

THE ALLIED NEWSLETTER IS BACK

After a number of months of absence the Allied Newsletter is back. It will be delivered to you 4 times a year to deliver project information, technical guidance and any other general industry news.

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE AUDIT SUCCESS!



On the 30th April 2007 ASL was given a 2 day audit by John Sullivan against the Investors in People standard.

The audit was very successful and we were once again awarded the Investors in People Award.

Highlights of the report included us having a strong commitment to employee development, a detailed flexible strategic planning process & the wide range of development opportunities that we provide.

We have also identified a few areas of development that we want to start to implement. We want to create ways for commercial information to be fed back to our staff & operatives, and we also want to develop ways of recording operatives opinions that could create potential improvements.

In order to ensure that these developments are carried out we are holding Quarterly Office / Operatives Discussion Forums.

MORE AUDIT SUCCESS!

Following a 2 day external audit last month Allied have again been awarded the ISO 9001 award for **Quality**, the OHSAS 18001 awarded for **Safety** and ISO 14001 award for **Environment**. Something we hope to develop in the coming months.

QUARTERLY EMPLOYEE FORUMS

We would like you opinions on a range of issues and have started an Employee Forum.

If you are interested in getting your opinion across please contact Andy Gaynor on 07814 701 865.


Forum Dates:


- 7th September** - 2pm - Oldham.
- 7th December** - 2pm - Oldham.
- 7th March** - 2pm - Oldham.
- 7th June** - 2pm - Oldham.

CURRENT PROJECTS




Devonshire Street: Salford, Timber Framed Housing. Commenced April 2007.


Design Academy: Liverpool, New build project for the John Moors University. Commenced March 2007. 

Salford Schools: Salford, 2 new build schools at Harrop Fold & Buile Hill. Commenced May 2007. 

Balfour Beatty

Newall Green High School & Piper Hill School: New build school part of Manchester Building Schools for the Future. Commenced April 2007.

Chill Factor: Various scaffolding structures at the new ski centre, Trafford Park. Commenced 2006. 

Manchester Joint Hospitals: Various new builds as part of the hospital development. Commenced 2006. 

ACCIDENTS, WORKING UNSAFELY, & DANGEROUS DRIVING

Message from John Bracken (Chairman)

Recently there have been a disturbing amount of our operatives acting unsafely, driving dangerously and causing accidents.

Each of us has a duty to act safely, if you are willing to put your own life at risk, think about the other peoples lives you could affect. By acting unsafely you might save yourself 10 minutes but at what cost.

This is a picture of a girl that was hit by one of our scaffolding boards that had not been secured on the back of one of our wagons. She lay unconscious for 2 days whilst in hospital and had a painful recovery.



THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Another accident on 28/07/2007 happened to an operative who has already written off 2 other vehicles.



The vans are a privilege (insurance alone costs £1800) and anyone acting dangerously will be banned from driving company vehicles and disciplined.

Consider your actions, or lack of before carrying out any tasks as this type of behaviour will not be allowed to carry on.

Anyone who cannot act safely should hand in their van keys immediately as we do not want yours or anyone else's death on our conscience.



If any member of staff, operative, or client would like to make any comments, or suggestions please write it below, cut off the slip and either give it to a supervisor or take it to one of the offices listed below.

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SCAFFOLD DESIGN MATRIX

Item	Scaffolding Structure	Engineering not required ¹	Engineering Advice Sought ²	Engineering Design & Calcs Required ³	Client Engineering Advice Sought ⁴	Third Party Design Checks Required ⁵
1.	Mobile and Static Access Towers (including system stairways) constructed to: BS 5973: 1993, or; NASC TG20: 2005, or; Proprietary system scaffolding manufacturers instructions. Max height in doors 12m and outdoors 8m.	X				
2.	Other Mobile and Static Access Towers		X			
3.	Independent Tied Access Scaffolds: Up to 30m (15 x 2m lifts) high Constructed to BS5973: 1993 with ties and façade bracing to NASC TG20: 2005. Very light duty (0.75kN/m ²) to Heavy Duty (2.5kN/m ²) Maximum of 3 boarded lifts at any time. Unsheeted	X				
4.	Independent Tied Access Scaffolds, where tie or bracing patterns cannot be achieved to: TG20: 2005, or; Proprietary system scaffolding manufacturers instructions.		X			
5.	Other Independent Tied Access Scaffolds			X		
6.	Any sheeted access scaffold (includes solid plastic sheeting (Monarflex, Enviowrap etc), debris netting, large sign boards, hoarding, advertising screens etc.).		X			
7.	Temporary Roofs / Buildings / Enclosures / Habitats constructed indoors (without wind loading).		X			
8.	Temporary Roofs / Buildings / Enclosures / Habitats constructed outdoors (or with wind loading).			X		
9.	Birdcage Access Scaffolds: Constructed to BS5973: 1993 or Proprietary system scaffolding manufacturers instructions 1 Boarded platform Very Light Duty (0.75kN/m ²)	X				
10.	Other Birdcage Access Scaffolds			X		
11.	Bridged Access Bays: Using spur or pullback bracing or proprietary beams Max span up to 4.2m span 1 x 2m lift Max duty general purpose (2kN/m ²)		X			
12.	Other Bridged Bays using proprietary beams.			X		
13.	Loading Bays / Towers founded from the ground.			X		
14.	Cantilevered Access Bay(s) from an Access Scaffolds founded from the ground.			X		
15.	Cantilevered Loading Bays			X		
16.	Cantilevered Drop-Lift Access Scaffolds			X	X	X
17.	Truss-out Access Scaffolds			X	X	X
18.	Slung/Suspended Access Scaffolds			X	X	X
19.	Pedestrian lifts, frames and gantries (with or without a protection deck).			X		
20.	Protection Fans (Falling objects) Constructed in accordance with TG20: 2005 Section 25 Classes A to D Proprietary protection safety net fan systems designed and rigged to BS EN 1263 and BS EN 13374.			X	X	
21.	Radial Access Scaffolds		X			
22.	Line-crossings (Scaffold Protection Guards) in accordance with National Grid Technical Guidance TGN(E)190 The design and use of temporary scaffold guards.			X	X	X
23.	Other Free-standing, or Non-Tied Scaffolds, or Scaffold where tying problems are anticipated and require special stability measures, including: Buttresses Kentledge Guys and anchors			X		
24.	Scaffolds supported off existing structures e.g. roofs, canopies etc.		X		X	
25.	Scaffolds to be founded on a soft, poor, suspect or unknown base/ground conditions.		X			
26.	Lifting Frames / Gantries (Scaffolds to be used with lifting equipment) – Lift equipment rated to <1 Tonne.			X	X	
27.	Lifting Frames / Gantries (Scaffolds to be used with lifting equipment) – Lift equipment rated to >1 Tonne.			X	X	X
28.	Scaffold Structures supporting Lifting Equipment (Goods/ Passenger Hoists, Cradles, Winches etc.)			X		
29.	Scaffold Structures / Modularised Scaffolding Assemblies to be repositioned by crane or other lifting equipment.			X		
30.	Pavement lifts < 2.7m tied and constructed in accordance with TG20:05 Section 8.4.3 and Figure 6.	X				
31.	Other pavement and cabin gantries.			X	X	
32.	Temporary Supports (Dead shores, Raking Shores or Flying Shores)			X	X	X
33.	Falsework and Formwork Scaffolds.			X	X	X

DESIGN FOR NON-STANDARD ITEMS

All operatives need to refer to the Design Matrix before commencing any scaffolding activities.

Never improvise a design scaffold as this will make the scaffold unsafe and increase your risk of injury as well as other users and the public.

If asked by a client to make any alterations to the scaffold or build any scaffolds that you are unsure about or that could require a design, politely let them know that you will have to check with your supervisor first.

Your supervisor will then advise you and speak to the client.

IF IN DOUBT ASK YOUR SUPERVISOR



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