

News and updates from Van Elle November 2020

## People Awards 2020 voting now open

The 2020 Our People Awards are now open and we need your votes to find the people who have gone above and beyond during a tough year for everyone.

You can submit your votes online, download a copy via the intranet or fill in a paper version which we'll send out to everyone.

This year we're looking for the people who have been there for you. Perhaps they've supported you during a challenge, perhaps they're just a great team member, perhaps they deliver the day to day and don't get the recognition you feel they deserve.

All you need to do is fill in a form and tell us the reason why you think they should win.

If you can't decide who to vote for, then you can submit more than one entry for each category, just make sure you nominate someone different each time.



THE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY IN DECEMBER AND WE'LL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS NEARER THE TIME.



Gavin Savage,  
Regional  
Manager,  
Scotland

## Welcome

Highly experienced ground engineering stalwart Gavin Savage has joined Van Elle as Regional Manager for Scotland.

Gavin joins Van Elle from ProDrive piling and has more than 30 years' engineering experience in a career which has seen him in top positions all over the United Kingdom. His new role will see him join up with the rest of the team in the Blantyre office where he will look after all of our Scottish projects.

Gavin said: "I'm really excited to be joining Van Elle, it's a great opportunity and I'm looking forward to getting started.

"I'm based in Scotland and I'll be focussing on helping us to win more contracts up here, as well as helping to manage the great projects that we do. I'll be looking to utilise a lifetime of experience, as well as my industry knowledge, to bring more success to the company."

## 60 second interview - Angela Blakesley

For World Mental Health Day in October we caught up with Angela Blakesley, Health, Safety, Quality and Environmental Advisor, to find out more about what we do to fight mental ill health at Van Elle.

Angela is a trainer for Mental Health England and the subject is something which she is incredibly passionate about.

"People don't treat their mental health like their physical health and just because you can't see it, it doesn't mean it's not real.

"The stigma around mental health means that people find it hard to open up and get help.



"...JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE IT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT REAL..."

ANGELA BLAKESLEY

"Through education we can highlight the problems we're seeing and reduce the risk of things like depression, stress, anxiety and other connected issues.

"As well as equipping our staff with the necessary skills to recognise the signs, we are educating staff around resilience in order to prevent mental ill health and as part of our wider mental health and wellbeing strategy."



For more information on support for mental health issues at Van Elle, speak to Angela or the HR team.

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## Training centre expansion

**Our training centre has expanded its offer thanks to a new CPCS facility in Kirkby.**

The centre is now able to offer training for operating specialist plant, machinery and vehicles from its main site after gaining accreditations from specialist awarding bodies National Plant Operators Registration Scheme (NPORS) and CPCS.



The Training centre team outside the new facility

THE CENTRE NOW SUPPORTS MORE THAN 50 ENDORSEMENTS ACROSS A RANGE OF CPCS COURSES.

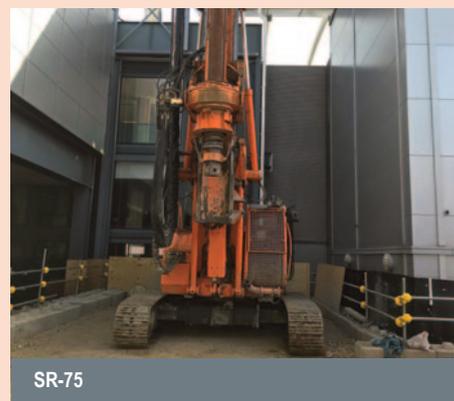
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## Gatwick station lift off

**Improvements to Gatwick railway station are underway thanks to Van Elle as we deliver crucial ground engineering work at the site.**

Working with Costain, we're supporting a new platform upgrade to the station.

We're installing more than 70no. 600mm fully cased rotary bored piles to around 23m for the project, using our powerful SR-75 piling rig.



SR-75

## Milestone at Stonehenge for STRATA



Commachio 205 rotary rig

**A team of Strata engineers is using a new combination of ground investigation techniques and equipment to get more accurate results as part of a major Highways England project to improve roads between Amesbury and Salisbury.**

To help them complete the work, the team is making use of our Camachio 205 rig in combination with the Geobore S drilling system is helping the team to extract the ground samples more carefully, while the flexibility of the Camachio 205 allowing for quick access in and out of tight spots.

## More highways success

**Working with MJ Church, our piling team are helping to support a major upgrade on the M5 in the south west.**

The team is supporting the installations of gantries between J23 and J25 of the M5 as part of Highways England project to improve the road network in the area.

In total, we are installing 25 no. 750mm diameter SFA piles up to 24m depths, using our Hutte 207 piling rig, ideally suited to highways work with constrained access and varying soil conditions.

## Ground Improvement Team breaks new ground



Ground Improvement team supporting a crane with rigid inclusions

**The Ground Improvement team has had a month of firsts during a packed month of activity.**

During October the team completed its first ever rigid inclusion project as they supported a crane base in Grangemouth.

The team also completed its first ever bottom feed vibro stone column in Alnwick as well as starting its first HS2 project on the West Ruislip Portal.

**Van Elle hits 10,000 on LinkedIn**

**In October our LinkedIn account surpassed 10,000 followers.**

Thanks for your ongoing support of our social media activity.

If you're not following us yet, check us out.



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The team using our Hutte 205 on the M5