

UKSTT Annual Awards Dinner 2010

-A long day reaps rewards

An early start on the day for many on the council was rewarded by another overall excellent evening at the annual awards dinner in April.

The culmination of endless calls and emails by Val at the UKSTT offices at Leamington Spa, and the ever increasing support from members and their associates, along with record numbers of entries, ensured the whole evening was a very real success.



A success not just for the winners and short listed entries but all the entrants feeling able and willing to prepare submissions for their projects or innovations for independent scrutiny by the panels of judges in a bid to promote their efforts to their colleagues in particular and the industry in general.



When addressing nearly two hundred members and their guests Colin Tickle, UKSTT chairman, offered his thanks to all the society's committee members for their support and hard work, finding time to particularly thank Val for all her efforts in general and her additional work, in Claire Gowdy's maternity leave absence, in bringing the whole awards event together. Steve Kaminik was thanked for editing and auditing all the presentation material for the evening.



Whilst thanking all the sponsors of various aspects of the evening Colin offered particular thanks to the evenings main sponsors, South West Water and Waterflow Plc Colin commented on the work of the society throughout the year with references to the most successful programme of road show's so far in the society's history, the expanded programme of university undergraduate lectures throughout the country and in particular the support from John De

Rosa and Sandra Rolfe Dickenson with the undergraduate lectures at Brunel University, the work by members on various national bodies and committees as well as the programme of trade show appearances to promote the society's work. He also reminded members and guests of the forthcoming biennial 'No Dig Live' Exhibition and Conference at Stoneleigh on 5th -7th October with the associated plans for free breakfast seminars combined with the largest live demonstration arena in Europe.

Patrons also got a mention with appreciation for the support the society enjoys from these vital champions of the industry in particular welcoming the new Patrons for the current year – United Utilities, Severn Trent Water, and National Grid.

Colin praised the quality and number of entrants for the awards thanking the judges and co-ordinators for all their time so generously given and was delighted to report another record number of entries.



Conducted by Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies, Norman Brown, the evening got off to informed introductions of the short listed entrants as well as a presentation from Chris Packham, with this year's animal surprise 'friend' turning out to be an American Bald Headed Eagle. With a wingspan of well over 2 metres Chris needed full arm protection and had clearly needed to be in training to manage the huge bird of prey throughout his talk.

In recognition of Chris' long term and ongoing association with the society Colin was delighted to announce that Chris had accepted our invitation to become an honorary 'Patron of the Society' and he made a presentation to Chris of a model impact mole and certificate to mark the event.



'Pink Strings' provided relaxed and delightful entertainment playing at the chairman's reception as well as various times during the proceedings. Whilst the after dinner speaker was not what had been expected the remainder of the evening once again provided the chance to applaud the successful entrants to the UKSTT Awards and to engage in some excellent networking opportunities .

Colin closed by thanking everyone for their support, wishing them well for 2010, and reminding them of next year's already planned awards dinner on Friday 15th April 2011.

The Chairman's chosen charity for the wards dinner raffle was the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. Close to Colin's heart, having served 17 years in the RAF and been personally involved in the Falklands and first Gulf wars, on his return he witnessed the work that is put in by the charity to support serving personal and their families, and so was delighted to introduce Group Captain Geoff Ware, Regional Director of the RAFBF who spoke briefly but effectively on behalf of the charity. The raffle for a digital camera, donated by UKSTT, raised nearly £1,250.

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Awards Results in Summary

Category	Sponsors	Shortlisted Entries		
New Installation Large	Wessex Water	Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions Exeter Link Main	National Grid Gas Rossendale Reinforcement Scheme	Northern Ireland Water Belfast Sewers Project
New Installation Small	Bournemouth & West Hampshire Water + DynoRod	Lanes Group Plc – Blackburn City Centre Victorian Sewer Renovation	North London Gas Alliance on behalf of National Grid - London Strategic Medium Pressure Gas Mains Replacement Programme	Saint-Gobain PAM UK Shiny Green and Rarely Seen – Replacement of Fulford Burst Main
Renovation Large	Pipe Equipment Specialists	Barhale Construction Plc Rhosferig Tunnel Re-lining	Insituform Environmental Techniques Rehabilitation of Ballyogan Stream Culverts in Ireland	Severn Trent Water Leicester Trunk Mains Renovation Project
Renovation Small	U Mole	Denholm Pipecare Leamington Spa Swage project – A Record Pull?	Onsite Central Ltd Royal Train Yard Development utilises CIPP Patches & Lining to rehabilitate a concrete filled sewer	Saint Gobain PAM UK Shiny Green and Rarely Seen – Replacement of Fulford Burst Main
Small Scheme	Jacobs + Severn Trent Water	Adien Electronic Site Investigation, Sheffield BSF, High Storrs School	Dyno Rod PB12 and in2 save time and costs at Roakes Avenue	Lanes Group Plc Middlebrook Cycle Track
Innovation	Waterflow Plc	Anglian Water First Rehabilitation of a 200mm diameter portable water mains pipe using the latest trenchless melt in place (MIPP) process	Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions Hydrant Cleaning System	Barhale Construction Plc Nant Pibwr Culverts
		Insituform Technologies Ltd iPLUS Composite CIPP System Revolutionises High Strength Lining Capabilities	Kilbride Industrial The Hydrascan Typhoon Water Mains Cleaning System	
Young Engineer	South West Water	Leanne Ford Wessex Water	Carlo Pilia TST Engineering	