

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



## Herefordshire Health and Safety Group Newsletter – March 2014

2013 – 2014 Seminars

18th September 2013  
Legionella

16th October 2013  
Waste Water  
Treatment

20th November 2013  
Consultations

15th January 2014  
Noise and HAV's

19th February 2014  
HSE Updates

19th March 2014  
Transport in the  
Workplace

24th April 2014  
AGM

### Transport Seminar – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014

#### Risk Assessments and Management – A Managers view:

After the customary registration along with bacon banquettes (many thanks to the supplier for managing to navigate through the Hereford traffic, to deliver with just minutes to go before the beginning of the seminar) David Helme (Kerry Foods Health and Safety Manager) began the mornings events with a detailed look at the following:

- Risk Assessing and managing the risks involving various transport types
- Lorry blind spots and associated hazards
- Banksman v Pedestrian Marshals
- Controlling pedestrians and drivers

#### Practical steps to reduce hazards – A Company view:

After a short break this was followed on with a practical demonstration by Roy Sevier (Asst SHEF Manager) of how one local company (MandM Direct Ltd) controls its staff and other pedestrians by way of:

- Staff Inductions on the first day and the need for transport awareness.
- Physical barriers and designated pedestrian zones in HGV zones.
- Pedestrian and FLT separation.
- Key control and how it's implemented and controlled.

#### Haulage and driving – A Drivers view:

The third and final session gave an insight from a haulers perspective and how they deal with health and safety policies on various sites. This was given by Andy Boyle OBE, Managing Director of ABE Transport. Included in this was an appeal to workplaces to treat haulage drivers fairly and not assume that they intentionally break the rules or are any different from any other visitor to site. One example given is how drivers respect being told the rules verbally, and not have to sit and read a lengthy notice board. The speaker also made it clear as a company, there is no problem with key control and the keys been removed from the driver, however it is requested the driver has the opportunity to have an area that's warm and with facilities whilst he waits to be unloaded where possible.

## This concludes the 2013 - 2014 seasons' seminars.

The Group hopes that some, if not all of the seminars were of use to its members and hopefully enlightened or gave thought to how safety and wellbeing could be brought in to other workplaces for the good and benefit of all.

The Group trialled two seminars this season in which members were invited to visit a "working environment" and to gain an insight into how local companies deal with their own specific health, safety and environmental issues. Feedback indicated that these proved popular and will be considered when preparing the 2014 / 2015 programme.

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### Next seminar - A.G.M - 24th April 2014

#### Wye Valley Brewery



Please note the A.G.M is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April as opposed to the 16<sup>th</sup> April as originally planned for.

This year's A.G.M will start off with a tour of the Wye Valley Brewery; there will be a short period to sample some of the delightful draught brewed fresh at the plant before moving over the road to the Plough Inn where a light buffet will be served before the A.G.M.

The Group offers its thanks to Wye Valley Brewery for allowing a tour and a sampling session and is hopeful all members will attend to have their say on the direction of the HHSG, and also to have their votes counted on the election of the 2014/ 2015 Committee.

More details will be available on the website, and from the Secretary when invitations are sent out in due course.

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