

Thank you—a message from Mark Cutler, Chief Executive

During the last few months, we've all had to make sacrifices and adapt quickly to an ever changing situation.

But the way that we have responded to this enormous challenge fills me with immense pride and for that I would like to say a huge and heart-felt thank you to each and every one of you.

Thanks to your hard work and dedication, we have managed to keep our organisation going throughout a global pandemic—an effort which should not be underestimated.

As we begin to return to normal we will continue to put your health and safety first and you'll notice that we have made some changes to your workplace to help us comply with the most recent

government advice and minimise the risks for everyone.

If you have any concerns or questions, it's important you let your manager or I know so that we can take action.

Now, as we begin to stabilise, our focus is on a swift recovery and based on how we've responded to Covid-19 already, I'm confident of more success in 2020.

Thank you and stay safe.



Mark Cutler,
Chief Executive



More than £21,000 raised for Bluebell Wood

A huge well done to everyone who has helped raise almost £22,000 for children's charity Bluebell Wood.

Unable to attend in person due to Covid-19, a special certificate in recognition of our efforts has been sent to us from the charity.

Together through fun runs, bake sales, auctions, events, raffles and more, we raised a staggering £21,742.

A special mention to those who have given substantial personal donations this year; Bluebell Wood are extremely grateful for your kindness.

Nominations for our Designated Charity 2020

Nominations for next year's charity are currently being looked at and we'll announce who we're supporting soon.

Thanks to everyone who sent a nomination in.

New board chair announced



Frank Nelson has been announced as the new Board Chair of Van Elle.

Frank, who takes over from Adrian Barden in August, is a stalwart of the construction industry and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge from a distinguished career.

Frank has held numerous positions with some of the UK's top construction firms including McCarthy and Stone, Galliford try, Eurocell and more.

We will be seeing more of Frank over the next few months as he gets formally introduced to the business.



Frances McWilliams

International Women in Engineering Day 2020 — #ShapeTheWorld campaign

In June, to mark Women in Engineering Day, we asked several of our female colleagues to share their experiences of working in our industry, inspiring the next generation and how Van Elle has supported their career. If you missed it, you can catch up on the news pages of our website.



Emma Hadow



Claire Garrett



Winning poster from Ellie, 7

Rainbow competition winner

Congratulations to Ellie Sharpe, aged seven, who has won our NHS Rainbow competition.

Ellie, daughter of Annette, picked up the most votes for her drawing which thanked all our brave NHS for continuing to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you for all the wonderful entries for our competition and to everyone who entered.

Emergency works at Laverstock

A huge well done to our rail team working in Laverstock who provided rapid emergency embankment stabilisation repairs which had been damaged due to extreme weather earlier this year.

Colmar road rail vehicles, fitted with cranes and specialist attachments for driving sheet piles, were able to help lines re-open as a temporary measure until more permanent works were completed.



160 no. sheet piles installed to stabilise the slip

STRATA drives smart motorway upgrade

The STRATA team has completed priority ground investigation work between junction four and 10 on the M27 motorway in Hampshire.

The team completed 69 No. boreholes using our incredibly versatile restricted access drilling rigs to overcome a tricky environment.



M27 smart motorway GI in central reservation

Teamwork enables urgent water works

A shining example of cross-team working has enabled an urgent and complex job to be completed on the Caledonian Water Alliance project.

Heavy piling and specialist piling teams came together to allow access for Caledonian Water to carry out major diversion work to a water supply feeding 1500 homes.

The teams worked together to drill deep into the extremely hard ground using specialist augers and create a watertight secant retaining wall.

Combining fleet and equipment, including the Hutte 207 and the Soilmec SR95, teams were able to complete the work with various piling techniques and under strict Covid-19 guidelines.



Soilmec SR-95 installing secant retaining wall

Milestone project for Housing team

Our Housing team has undertaken one of its largest and most complex projects in our history.

Despite challenging ground conditions and intricate building details, our team were able to install 590 linear metres of our Smartfoot product.

Thanks to the adaptability of the Smartfoot system and the expertise of the team, the ground beam was installed at a rate of around 200 linear metres per day.

The project, in Bingley, Yorkshire, lays the foundation for a major new development



Precast ground beam being readied in Kirkby

for specialist retirement home builders, McCarthy and Stone.

Mine shaft treatment mobilised on M6 project

Further probing to find hidden mine shafts on the M6 junction 10 upgrade project is continuing.

Using two No. Casagrande C6 and one No. Soilmec SM14, we are able to probe and fill in old mine shafts to prevent dangerous collapses ahead of further construction on the site.

This vital work is being completed with John Sisk and Son as part of Highways England's commitment to improving this section of the motorway in the West Midlands.



Casagrande C6 providing stabilisation works on M6