"Promoting awareness of Health, Safety and Environmental initiatives to local businesses"

> 2014 – 2015 Seminars

20th August 2014

CPC Driving Training

17th September 2014

Waste Management & Waste Minimisation

22nd October 2014

Ken Woodward DVD "Hindsight" + a guest who was part of the investigation

19th November 2014 DSEAR – Fire and Explosive Risks

18th February 2015 HSE and Legal Update

18th March 2015 Mock Trial

15th April 2015 AGM



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20th Aug 14 - Driver CPC - Seminar Review

Based on members' feedback, the group had been asked by a number of its members to organise a seminar based on the changes to legislation regarding the driving of mini buses, coaches and lorries "for hire or reward".

Despite the best efforts of the committee for some time, it became apparent that a person with sufficient knowledge and availability was difficult to locate. For that reason the group is very appreciative of <u>PJE Training</u> for agreeing at the 11th hour, to host a short, more informal question and answer style presentation.

The group was fully aware that the changes to legislation wouldn't necessary affect the majority of its members prior to the event; hence attendance was moderate and was to be expected. Due to the confusion and often misleading information available on the internet the committee decided to plan and execute this seminar to raise awareness of the new legislation and to help those in the group understand their responsibilities in order to stay legally compliant and were left bemused by the lack of official information.



Phil Edwards of PJE Training talked about the EU directive it stemmed from, the modules required, who is charged with enforcing it and the course of action needed by those driving for hire and reward in order to gain the Driver CPC licence. This led to a very healthy debate between the members and the speaker due to the uncertainty and sometimes conflicting information found on the internet. The feedback from the seminar placed this seminar split between excellent and good, this is felt to have been resounding success in helping the members learn their responsibilities in order to stay legally compliant.

New website launching Monday 1st September 2014



Welcome to the Herefordshire Health and Safety Group



For those that access the website, it may have been noted, it hadn't been updated in a short while. This was due to a new website being created and all efforts transferred to its creation. It became apparent the majority of users viewed the website on a smart phone which the old one was never fully designed to cater for. It is hoped the new, fresher looking website will contain more relevant information and due to being easier to update far more in line with communications the group is continually aiming to improve.

The 2014 / 2015 programme will be uploaded Monday and members are encouraged to keep checking for updates as there are a number of events planned that the group feel will be of particular interest and well attended.

Please note with Internet Explorer you may be asked to allow java script to view the website. There was no harmful script written in the code upon creation of the website by its author, and the java scripts used enable rotation of the header as well as few other minor visual elements. <u>Firefox</u> or <u>Google Chrome</u> are widely regarded as far superior browsers and accordingly the website is optimised for these browsers.

Please contact <u>amber@herefordhsg.co.uk</u> if you would like to share an opinion, make a suggestion for further improvement or if you experience any issues viewing the website.

Message of appreciation and request.

The HHSG was able to maintain its subscriptions to just £30 per annum again this year largely due to the generous support of its members in allowing the use of their facilities. Accordingly the HHSG would like to express its sincere appreciation to <u>M and M Direct Ltd</u> as well as <u>Westons Cider</u> for providing seminar facilities in the 2014 / 2015 programme.

If you have the facilities, and are willing to be of help by allowing your location to hold seminars please contact Amber who will be only too pleased to hear from you.



17th September 2014

This seminar has been formulated in helping others maintain their legal compliance and also give an insight into how M and M Direct Ltd changed its whole attitude towards waste, which resulted in a significant saving financially as well as bringing the workforce together in order to meet its environmental policy.

Arrangements planned as:

• 08:30 - 09:00 Registration and refreshments

• 09:00 - 09:45 Rob Arnold (SHEF Manager) and Roy Sevier (Asst SHEF Manager) jointly present a case of how a company's attitudes has changed resulting in a significant reduction both financially and in environmental pollution.

- 09:45 10:00 Refreshments
- 10:00 10:45 Cory Environmental Ltd present a case of why companies must (legislation), should (morally) and could help to improve environmental standards as well as explaining about WISH
- 10:45 11:00 Questions to the presenters
- 11:00 end of seminar

This seminar will be held at the premises of M and M Direct Ltd, Moreton Business Park, Moreton-on-Lugg, Herefordshire. HR4 8DS..

Please note that subscriptions must be paid prior to entry to all the 2014 / 2015 seminars. Therefore please check with Amber if in any doubt as all non-paid up attendees will be charged £10 on the day.

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