

## Our performance in FY2020



Our annual report and results is out now and available for everyone to take a look at our performance over the last 12 months.

As we know, our turnover has been affected by the Covid-19 outbreak but thanks to your hard work and dedication over the year, we are in a strong position to bounce back.

Key financial highlights:

- **£84.4m turnover**
- **£0.3m underlying operating loss**
- **£4.2m net funds**

Check out the full report on our website, just go to [van-elle.co.uk/investors/financial-reports-presentations](http://van-elle.co.uk/investors/financial-reports-presentations).

### Other key statistics for FY20:

- **£52m capital investment (2015-20)**
- **£45.2m net assets**
- **118 rigs in our fleet**
- **517 AVE Headcount**

### Revenue contribution:

- **General Piling - £29.3m (34.7%)**
- **Specialist Piling (includes Rail) - £25.4m (30.1%)**
- **Ground Engineering Services (includes Strata and Housing) - £29.6m (35%)**

## Raising the bar on highways project

The team working on the M4 Wichelstowe project has set the bar high for piles installed in a day.

The team, completing phase one of the project in August, installed six no. 1200mm rotary bored piles in one day after hitting some tricky obstacles.

But thanks to some quick thinking, first class fleet support and supply chain management, the team were able to complete the extra coring work required as well as the impressive piling rate.



## 6000 linear metres of Smartfoot® for Liverpool housing scheme.

The foundations for more than 300 new homes in Liverpool are being laid using our innovative Smartfoot product.

The homes, which will be built by David Wilson and Barratt Homes, will require around 6,000 linear metres of Smartfoot to be laid on the site.

The team will be laying more than 350 linear metres per week for the installation in Formby.



## 60 second interview



Brandon Ferreira,  
Group Business  
Development Director

Meet Brandon Ferreira, Van Elle's new Group Business Development Director.

Brandon joined Van Elle in August and will be looking after our business development and marketing and communications activities.

*"I've just come back from a trip to Scotland where I visited our office in Blantyre and our precast concrete facility. It's been really interesting to see how things are progressing up and*

*meeting a number of key customers and some old friends in the construction industry. We're making a big effort to build relationships and expanding our Smartfoot offering in Scotland which will support our business plan growth aspirations.*

*I'm really excited to be joining Van Elle. As the UK's leading ground engineering contractor, there are huge opportunities for us and I'm looking forward to helping the business reach its potential."*

## Electrifying teamwork on major infrastructure project

Our Rail and Strata teams are working together to deliver the Midland Mainline Electrification Key Output 1a project between Kettering and Market Harborough.

The critical infrastructure improvement work in the East Midlands follows success on other sections of the project between Kettering and Bedford, with Strata providing crucial ground investigation work and the Rail team utilising our specialist on track rigs to provide access on site.

The work is set to continue until late 2020 and will enable the foundations for overhead line equipment on the new electrified railway line.



GI for next phase of MML upgrade

## Connecting the North East

Our Vibro piling team has successfully supported a £70.8m upgrade for the North East's road network. The team installed 210no vibro stone columns which supported a Tensar reinforced soil block as well as a retaining wall on the restricted access site. The restricted access also meant that a special pile testing zone of just two by two metres had to be built.



Vibro stone columns being installed in Sunderland

## Training centre up and running again

Our Training Centre is back up and running thanks to some excellent work from the team. With careful social distancing measures in place, the centre is offering its full suite of courses for clients once again. Training centre manager Mark Buxton said:

*"It's picking up nicely. Since July there has been a significant increase in enquiries taken by the training centre. Notably more enquiries in CPCS, NPORS, NRSWA and SSP courses. We have been able to*

*keep the cost of our courses the same, even with reduced class sizes."*



Mark Buxton gearing up for practical training

## Station upgrade works in Coventry

Working evenings and weekends to get the job done, we've recently been supporting several railway station upgrades in the Coventry area.

Using our super-versatile specialist piling rigs, we've installed bored piles and a contiguous wall for lift pits on the station platforms, new lighting columns and station canopy.

The works have been completed during weekend and weeknight possessions due to the scale of the equipment being used. Due to the working area, a custom piling platform was installed on a major A-road



On site in Coventry station with the Hutte 207

creating an extremely delicate working environment.

## Charity Announcement Alzheimer's



Van Elle supports tackling dementia

We're delighted to announce that we will be supporting the Alzheimer's Society as our chosen charity for the next year.

The UK's leading dementia charity won a staff vote during August, earning 25% of the votes.

More information about fundraising activities to support the new charity will be announced soon.

## Shortlisted for GE awards

Congratulations to our Strata, Specialist Piling and Rail teams who have been named as finalists in this year's Ground Engineering Awards.

Strata is up for the Digital Innovation award thanks to the development of our app on the Black Cat project, with Specialist Piling nominated for its work on the Panamanian Embassy, London. Rail was shortlisted for its support of the Don Viaduct project in Scotland.

Winners will be announced in November.



Triple joy for Van Elle in GE Awards 2020