor. Perhaps there is a new piece of equipment or a new technique that could save you money.
- Remember to specify the end product presentation and medium; this includes for example, photos, drawings, spreadsheets.
- Ensure that areas which require surveying are clearly identified; marked-up plans are always very helpful. Generally, the larger the area, the higher the cost of the survey. Do ensure that you request any offsite details required such as outfalls, manholes or trees.
- Specify the level of site control required, both vertical and horizontal. A survey related to an arbitrary grid and vertical datum is cheaper than one related to full national mapping.
- Agree the fees and the programme ideally before the work commences.
- Health & Safety is the responsibility of everyone involved in the project. Communicate the specific site requirements. Do not assume that we will know.
- Finally, remember to keep the terms and conditions simple.

## Meet The Team

### Full of Clifton Promise



We are delighted to announce that Tony Clifton has been promoted to the position of Associate with Tower Surveys. He is responsible for the smooth running of all Topographical and Building Surveying services at our Nottingham office. His twenty years of experience in the surveying industry has meant that Tony has been central to Tower Surveys' success.

Tony's training started at Nottingham City Council, where he studied for his HNC in Engineering Surveying. Some eight years ago, Tony was amongst Towers' first employees. Over the years he has helped develop the business and continued his professional development. Tony is now a technical member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

### Barking up the Right Tree



We are pleased to introduce Edward Barker, our Land & Engineering Surveyor based at our growing Milton Keynes office. Edward brings with him eight years of experience in many aspects of surveying, including topographical, meas-

ured building surveys and volume calculations. Edward has worked with a variety of Clients in both the Public and Private sectors.

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